

# MAULES CREEK COAL MINE



## AIR QUALITY AND NOISE IMPACTS

### General Noise and Air Quality comments

Maules Creek Coal Mine (MCCM) Noise and Air Quality impacts are managed in accordance with the approved Environmental Management Plans and target best management practices.

The MCCM Project Approval PA10\_0138 was granted on 23 October 2012. As part of the environmental assessment approval process, potential noise and air quality impacts were modelled and to date remain within the predicted range of monitoring results.

Approvals, including the Project Approval and Environmental Protection Licence, allow a specified limit for mine generated noise and air quality contributions to which MCCM must adhere. MCCM continues to target best management practice measures including operational changes and modifications to fleet

equipment to minimise and manage the noise and dust where reasonable and feasible.

MCCM has an extensive environmental monitoring network located within the surrounding community that assists in management of noise and dust produced by mining activities.

Compliance is monitored regularly by MCCM, the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) and the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) as well as by independent auditing.

Weekly air quality data is voluntarily provided to the EPA for their Namoi Regional Air Quality website which shows the air quality in the Namoi air shed is typically very good. To keep the community well informed, regular noise and air quality data is uploaded to the MCCM website.

During reviews undertaken by independent air and noise specialists, a good level of compliance was acknowledged including best management practices, however they recommended some improvements which are currently being considered and progressively actioned.

The MCC Community Consultative Committee is chaired by an Independent Chairperson which gives another opportunity for any Community issues to be raised.