

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 10 JUNE 2025 COMMENCING AT 4:00PM.

PRESENT: Cr J. Drayton (Chair), Cr D. Hartley, Cr C. Bailey, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr D. Marshall, Cr R. Scholes and Cr S. Ward.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr M. Morris, Mr D. Finnigan (General Manager), Ms S. Pope (Director – Planning & Environment), Ms S. Richards (Director - Community & Economy), Mrs T. Ward (Sustainability Officer), Ms A. Hathway (Legal Counsell) Ms. L. Ward (and Mrs M. Sandell-Hay.

1 Acknowledgement of Country

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

2 Apologies

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr C. Bailey and Cr L. Dunn that:

The apology for inability to attend the meeting submitted by Cr. D Hartley be ACCEPTED.

In Favour: Cr J. Drayton, Cr C. Bailey, Cr D. Douglas, Cr D. Marshall, Cr L. Dunn, Cr S. Ward, Cr G. McNeill and Cr R. Scholes

Against: Nil

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

The Minutes of the State Significant Development Committee Meeting held on **13 May 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 C. Bailey, Cr D. Douglas, Cr D. Marshall, Cr L. Dunn, Cr S. Ward, Cr G. McNeill and Cr R. Scholes

Against: Nil

4 Disclosure of Any Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Nil

5 Business Arising

Nil



6 Business

6.1 Draft Temporary Workforce Accommodation Policy for SSD Committee, Council and Public Exhibition

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Marshall and Cr S. Ward that:

The State Significant Development Committee:

- A. Provides feedback on the draft *Muswellbrook Shire Temporary Workforce Accommodation Policy* in Attachment A;
- B. Authorises public exhibition of the *Draft Muswellbrook Shire Temporary Workforce Accommodation Policy* for a minimum of 28 days; and
- C. Delegates authority to the General Manager to finalise the draft Policy following consideration of any public submissions, provided amendments do not result in any material changes to the draft Policy as exhibited.

In Favour: Cr J. Drayton, Cr C. Bailey, Cr D. Douglas, Cr D. Marshall, Cr L. Dunn, Cr S. Ward, Cr G. McNeill and Cr R. Scholes

Against: Nil

6.2 Muswellbrook Coal Mine - Closure Matters

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr C. Bailey that:

The State Significant Development Committee:

- A. In relation to the draft Mine Closure Plan, authorises the General Manager to write to Muswellbrook Coal Company seeking further changes to the draft Mine Closure Plan in line with this report; and
- B. Approve dissolution of the Muswellbrook Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee (CCC):
 - I. once all rehabilitation contractors have demobilised from the site; and
 - II. at least one final land use master planning workshop has been held involving CCC members.

In Favour: Cr J. Drayton, Cr C. Bailey, Cr D. Douglas, Cr D. Marshall, Cr L. Dunn, Cr S. Ward, Cr G. McNeill and Cr R. Scholes

Against: Nil



6.3 Activities Summary for State Significant Development and Energy Generation Projects

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr L. Dunn and Cr R. Scholes that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

In Favour: Cr J. Drayton, Cr C. Bailey, Cr D. Douglas, Cr D. Marshall, Cr L. Dunn, Cr S. Ward, Cr G. McNeill 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

8 July 2025

11 Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 4:17PM.

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Mr D. Finnigan
General Manager

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Cr J. Drayton
Chairperson