

**MINUTES OF THE STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SEMINAR ROOMS MUSWELLBROOK LIBRARY, 136 BRIDGE STREET, MUSWELLBROOK ON 13 MAY 2025 COMMENCING AT 4:17PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cr J. Drayton (Chair), Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Douglas, Cr R. Scholes and Cr S. Ward.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr A. Barry, Mr D. Finnigan (General Manager), Ms S. Pope (Director – Planning & Environment), Ms S. Richards (Director - Community & Economy), Mr M. Lysaught (Director - Infrastructure & Property), Ms T. Folpp (Environmental Planning Officer), Ms A. Hathway (Legal Counsel), Ms M. Bull (Energy Co), Mr J. Manning (Energy Co), Ms L. Ward (EA to Mayor & GM) and Mrs M. Sandell-Hay (Governance Officer).

## **1 Acknowledgement of Country**

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by Cr. D Hartley.

## **2 Apologies**

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Hartley and Cr D. Douglas that:

The apology for inability to attend the meeting submitted by Cr G. McNeill, Cr L. Dunn and Cr C Bailey be ACCEPTED.

In Favour: Cr J. Drayton, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Douglas, Cr D. Marshall, Cr S. Ward and Cr R. Scholes

Against: Nil

## **3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Hartley and Cr R. Scholes that:

The Minutes of the State Significant Development Committee Meeting held on **8 April, 2025**, a copy of which has been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

In Favour Cr J. Drayton, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Douglas, Cr D. Marshall, Cr S. Ward and Cr R. Scholes

Against: Nil

## **4 Disclosure of Any Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

**David Hartley** - Declared an insignificant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.2. Cr Hartley advised Council that his son is an apprentice at Bengalla.

## **5 Business Arising**

Nil



## 6 Business

### 6.1 Hunter Transmission Project Briefing

Ms Bull and Mr Manning provided the Committee with a brief update on the Hunter Transmission Project including an overview of projects throughout the region, early findings on the Environmental Impact Statement, changes since scoping the project and accommodation and construction support.

Concerns were raised regarding traffic impact and temporary accommodation.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Marshall and Cr R. Scholes that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

In Favour: Cr J. Drayton, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Douglas, Cr D. Marshall, Cr S. Ward and Cr R. Scholes

Against: Nil

Ms Bull and Mr Jennings left the meeting at 4.31pm

### 6.2 Bengalla Mine MOD7 - Council comments on Modification Report

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr S. Ward that:

The proposed submission in Attachment A be endorsed by the State Significant Development Committee.

In Favour: Cr J. Drayton, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Douglas, Cr D. Marshall, Cr S. Ward and Cr R. Scholes

Against: Nil

### 6.3 Activities Summary for State Significant Development and Energy Generation Projects

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Douglas and Cr R. Scholes that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

In Favour: Cr J. Drayton, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Douglas, Cr D. Marshall, Cr S. Ward and Cr R. Scholes

Against: Nil

## 7 Adjournment into Closed Committee



## 8 Closed Committee

Nil

## 9 Resumption of Open Committee

## 10 Date of Next Meeting

10 June 2025

## 11 Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 4:58pm.

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Mr D. Finnigan  
**General Manager**

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Cr J. Drayton  
**Chairperson**