

26 May 2025

Mr Stephen O'Donoghue  
Director Resource Assessments  
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure  
GPO Box 39  
Sydney, NSW 2001

Lodged via the Major Projects Portal

**RE: MOUNT PLEASANT OPTIMISATION PROJECT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT SSD 10418 – COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTHERN LINK ROAD**

Dear Steve,

Development Consent for the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project (the Project) was granted under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW) (EP&A Act) by the NSW Independent Planning Commission on 6 September 2022 (State Significant Development [SSD] 10418).

As you are aware, MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd (MACH) commenced Development Consent SSD 10418 for the Project on Monday 12 February 2024.

MACH is required to notify the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) in writing at least two weeks prior to commencement of key phases of the development in accordance with Part A, Condition A12 (b) of Development Consent SSD 10418, which provides that:

*A12. The date of commencement of each of the following phases of the development must be notified to the Department in writing, at least two weeks before that date:*

...

*(b) commencement of construction of the Northern Link Road;*

...

In accordance with Condition A12, MACH is notifying the Department that development of the construction of the Northern Link Road will commence under Development Consent SSD 10418 on, or soon after, **Monday 9 June 2025**.

As of 29 November 2024, all relevant environmental management plans under Development Consent SSD 10418 required for the commencement of construction of the Northern Link Road have been approved by the Department. Additionally, as notified on 21 May 2025, the biodiversity credits required under Part B, Condition B61 of Development Consent SSD 10418 have been retired, as approved by the Department and in consultation with the Biodiversity Conservation Division (now Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation).

MACH kindly request the Department to contact the undersigned if further information is required.

Yours sincerely,



**Lisa Richards**

**Mount Pleasant Operation**

Environment and Community Manager

MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd