

MINUTES OF THE STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE TEC MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 1 TERTIARY EDUCATION CENTRE, 87 HILL STREET, MUSWELLBROOK ON TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 4.04PM.

PRESENT: Cr J. Drayton (Chair), Cr D. Hartley, Cr C. Bailey, Cr L. Dunn, Cr D. Marshall 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), Ms T. Folpp (Environmental Planning Officer), Mrs T. Ward (Sustainability Officer), Ms A. Hathway (Legal Counsel), Ms L. Ward (EA to the Mayor and GM) and Mrs M. Sandell-Hay (Governance Officer).

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by Cr J. Drayton

2 Apologies

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

The apology for inability to attend the meeting submitted by Cr C. Bailey, Cr D. Douglas, Cr G. McNeill and Cr R. Scholes be ACCEPTED.

In Favour: Cr J. Drayton, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Marshall, Cr L. Dunn and Cr S. Ward

Against: Nil

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

The Minutes of the State Significant Development Committee Meeting held on **12 August, 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. Marshall, Cr L. Dunn and Cr S. Ward

Against: Nil

4 Disclosure of Any Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Nil

5 Business Arising

Nil



6 Business

6.1 Hunter Transmission Project - Council submission on Environmental Impact Statement

An updated draft submission was tabled at the meeting.

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

The Committee generally endorses the draft submission on Hunter Transmission Project and authorises the general manager to incorporate feedback from Councillors before submitting to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

In Favour: Cr J. Drayton, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Marshall, Cr L. Dunn and Cr S. Ward

Against: Nil

6.2 Dolwende Quarry - Council submission on Modification Report

An updated draft submission was tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr L. Dunn and Cr S. Ward that:

The Committee generally ENDORSES the draft submission on the Dolwende Quarry Modification (MOD1) and authorises the general manager to incorporate feedback from Councillors before submitting to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

In Favour: Cr J. Drayton, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Marshall, Cr L. Dunn and Cr S. Ward

Against: Nil

6.3 Activities Summary for State Significant Development and Energy Generation Projects

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

The information contained in this report be noted.

In Favour: Cr J. Drayton, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Marshall, Cr L. Dunn and Cr S. Ward

Against: Nil

7 Adjournment into Closed Committee

Nil

8 Closed Committee

Nil



9 Resumption of Open Committee

10 Date of Next Meeting

14 October, 2025

11 Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 4:19pm.

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Mr D. Finnigan
General Manager

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Cr J. Drayton
Chairperson