

To you the panel, I thank you for the opportunity to present today and provide my submission.

And today opportunity is what I wish to discuss. So often it is the generalised arguments of those either opposed to mining or those pro, that the foresight for additional opportunities that exist are overlooked. We are here today not to discuss and submit generalised mining submissions either for or against, but to have this case assessed individually on its merit. There are many generalised things that could, that have and that will be discussed, though we must be focused primarily on this as the individual case it is- the MACH Energy Mt Pleasant extension.

Take into account what has been said, of course, though on an individual case Mt Pleasant is a Greenfield sight that is making every effort to ensure best practice is adhered to during construction and operations. Everything from engaging the stakeholders, right through to advancements in rehabilitation that not only focus on returning the mined land to a natural landscape, but engaging the community stakeholders in the opportunities that exist alongside and beyond the life of the mine. Please do not take that as a cliché "we're going to return the land to how it was" only statement. I speak as a community member who has had the benefit of being engaged continually with MACH Energy about the endless opportunities that such a mine could have post and parallel to mining and the economical benefits that this mine could possess beyond mining.

I say this mine, as previously (many decades ago) mining regulation was not as strict as it is in this current time. In times past there were many loop holes and the rehabilitated land was not given as much emphasis as it is today. Mt Pleasant is striving to develop this mine to best possible current practise and that is a great opportunity. Today the IPC has the unique opportunity to engage with MACH Energy and take mining into a new era. Now of course there will be hurdles and without doubt, barriers that need to be addressed, but that's what we have regulatory powers for. To oversee these. To enforce these. On a case by case scenario, MACH Energy has demonstrated with their already progressive rehabilitation, site management and the willingness to be flexible and open to the community needs.

The economical advantages to the local area far extend those of the employees themselves and the VPA money the council receives, and extends to all the non-for-profit organisations that have been assisted by MACH. The local businesses that are economically supported both directly, and indirectly.

When it comes to air quality, yes, we should be taking necessary steps to implement best possible air quality figures. But does this entail punishing the new kids on the block? In the construction of a mine, the need to be more vigilant in monitoring noise and dust etc is imperative, hence why on the dry high wind days MACH Energy enforces a "Stop Work". As I am informed, stakeholders are notified of this. Maybe this process might need to be wider communicated, maybe that is something that could be improved. As we all know, there is always room for improvement. Let's judge this on a case by case basis and look for the best possible outcomes, as it should be, and not as an opportunity to be on one side of the fence or another.

The opportunities that this new innovative mine has and will provide for so many from diverse backgrounds are considerable. I speak in support of all industry owners and workers, and ask that the opportunities can continue and that this MOD 3 Application be judged on its merit and not that of a holistic mining attack, and we move forward with new methods of approval and the new opportunities that are in front of us.

Thank you.

Shane Davey