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MACH Energy acknowledges High Court Decision

MACH Energy acknowledges the judgment of the High Court of Australia on our appeal and respects the role of the Court in determining important questions concerning NSW planning laws.

While we are disappointed with the outcome, we accept the Court's decision and will carefully review the judgment to understand its implications for future project assessments and environmental approvals.

Throughout these proceedings, MACH Energy's position has been that the NSW planning system functions best when decision-makers apply the statutory framework established by the NSW Parliament consistently, transparently and predictably.

We advanced this appeal to obtain clarity on important questions regarding the scope of mandatory considerations in environmental decision-making.

Clear legal principles benefit proponents, regulators, communities and environmental organisations alike.

The High Court has now provided that guidance.

MACH Energy remains committed to operating responsibly within whatever legal framework the NSW Parliament and the courts establish.

The approval of Modification 8 in August provided a six-year extension of the mine's operational life and increases permitted coal extraction over that period.

Thousands of local residents in the Hunter Valley rely on Mount Pleasant for employment and income. These residents have lived with fear and uncertainty for too long.

While the approval of Modification 8 delivers much-needed continuity for this important project, our focus now is on working constructively with regulators, governments, local communities and other stakeholders to understand the practical implications of today's High Court decision. We will continue to actively pursue all available options to ensure the long-term continuity of the Mount Pleasant Operation.