

MOUNT PLEASANT OPERATION MOUNT PLEASANT OPTIMISATION PROJECT EPBC APPROVAL 2020/8735 2024/2025 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

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Company:	MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd			
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Name of Operation/Project	Mount Pleasant Operation – Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project		
Approval Holder	MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd		
ACN of Approval Holder	608 495 441		
Name of Holder of Development Consent	MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd		
Approved Action	t MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd To realign the approved Northern Link Road, increase the oper cut coal extraction up to 21 Mtpa within the approved Mount Pleasant Project (EPBC 2011/5795) development area, including accessing deeper coal reserves in the North Pit, continued use of the controlled release dam and associated infrastructure as described in the Continuation of Bengalla Mine NSW, Water Management Plan, (EPBC Act referral 2012/6378 and to extend the life of the mine to 22 December 2048 [See EPBC Act referral 2020/8735].		
Location of the Action	Muswellbrook Local Government Area, NSW		
Dates for the Reporting Period	24 September 2024 and 23 September 2025		
Date of Preparation 21 November 2025			
Environmental Risks	No new environmental risks identified		

Declaration of accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signature	Short
Name of person accepting responsibility for the report	Lisa Richards
Position of person accepting responsibility for the report	Environment Community Relations Manager
Organisation	MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd, ACN 608 495 441
Date	21/11/25



In accordance with Condition 31 of EPBC Approval 2020/8735:

"The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12-month period following the date of this approval decision, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister."

The EPBC 2020/8735 approval decision (the Approval) was published on 24 September 2024. The following Annual Compliance Report addresses compliance with the conditions of EPBC Approval 2020/8735 between 24 September 2024 and 23 September 2025.

	EPBC Approval 2020/8735 Conditions	Status	MACH Energy Comment		
Part A	Part A – Conditions specific to the Action				
1.	The approval holder must not exceed the clearing limits specified below. a) 26.4 hectares of White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland TEC (as depicted in Annexure 2). b) 27.4 hectares of Striped legless lizard (Delma impar/Delma vescolineata) habitat (as depicted in Annexure 3).	Compliant	Approximately 24.77 ha of "White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland TEC" was cleared as part of the Action between 24 September 2024 and 23 September 2025. The cumulative area of "White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland TEC" cleared as part of the Action as of 23 September 2025 is approximately 24.77 ha. Approximately 24.77 ha of "Striped legless lizard (Delma impar/Delma vescolineata) habitat" was cleared as part of the Action between 24 September 2024 and 23 September 2025. The cumulative area of Striped legless lizard (Delma impar/Delma vescolineata) habitat" cleared as part of the Action as of 23 September 2025 is approximately 24.77 ha.		
2.	The approval holder must not clear outside the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project Area (as depicted in Annexure 1) as part of this Action.	Compliant	Clearance as part of the Action has not occurred outside the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project Area (refer Annexure 1, EPBC Approval).		
3.	Prior to commencement of construction of the Northern Link Road, or other timeframe agreed to by the Minister , the approval holder must retire 307 Biodiversity credits for Northern Link Road Option 1 or 229 Biodiversity credits for Northern Link Road Option 2 (or additional credits as agreed by the NSW Planning Secretary) for the listed White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland TEC .	Compliant	MACH Energy is proceeding with a refined alignment of the Northern Link Road Option 2. The retirement of additional credits for the Northern Link Road Option 2 (270 credits in total compared to 229 credits) was agreed with the NSW Planning Secretary on 18 March 2025 with the approval letter available here: link . MACH Energy retired 270 Biodiversity credits for the listed White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland TEC on 2 May 2025.		
			MACH Energy commenced construction of the Northern Link Road on, or soon after, 9 June 2025.		
4.	Prior to 16 July 2026, or other timeframe agreed to by the Minister , the approval holder must retire 293 Biodiversity credits for Northern Link Road Option 1 or 225 Biodiversity credits for Northern Link Road Option 2 for either Delma impar or Delma vescolineata.	Not Applicable	Not triggered. Credits will be retired prior to 16 July 2026.		





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5.	The approval holder must comply with conditions B63, B64 and B65 of Part B of the State development consent to prepare and implement the Biodiversity Management Plan and conditions B87, B88, B89, B90, B91 and B92 of Part B of the State development consent to prepare and implement a Rehabilitation Strategy and Rehabilitation Management Plan.	Compliant	The Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) was approved by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure on 5 November 2024. The Rehabilitation Strategy was approved by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure on 23 July 2025. The Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) was prepared in accordance with the provisions under the <i>Mining Act 1992</i> . All plans/strategies have been implemented.
Water F	Resources		
6.	The approval holder must not extract more than 21 million tonnes of run-of-mine coal from the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project Area as part of the Action in any	Compliant	Approximately 11.43 Mt of run-of-mine coal was extracted from the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project Area in calendar year 2024.
	calendar year and must cease extraction by 22 December 2048.		Approximately 12.77 Mt of run-of-mine coal is forecast for extraction from the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project Area in calendar year 2025.
7.	The approval holder must ensure the Action has no adverse effect on the function of a water resource .	Compliant	No adverse effects have been recorded during monitoring as per the Water Management Plan.
8.	The approval holder must comply with conditions B39, B40, B41, B42, B43, B44, B45, B46, B47, B48, B49, B50, B51, B52, B53, B54, B87-B92 of Part B of the State	Compliant	MACH Energy has complied with consent conditions, <i>B39-B54</i> for Water in the State Development Consent.
	development consent.		MACH Energy has complied with consent conditions, <i>B87-B92</i> for Rehabilitation in the State Development Consent.



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9.	The approval holder must, within 5 business days of its approval by the NSW Planning Secretary (including any approval of a revised version), submit to the department: a) the Water Management Plan b) a table stating every trigger level and where it is specified in the Water Management Plan and c) if a revised version of the Water Management Plan is approved by the NSW Planning Secretary, a document specifying what changes have been made from the previous version (including by supplying a copy with these changes marked in track mode) and a description of any implications of the changes for protected matters.	Compliant	EPBC 2020/8735 was issued on 24 September 2024. On 30 September 2024 (i.e. within five business days of EPBC 2020/8735 coming into effect), MACH Energy provided electronic correspondence notifying the DCCEEW of the approval of Version 2 of the Water Management Plan and provided a table stating every trigger level and where it was specified in the Water Management Plan. DCCEEW notified MACH Energy of receipt of this correspondence on 23 October 2024. Version 3 of the Water Management Plan was approved by the NSW Planning Secretary on 7 February 2025. On 12 February 2025 (i.e. within five business days of the approval), MACH Energy provided electronic correspondence notifying the DCCEEW of the Water Management Plan approval. DCCEEW notified MACH Energy of receipt of this correspondence on 13 February 2025. Version 4 of the Water Management Plan was submitted on 2 August 2025 and is currently awaiting approval, after which MACH Energy will provide electronic correspondence to the DCCEEW within five business days of the approval.
10.	The approval holder must notify the department within 5 business days of submitting a request to have a revised version of the Water Management Plan approved by the NSW Planning Secretary.	Compliant	MACH Energy submitted a request to have Version 3 of the Water Management Plan approved by the NSW Planning Secretary on 17 December 2024. On 17 December 2024 (i.e. within five business days of the request), MACH Energy provided electronic correspondence notifying the DCCEEW of the request. MACH Energy submitted a request to have Version 4 of the Water Management Plan approved by the NSW Planning Secretary on 11 August 2025. On 12 August 2025 (i.e. within five business days of the request), MACH Energy provided electronic correspondence notifying the DCCEEW of the request. DCCEEW notified MACH Energy of receipt of this correspondence on 12 August 2025.
11.	If, at any time until the end date of this approval, the approval holder predicts or detects the reaching of a trigger level , the approval holder must notify the department of the predicted or actual reaching within 10 business days of predicting or detecting the reaching of the trigger level , and publish on the website , within 3 months of the detection or reaching, the notification and a description of any relevant corrective actions that have been undertaken to prevent the breach of a performance measure .	Compliant	On 25 August 2025, the Department was notified within 10 business days after MACH Energy became aware of a surface water pH trigger at site W15. The pH trigger at W15 is published on the MACH Energy website under the July 2025 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report. Following a review of the data, the pH triggered level was caused by significant flood flows and therefore no performance measure was exceeded, and no corrective measures were required.



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12.	Upon receiving notification of a predicted or actual reaching of a trigger level under condition 11, the Minister may direct the approval holder to undertake specific corrective actions to minimise impacts to water resources . The approval holder must implement any specific corrective actions to minimise impacts to water resources as directed by the Minister .	Not applicable	Not triggered. The Minister has not requested specific corrective actions to minimise impacts to water resources.
13.	If the approval holder predicts or detects a breach of a performance measure , the approval holder must notify the department of the predicted or actual breach within 5 business days of predicting or detecting the breach.	Compliant	Not triggered. In the event of a breach of a performance measure, MACH Energy will notify the department of the breach within 5 business days.
14.	If the approval holder predicts or detects a reaching of a performance measure the approval holder must submit to the department, within 60 business days of predicting or detecting an exceedance of the performance measure, for the Minister's approval, an Impact Response Plan. The Impact Response Plan must: a) be prepared by a suitably qualified expert; b) describe all potential and actual impacts to water resources arising from the breach; c) describe and, where possible, include local scale numerical modelling of, all potential contributing activities; d) derive a scientifically robust rectification strategy based on multiple lines of evidence and field data to support the assessment of the environmental value of any affected water resources (including the groundwater-dependence of any potential GDEs) e) explain why any further investigations are or are not required to determine the cause of the reaching of the performance measure and to propose effective corrective actions; f) specify the mitigation and management measures that the approval holder has taken and/or proposes to take to address the reaching of the performance measure, including demonstrating the effectiveness of the mitigation and management measures using relevant data; g) specify the duration for which the Impact Response Plan must be implemented;	Compliant	Not triggered. No exceedance of performance measures has been recorded.
	 specify the duration for which the impact Response Plan must be implemented; provide justification for how the proposed mitigation and management measures will prevent or reverse the reaching of the performance measure and ensure compliance with condition 7; and include a peer review and details of how the approval holder has addressed any inadequacies raised in the peer review. 		
15.	If the approval holder reaches a performance measure, the approval holder must, no later than 9 months after the date on which reaching of the performance measure, cease any element of mining as part of the Action that has contributed to reaching of the performance measure until or unless the Impact Response Plan in relation to reaching of the performance measure has been approved in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must commence implementing each approved Impact Response Plan within 5 business days of it being approved by the Minister and continue to implement it for the period specified in the approved Impact Response Plan.	Not applicable	Not triggered.



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16.	The approval holder must publish each approved Impact Response Plan on the website within 5 business days of its approval. The approval holder must notify the department within 5 business days of an Impact Response Plan being published and keep the Impact Response Plan published on the website until the end date of this approval.	Not applicable	Not triggered.
17.	If the Minister is not satisfied that the corrective actions or rectification measures specified in an Impact Response Plan will or are likely to achieve the outcome(s) required by condition 7, the Minister may direct the approval holder to undertake specific corrective action(s) to limit and/or prevent further impacts to water resources . The approval holder must implement any specific corrective actions to minimise impacts to water resources as directed by the Minister .	Not applicable	Not triggered.
18.	If the Minister directs the approval holder to undertake specific corrective action(s) under condition 17, the approval holder must, no later than 6 months after the date on which the Minister gave such a direction under condition 17, cease any element of mining as part of the Action that has contributed to reaching of the performance measure as part of the Action until or unless the Minister notifies the approval holder in writing that it may resume these elements of mining.	Not applicable	Not triggered.
19.	The approval holder must include in each compliance report a copy of all monitoring reports required by the Surface Water Management and Monitoring Plan (required under condition B52.(f)(iii) of the State development consent) and the Groundwater Management Plan (required under condition B52.(f)(iv) of the State development consent) included in the Water Management Plan to be provided to the NSW Government in the subject period of that compliance report.	Compliant	MACH Energy prepares an annual review which includes a report of the surface water monitoring data and groundwater monitoring data required by the various monitoring plans. A copy of the annual review is provided with this compliance report. MACH Energy has also included its monthly environmental monitoring reports and stream health monitoring reports for Spring 2024 and Autumn 2025.
Part B –	Administrative conditions		
Submissi	on and publication of plans		
20.	The approval holder must submit all plans required by these conditions electronically to the department .	Compliant	The Water Management Plan was provided electronically to the Department when required by Condition 9 to be submitted to the Department.
			The requirement for an Impact Response Plan (IRP) is yet to be triggered.





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21.	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish each plan on the website within 15 business days of the date: a) of this approval, if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions, or b) the plan is approved by the Minister in writing, if the plan requires the approval of the Minister, or c) the plan is submitted to the department in accordance with a requirement of these conditions, if the plan does not require the approval of the Minister, or d) the plan is approved by a state or territory government official as required under a state or territory government condition which must be complied with in accordance with these EPBC Act conditions.	Compliant	The approved BMP, RMP, WMP and IRP are available on the MACH Energy website http://machenergyaustralia.com.au/ The Rehabilitation Strategy is available on the MACH Energy website http://machenergyaustralia.com.au/ This first Annual Compliance Report (i.e. this document) required under the conditions will be published on the MACH Energy website (http://machenergyaustralia.com.au/) within three months of every 12-month anniversary of the commencement of construction.
22.	The approval holder must keep all published plans required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	MACH Energy will have all published plans required by the approval conditions available on the website until 22 December 2058.
23.	The approval holder is required to exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a plan, the approval holder must notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.	Compliant	Not triggered. No sensitive ecological data is published in the plans.
Notificati	on of date of commencement of the action		
24.	The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of commencement of the Action, within 5 business days following commencement of the Action.	Compliant	MACH Energy provided electronic correspondence dated 4 October 2024 notifying the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the Department) of commencement of the Action on 30 September 2024 (i.e. within 3 business days). The Department acknowledged this correspondence on 8 October 2024.
25.	If the commencement of the action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the prior written agreement of the Minister .	Compliant	Commencement of the Action occurred on the 8 October 2024, which was less than 5 years from the date of the approval.
Complia	nce records		
26.	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	Compliant	MACH Energy maintains comprehensive compliance records comprising all activities and outcomes associated with the Approval conditions. These records are available at the request of the Department.





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27.	If the department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the department within the timeframe specified in the request.	Compliant	Not triggered. The Department has not made a request in writing for electronic copies of compliance records.
	Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the department, or by an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and/or be used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the results of an audit may be published on the department's website or through the general media.		
28.	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data, Commonwealth of Australia 2018, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	MACH Energy ensures that data required under the conditions of the approval follow the Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data, Commonwealth of Australia 2018.
29.	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, Commonwealth of Australia 2021, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	MACH Energy ensures that data required under the conditions of the approval follow the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, Commonwealth of Australia 2021.
30.	The approval holder must submit all monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department within 20 business days of the submission of a compliance report.	Compliant	MACH Energy will electronically submit all data required under the conditions of the approval to the department within 20 business days after the submission of this Annual Compliance Report.
Annual c	compliance reporting		
31.	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12-month period following the date of this approval decision, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister .	Compliant	The Annual Compliance Report (i.e. this document) will be published on the MACH Energy website https://machenergyaustralia.com.au/mount-pleasant/documentation/ within three months of every 12-month anniversary of the commencement of construction. This Annual Compliance Report covers the period of 24 September 2024 to 23 September 2025.
32.	Each compliance report must be consistent with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2014.	Compliant	The Annual Compliance Report (i.e. this document) follows the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2014.



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33.	 Each compliance report must include: a) Accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with the conditions and the plans, and any incidents. b) One or more shapefile showing all clearing of protected matters, and/or their habitat, undertaken within the 12-month period at the end of which that compliance report is prepared. c) A schedule of all plans in existence in relation to these conditions and accurate and complete details of how each plan is being implemented. 	Compliant	This Annual Compliance Report accurately represents the compliance status of each condition. The Annual Compliance Report is accompanied by a shapefile of the clearing of White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland TEC and Striped Legless Lizard habitat. A register of relevant plans required under EPBC Approval 2020/8735 with submission dates, approval dates and condition numbers is included with the Annual Compliance Report.
34.	 The approval holder must: a) Publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the end of the 12-month period for which that compliance report is required. b) Notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of the date of publication that a compliance report has been published on the website. c) Provide the weblink for the compliance report in the notification to the department. d) Keep all published compliance reports required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval. e) Exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. f) If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from the published version, submit the full compliance report to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website. Note: Compliance reports may be published on the department's website. 	Compliant	The Annual Compliance Report (i.e. this document) will be published on the MACH Energy website http://machenergyaustralia.com.au/ within 60 business days at the end of each 12-month period. The department will be notified within 5 business days after been published on the website. The Annual Compliance Report will remain on the website until the expiry date of this approval (22 December 2058). No sensitive ecological data is published in the plans.
Reporti	ng non-compliance		
35.	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan .	Compliant	Not triggered. MACH Energy will notify the department after becoming aware of potential non- compliances within 2 business days.
36.	 The approval holder must specify in the notification: a) Any condition or commitment made in a plan which has been or may have been breached. b) A short description of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance. c) The location (including co-ordinates), date and time of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance. Note: If the exact information cannot be provided, the approval holder must provide the best information available. 	Not applicable	Not triggered.



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37.	The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 12 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance, the details of that incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan. The approval holder must specify: a) Any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken. b) The potential impacts of the incident and/or non-compliance. c) The method and timing of any corrective action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.	Not applicable	Not triggered.
Indepen	dent audit	ı	
38.	The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted for every five-year period following the commencement of the Action until this approval expires, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister .	Not applicable	Not triggered. It has not been five years since the commencement of the Action.
39.	 For each independent audit, the approval holder must: a) Provide the name and qualifications of the nominated independent auditor, the draft audit criteria, and proposed timeframe for submitting the audit report to the department prior to commencing the independent audit. b) Only commence the independent audit once the nominated independent auditor, audit criteria and timeframe for submitting the audit report have been approved in writing by the department. c) Submit the audit report to the department for approval within the timeframe specified and approved in writing by the department. d) Publish each audit report on the website within 15 business days of the date of the department's approval of the audit report. e) Keep every audit report published on the website until this approval expires. 	Not applicable	Not triggered. See above.
40.	Each audit report must report for the five-year period preceding that audit report.	Not applicable	Not triggered. See above.
41.	Each audit report must be completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and be consistent with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2019.	Not applicable	Not triggered. See above.
Complet	ion of the action		
42.	The approval holder must comply with condition A5¹ in Schedule 2 of the State development consent.	Compliant	Mining operations are occurring and can continue to occur until 22 December 2048.
	¹ Condition A5 in the State development consent states that mining operations may be carried out on the site, within the approved disturbance area, until 22 December 2048.		
43.	The approval holder must notify the department electronically 60 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, that the approval is due to expire.	Not applicable	Not triggered. It is more than 60 business days prior to the expiry date of the approval (22 December 2058).



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44.	Within 20 business days after the completion of the Action, and, in any event, before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data. The approval holder must submit any spatial data that comprises completion data as a shapefile.	Not applicable	Not triggered. The Action has not yet been completed.
Changes to State development consent			
45.	The approval holder must notify the department in writing of any proposed change to the State development consent that may relate to protected matters within 5 business days of formally proposing a change or within 5 business days of submitting an application to propose a change.	Compliant	Not triggered. No changes to the State development consent have been proposed in the period.
46.	The approval holder must notify the department in writing of any change to the State development consent conditions that may relate to protected matters, within 10 business days of a change to conditions being approved.	Compliant	Not triggered. No changes to the State development consent conditions have occurred in the period.