

## Jorge Van Den Brande

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**Sent:** Thursday, 28 June 2018 2:02 PM  
**To:** Jorge Van Den Brande  
**Cc:** David Koppers  
**Subject:** Question regarding the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)

Dear Jorge,

During MACH Energy's presentation to the Independent Planning Commission on 26 June 2018, the Commission asked whether MACH Energy payments under the Voluntary Planning Agreement with Muswellbrook Shire Council had commenced. MACH Energy agreed to respond to the Commission in writing.

Condition 14 of Schedule 2 in DA 92/97 requires the Applicant to enter into a planning agreement with Council by the end of March 2012. Coal & Allied, the previous owner of Mt Pleasant executed a planning agreement dated 9 December 2011 with Council. This agreement was novated to MACH Energy on 4 August 2016.

MACH Energy's payment obligations under the planning agreement commenced from the 25 November 2016. To date, MACH Energy has paid a total of \$1,322,445 under the agreement for Community Contributions, Council Road Maintenance and an Environmental Officer.

Kind regards,

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