MACH Energy

Mount Pleasant Operation

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Mount Pleasant legislation brings certainty for Hunter workers and families

MACH Energy welcomes the passage of the *Mount Pleasant Mine Bill 2026* through the NSW Parliament.

This legislation protects the existing workforce by allowing the mine to continue operating at existing production levels until 2032 and includes a jobs guarantee.

Importantly, the Bill was supported by both sides of politics, reflecting the broad support for this project in the NSW Parliament.

MACH Energy recognises that workers, contractors and their families have endured years of uncertainty over planning issues relating to Mount Pleasant. Overwhelming support from our local community has been instrumental in helping the project navigate each obstacle that has arisen since the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project was approved in 2022.

MACH Energy sincerely thanks the local community for their strong, ongoing support and their willingness to advocate on behalf of this critical project. The backing from Muswellbrook Shire Council and the Mining and Energy Union (MEU) also made a significant difference. Our community is stronger because of our willingness to work together to protect local jobs and livelihoods.

MACH Energy also thanks the NSW Government and local MPs for their willingness to engage, listen and act to support Mount Pleasant's ongoing operations.

The hard work of many lawmakers has ensured hundreds of local workers and thousands of Hunter Valley households can close out 2026 with much greater confidence about the years ahead.

While the legislative outcome in the NSW Parliament is an enormous relief for many, the project will continue to face legal challenges from well-funded activists. MACH Energy remains committed to supporting the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project (SSD 10418) , which underpins the mine's long-term future to 2048, and will continue to actively pursue all options to ensure this important project can provide long-term certainty for our local community.