

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 TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 4.10PM.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr A. Barry, 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), Mr M. Lysaught (Director - Infrastructure & Property), Mr J. Hogan (Chief Financial Officer), Mr N. Mowbray (Policy Officer), Mrs M. Sandell-Hay (Governance Officer), Ms L. Ward (EA to Mayor and GM) and Mr M. Aafjes (Newcastle University).

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 D. Hartley that:

The apology for inability to attend the meeting submitted by Cr G. McNeill be ACCEPTED.

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

Against: Nil

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

The Minutes of the State Significant Development Committee Meeting held on **9 September, 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 C. Bailey, Cr D. Douglas, Cr D. Marshall, Cr L. Dunn, Cr S. Ward and Cr R. Scholes

Against: Nil

4 Disclosure of Any Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cr C. Bailey - Declared an insignificant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.2 - Cr Bailey advised the Committee that she works at the site mentioned in the report.

Cr D. Hartley - Declared an insignificant non-pecuniary interest in item 6.2 - Cr Hartley advised the Committee that he works at the site mentioned in the report.



5 Business Arising

Nil

6 Business

6.1 Air Quality – University of Newcastle Research and EPA Monitoring Update

Mr Mitchell Aafjes provided the Committee with a brief overview of the Research he was undertaking on using low cost sensors to monitor air quality in Muswellbrook.

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

The information contained in this report be noted.

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

Against: Nil

6.2 Activities Summary for State Significant Development and Energy Generation Projects

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

The information contained in this report be noted.

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

Against: Nil

Muswellbrook Coal Community Consultative Committee

Cr Scholes advised the Committee that he had attended the Muswellbrook Coal Community Consultative Committee today which would be the last meeting of this Committee. Cr Scholes also advised the Committee that he had received information at the meeting that would be provided to Council Officers.

7 Adjournment into Closed Committee

8 Closed Committee

Nil

9 Resumption of Open Committee

10 Date of Next Meeting

9 December, 2025



11 Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 4:33pm.

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Mr D. Finnigan
General Manager

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Cr J. Drayton
Chairperson