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NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Major Projects

By Submission

Your ref: Application Number SSD-10418

Dear Sirs

**Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
(Project)**

Port of Newcastle (**PON**) refers to the EIS on exhibition on your portal. PON supports the need to follow the correct planning process to ensure the application is appropriately assessed and that there is opportunity for stakeholder feedback.

MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd, Mount Pleasant Mine's management, has briefed PON that its current approval expires in December 2026 and the Project is for its future and if it's approved, operations will expand and continue until 2048.

PON supports the Project. To do so is in keeping with ensuring the most competitive supply chain for all existing trades, including enabling the most optimal use of port infrastructure and land, while also preparing for and leading the long-term diversification of the port and the local economy.

Yours faithfully,



Craig Carmody
Chief Executive Officer

PORT OF NEWCASTLE OPERATIONS PTY LIMITED (ACN 165 332 990)

As trustee for the Port of Newcastle Unit Trust (ABN 97 539 122 070) Trading as Port of Newcastle