

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 12 MAY 2026 COMMENCING AT 4:19PM.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr R. Mahajan, Cr M. Morris, Mr D. Finnigan (General Manager), Ms S. Pope (Director – Planning & Environment), Ms S. Richards (Director - Community & Economy), Mr M. Lysaught (Director – Infrastructure & Property), Mr J. Hogan (Chief Financial Officer), Ms T. Folpp (Environmental Planning Officer), Mrs T. Ward (Environmental Planning Officer), Mrs D. Watson (Senior Land Use Planner), Mrs M. Sandell-Hay (Governance Officer), Ms L. Ward (EA to Mayor & GM), Mr D. Waddell (ICT Officer) and Mr I. Skanes (Grants & Community Engagement Co-Ordinator).

1 Acknowledgement of Country

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

2 Apologies

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

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

In Favour: Cr J. Drayton, 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 R. Scholes and Cr D. Douglas that:

The Minutes of the State Significant Development Committee Meeting held on **14 April, 2026**, 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. Douglas, Cr D. Marshall, Cr S. Ward and Cr R. Scholes

Against: Nil

4 Disclosure of Any Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Nil

5 Business Arising

Nil



6 Business

6.1 2025 Extractive Industry (Quarry) Audit

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. Douglas, Cr D. Marshall, Cr S. Ward and Cr R. Scholes

Against: Nil

6.2 Gelston Battery Energy Storage System - Planning Agreement General Terms

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

The SSD Committee resolves to accept the Initial Offer submitted by Ascera Energy Pty Ltd for the Gelston Battery Energy Storage System, in accordance with staff comments provided in Attachment B.

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

Against: Nil

6.3 Activities Summary for State Significant Development

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

The information contained in this report be noted.

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

Against: Nil

7 Adjournment into Closed Committee

Nil

8 Closed Committee

Nil

9 Resumption of Open Committee

Nil

10 Date of Next Meeting

9 June, 2026



11 Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 4:30pm.

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Mr D. Finnigan
General Manager

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Cr J. Drayton
Chairperson