

Mount Pleasant Planning Agreement Explanatory Note

On 6 September 2022, the NSW Independent Planning Commission granted development consent for the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project (SSD-10418) which enables MACH Energy to continue open cut mining until 22 December 2048.

As a condition of the development consent, MACH Energy must enter into a planning agreement with Muswellbrook Shire Council with contributions to be made annually as specified below:

Item	Amount/date and specification
Mount Pleasant Community Contribution	1. \$604,079 per annum (indexed annually according to CPI).
Council Road Maintenance Costs	2. Costs associated with the maintenance of roads, as reasonably apportioned to use the road by Mount Pleasant, of an annual payment of \$277,863 per annum (indexed annually according to CPI).
Environmental Officer	3. MACH Energy to make contributions to an Environmental Officer, of an amount of \$24,169 per annum (indexed annually according to CPI).
Apprenticeships	4. MACH Energy to use its best endeavours to engage 4 apprentices per year for the life of the mine sourced from residents within the Muswellbrook Shire and Aberdeen.

Council is required to administer the Planning Agreement in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and Regulations, in addition to any guidelines published by the Department of Planning and Environment.

The Community Contributions will be managed as part of the Muswellbrook Community Benefits Fund and will be used for any purposes that benefit the local community, which includes:

- Driving entrepreneurship;
- Capitalising on education and training opportunities;
- Undertaking community projects;
- Introducing Smart Place technology and initiatives;
- Assisting initiatives that preserve regional biodiversity; and
- Supporting initiatives that manage water resources, air quality, bushfires, climate, soil and agriculture; and
- Improving recreation and community facilities.