

# MACH Energy Australia – Mount Pleasant Operation

## Annual Report [2020]

### Community Consultative Committee Details

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	Jan – Dec 2020
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	<b>Dr W.E.J. Paradise AM</b>	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	<b>Mr Richard Bailey</b>

## 1. Executive Summary

The Mount Pleasant Community Consultative Committee was established as part of the condition of consent by the NSW Minister for Planning's 1999 approval of the Mount Pleasant Operation (Development Application 92/97).

The Mount Pleasant Operation is an open cut coal mining project that is situated west of Muswellbrook, in the Muswellbrook Local Government Area. The project produces high quality thermal coal that is approved to be exported via the Port of Newcastle, and used for the local energy market.

The Committee includes a group of five residents who have an interest in the operations at Mount Pleasant and meet regularly with Mt Pleasant operations and a Muswellbrook Council member to discuss the project's current and future operations. The Committee follows the Department of Planning and Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects. Meetings are held quarterly between the members of the Committee, including:

- Five local community representatives;
- One member from Muswellbrook Shire Council;
- Members from the MACH Energy Australia and representatives from the mine operator, Thiess, depending upon the agenda and issues to be discussed; and
- One independent Chairperson.

Discussions held in the Committee meetings were on numerous topics related to the project, however the outbreak of Covid19 had implications for the project as well as the management of the CCC itself. The committee still operated and covered both new and ongoing topics including:

- Future plans for the mine, including updates on Modification 3, Modification 4 and the State Significant Development (SSD) application (Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project);
- Modifications to the operating procedures with the outbreak of Covid 19;
- Development work continuing in Pits E & F;
- Progress with landform reshaping, Geofluff, snag trees and seeding;
- Substantial progress on the Mod 4 rail project;
- Installation of the new Hunter River pump station;
- Work being undertaken on the Dust Lidar project by Liam Sutton a PhD candidate sponsored by MACH Energy and working through the University of Newcastle;

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- The EIS will be lodged on 18<sup>th</sup> December;
- Land management initiatives on offset properties;
- The revival of cultural burning practices on Mt Pleasant property;
- Continued concern about the condition of Wybong Road.

### 2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- Four CCC meetings were held in 2020. April, July, October, December. Some members participated online due to Covid 19 restrictions;
- Strong regular attendance from all members;
- Site visits were conducted for two of the CCC meetings throughout 2020, while other site visits had been planned, inspections and meetings had to be managed according to the Covid 19 operating protocols in force at the time;
- There were no joint CCC meetings held throughout 2020;
- Presentation by Dr Dusan Ilic and Mr Liam Sutton, PhD candidate from the University of Newcastle on the Dust Lidar project.

### 3. Key issues

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
<b>Impact of the Covid 19 virus on operations</b>	Review and update relevant work practices as more information becomes available.	Continue to monitor and implement best practice to prevent the spread of Covid in the workplace and abide by the government restrictions.
<b>Site development progress/operations</b>	Site tours, regular updates by management.	Quarterly updates to CCC.
<b>Applications and approvals</b>	Quarterly update on progress. SSD to be lodged end of 2020.	Future updates
<b>Land Management</b>	Quarterly updates by the Land Management team; site inspections when required.	Updates provided
<b>Environment</b>	Quarterly updates by the Environment team; site tours.	Updates provided.
<b>External Relations</b>	Quarterly updates by External Relations. .	Updates provided on stakeholder engagement including communications, sponsorship, and recording and responding to complaints.  Rail 2 Project engagement and establishment of Project Page

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		<p>on MACH Energy website to provide updates.</p> <p>Project Newsletter to be distributed.</p>
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### 4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2021 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- Site tours to be conducted prior to meetings depending upon Covid 19 restrictions;
- Updates on the fines emplacement facility;
- Updates on the work on Wybong Road;
- Continued updates on operational status of Mount Pleasant;
- Progress on applications and approvals for the Mt Pleasant Optimisation project.

Community Consultation Committee Meeting minutes are available on the Mount Pleasant website.

Signature of Chair:	<b>W.E.J. Paradise</b>
Date:	28/4/2024