



1 August 2025

Steve O'Donoghue
Director Energy & Resource Assessments
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Steve,

**Restart of Redbank Power Station (SSD-56284960)
Request for Information**

I refer to the above State significant development application (**Application**) which is currently before the NSW Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) for determination.

Given the 24 July 2025 judgment of the NSW Court of Appeal in *Denman Aberdeen Muswellbrook Scone Healthy Environment Group Inc v MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd* [2025] NSWCA 163, the Commission would like to give the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (**Department**) the opportunity to supplement its Assessment Report as it sees fit in order to assist the Commission to appropriately consider the likely impacts of the Project on the environment (including the climate) in the locality of the Project.

The Commission also notes Minister Sharpe's [letter to the Planning Minister of 20 May 2024](#) asking that planning authorities have regard, to the extent relevant, to the guiding principles at section 8 of the *Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act 2023*. The Commission invites the Department to provide its consideration of these principles to the extent they relate to the Application.

Further, the Commission seeks information from the Department on the following matters:

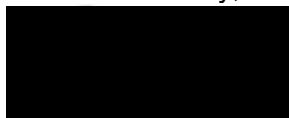
1. Please specify the framework regulating the clearing of vegetation offsite by or on behalf of the Applicant and what, if any, additional approvals would be required. In answering this request, to the extent that the *Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018* is relied upon, please confirm whether any assessment, approval or permit is required to be undertaken or obtained by a landholder before clearing of invasive native species under that Code.
2. In Table 13 of the Department's Assessment Report, under Object (b), the Department refers to the importance of gas-fired power stations in firming the State's electricity supply. Please confirm whether this statement requires correction.

The Commission requests that the Department provide a response by **5pm on Friday 8 August 2025**.

Should you require any clarification in relation to the above, or wish to discuss further, please feel free to contact Callum Firth at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].



Yours sincerely,



Stephen Barry
Planning Director