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Cpseeds submission to NSW Planning & Environment concerning Mount Pleasant Coal Mine Modification 3

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission in relation to the matter referenced above; please consider the following.

Cumberland Plain Seeds has been operating in the Hunter Valley since 2011 and is currently based in the Maison Dieu industrial area near Singleton. We have been undertaking land rehabilitation and supplying native seeds to a range of customers and land managers since this time. Our business aims to undertake work and supply seed so as to reconstruct and restore local native plant communities. We have supplied up to 14 tonnes of native grass seed since 2011 and have undertaken many hectares of native rehabilitation in the local area using local native seed.

We have been engaged by MACH Energy since October 2016 to undertake a range of environmental works and services, including tree & shrub seed collection, weed control works, and native grass seed supply. We have been working closely with MACH Energy to manage large areas within the Mount Pleasant property to supply local native grass seed for use in their land rehabilitation. This harvest season we have supplied 2 tonnes of grass seed to MACH Energy that include over a dozen local species that will enable an understorey diversity to establish on their landforms.

Cumberland Plain Seeds currently employs 5 local people and purchases equipment and services in the local area; a significant portion of this employment and purchasing directly relates to work we are undertaking to assist MACH Energy in their efforts to rehabilitate land.

As I understand the Modification proposal one of the primary intentions is to facilitate the creation of post-mining landforms that reflect the natural topography of a catchment. The shaping of post-mining land to represent naturally forming topography can have benefits to habitat diversity, niches for native plants and the movement of water in the landscape and is a positive consideration that we support.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Yours sincerely

Tim Berryman
Director

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