

NSW experience of part 3A of Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

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Part 3A of EP & A Act

Introduced in NSW in 2005
Designed to get rid of red tape:



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Changes introduced by part 3A



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- Minister approves all projects (only few refusals)
- Environmental Assessment determined by Planning Department
- Broad relatively unconstrained discretion to approve projects
- No environmental criteria in his decision making

ESD and climate change



No ESD criteria

- EDO Case law tried to change



New infrastructure-without prudent and feasible alternatives



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Leamington Avenue



Leamington Avenue, Newtown

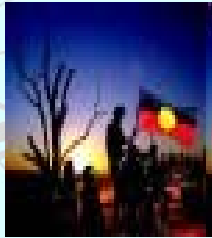


Public participation-community feels these projects are a fait a compli



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Lake Cowal gold mine- can you keep modifying??



Part 3A –overrides Local Environmental Plans
Why have this?



When you can have this?



Other changes

- Concurrence role and expertise of other agencies removed
- Some approvals no longer required ie heritage restrictions- indigenous and non-indigenous
- Other agencies must grant approvals, ie pollution licences

More part 3A-won't it be beautiful!



Vision for our Harbour at Barangaroo



Part 3A Controversy



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