



DEADLINE EXTENSION GRANTED FOR MOUNT PLEASANT OPTIMISATION PROJECT

23 August 2022

The Independent Planning Commission has been granted a deadline extension until 8 September 2022 for the determination of the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project.

The IPC sought the extension to allow the Panel additional time to seek public submissions on new material provided by the Department of Planning and Environment.

In a letter dated 12 August 2022, the Department wrote to the IPC, advising that:

'MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd (MACH) [the applicant for the Project] has provided the Department with a research paper ... confirming that the Legless Lizard recorded at Mount Pleasant is not the Striped Legless Lizard (Delma impar) as previously thought, but is in fact a new species not previously identified. Importantly, this species is not yet listed as threatened under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act).'

The Panel has since heard from stakeholders in relation to this issue and has revised its position of 19 August 2022. The Panel considers that it would be assisted by public submissions on the DPE letter and its attachments regarding the identification of the Legless Lizard, linked [here](#).

Public submissions may be made only on this new material and must be received via email (ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au) by **5pm AEST Tuesday, 30 August 2022**.

This deadline will be strictly enforced, and late submissions will not be considered by the Panel nor uploaded to the Commission's website.

The Panel will only consider submissions received directly from the person submitting the comment. Campaign emails, petitions or form letters will not be considered nor uploaded to the Commission's website.

Submissions must specifically relate to the new material only. All relevant submissions received by the Commission will be published as soon as practicable after the deadline has passed.

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