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Mt Pleasant announcement provides jobs and business certainty

The NSW Government's decision to introduce targeted legislation that will secure jobs at MACH Energy's Mount Pleasant mine will provide much-needed certainty for workers and supply chain businesses across the region, Business Hunter said today.

CEO Bob Hawes said the Government's intervention was a pragmatic response to the circumstances created by the recent High Court decision and would provide important breathing space while the implications of the ruling are worked through.

"The Mount Pleasant mine is a major employer and economic contributor in the Hunter, supporting hundreds of direct jobs and many more throughout the supply chain. Today's announcement provides welcome assurance for workers and their families at a time of significant uncertainty for the industry," Mr Hawes said.

"Importantly, this is a targeted intervention that responds to the specific circumstances facing Mount Pleasant and the immediate risk to jobs. It gives the company, its workforce and the broader community confidence that operations can continue while longer-term planning and legal issues are addressed."

Business Hunter acknowledged the NSW Government's decision to develop additional guidance on the treatment of Scope 3 emissions through the NSW Coal Industry 2026-50 policy framework.

"The Government's commitment to provide further guidance on how Scope 3 emissions should be assessed is a constructive step that will help provide greater certainty for industry, regulators and investors," Mr Hawes said.

"The Hunter's economy still relies heavily on the resources sector and the thousands of jobs it supports. As the region continues its economic transition, businesses need confidence that planning frameworks are clear, transparent and capable of supporting both investment and employment."

Business Hunter said it would continue to work with governments and industry to support a balanced policy approach that protects jobs, provides regulatory certainty and enables the Hunter to capitalise on future economic opportunities.

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