

Mount Pleasant Operation

Rail-2 Project

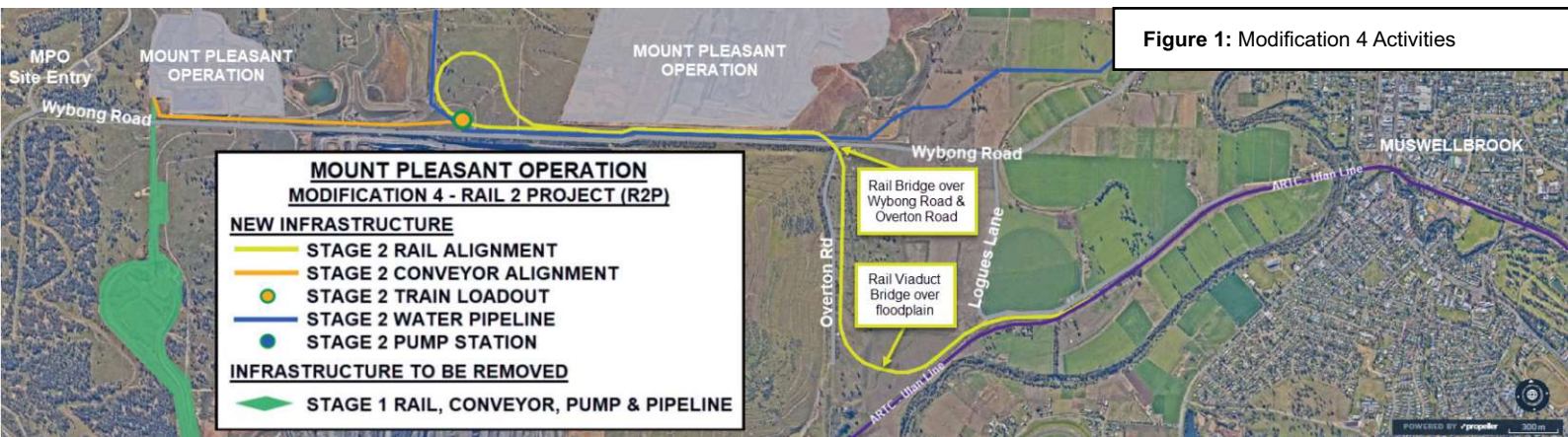
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Introduction

MACH Energy Australia owns and operates the Mount Pleasant Operation (MPO) which is located approximately 3km north-west of Muswellbrook. MPO's Modification 4 was approved by the Department of Planning and Environment in November 2018 and sought to relocate rail, water and associated electricity supply infrastructure as shown in **Figure 1** below.

Activities associated with Modification 4 (the 'Rail 2 Project' or 'R2P') are expected to begin in Quarter 4 of 2020, including the construction of the approved rail infrastructure, relocation of the Hunter River water supply infrastructure and associated electricity supply, and the demolition and removal of redundant, temporary infrastructure within the extent of the Bengalla Mine once the new infrastructure has been commissioned and is fully operational.



Daracon Group awarded Rail 2 Project Contract

The Contract to construct the R2P has been awarded to local civil construction business Daracon Group. Daracon will be responsible for the safe and efficient delivery of the rail loop infrastructure construction and signalling installation, commissioning to the Australia Rail Track Corporation network and the upgrading of Wybong Road. They will begin mobilising their equipment and personnel to site in late October with site works expected to commence in early November. Daracon was established in the early '80's and has offices throughout the Upper Hunter and various New South Wales locations.



Daracon and Rail 2 Project team members on site at Mount Pleasant

Sharing information with Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)

The Mount Pleasant Operation Rail-2 Project (R2P) will run over a similar time period as the ARTC Muswellbrook Bridges Replacement Project, so we took the opportunity to invite members of the ARTC environment and community team to MPO to share details about R2P and the mining process overall.

ARTC then took the time to show us around their Muswellbrook Bridges Replacement Project which includes the replacement of rail bridges over the Hunter River, Muscle Creek and Bridge Street.

Pictured top right: left at the Mount Pleasant Operation from L-R, Leah Cook Principal Advisor – Environment and Community ARTC, Julie Sutton Community Engagement Advisor ARTC, Chloe Annandale Environment Advisor MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation, Peter York Environment and Community Superintendent Thiess - Mount Pleasant Operation, Lachlan Crawford Environment Advisor ARTC and Jillian Cowburn Environment and Community Coordinator ARTC.

Pictured right: at the ARTC Project site from L-R, ARTC's Jillian Cowburn, Matt Doherty Ecologist, Clint Patterson Project Manager, Belinda Sinclair and at front Julie Sutton. Also pictured, from left, middle, Chloe Annandale, Peter York and Ngaire Baker MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation External Relations Manager.



Further details

MACH Energy Mount Pleasant have commenced a community engagement program which will seek to identify issues of concern to our near neighbours and the broader Muswellbrook community. We will implement appropriate strategies to address any areas of concern. Updates on the Project will also be shared, and we will maintain contact with neighbours throughout the construction phase. If you would like to know more about the Project, please contact Ngaire or our Community Hotline **1800 886 889**. Project updates will also be available on our website: www.machenergy.com.au/currentprojects

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Pictured above: Ty and Jessie from local Hunter business, Franks Fencing installing rural fencing and gateways on an Overton Road property in preparation for the commencement of R2P work.

Community Hotline

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☎ 1800 931 872

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