

### Tarrawonga Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee Meeting #59

Quarterly Environmental Monitoring Report Nov 1 2019 – Jan 30, 2020



Photo taken in December 2019 in a section of the northern emplacement areas rehabilitated in July 2018.

This report has been prepared for the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting to show Environmental monitoring performance at Tarrawonga Coal Mine (TCM) for the reporting period from November 1 2019 to January 30, 2020. Maps with all the monitoring locations are available in *Appendix A*.

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## Noise Monitoring

Attended noise monitoring was conducted at the "Bungalow" (TN4), "Barbers Lagoon" (TN3) and "Matong" (TN2) properties from 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The noise criterion for the mine is 35dB(A) Leq (15 min) for all operating times.

The results below show that noise emissions from the mine did not exceed the operational noise criterion at the "Barbers Lagoon", "Bungalow" or "Matong" monitoring locations during the monitoring event during the entire monitoring period.

(See below summary tables extracted from Wilkinson Murray report -19360-T-02-(Q4 2019)).

Table 4-1 Comparison of noise levels between TN2 and 573b Coomalgah

		Noise	TN2	573b Coomalgah		
Date	Time	Limits  LA <sub>09,15 min</sub>	Mine L <sub>Aeq</sub> Noise Level (dB)  Measured Mine  Contribution	Mine L <sub>Anq</sub> Noise I Commensurate Mine Compliance Level	Exceedance	
02/42/2040 =	22:39	35	34	25	0	
02/12/2019 -	22:55	35	37	28	0	
	11:46	35	32	23	0	
	12:03	35	35	26	0	
	12:21	35	32	23	0	
	12:53	35	33	24	0	
03/12/2019	21:38	35	38	29	0	
	22:00	35	37	28	0	
	22:15	35	36	27	0	
	22:31	35	32	23	0	
	22:48	35	27	18	0	
	11:07	35	33	24	0	
	11:25	35	33	24	0	
04/43/3040 =	11:43	35	33	24	0	
04/12/2019 -	11:59	35	30	21	0	
	21:10	35	42	33	0	
	22:00	35	39	30	0	



		Noise Limits	TN2 Mine Lacq Noise Level (dB)	573b Coom Mine Lasq Noise I	_
Date	Time	Measured Mine LA <sub>eq.15 min</sub> Contribution		Commensurate Mine Compliance Level	Exceedance
	22:18	35	37	28	0
	22:35	35	37	28	0
	22:51	35	38	29	0
	13:14	35	<30	<21	0
	13:30	35	32	23	0
	14:32	35	32	23	0
	21:19	35	41	32	0
05/12/2019	21:34	35	41	32	0
	22:00	35	38	29	0
	22:16	35	37	28	0
	22:32	35	36	27	0
	22:48	35	<35	<26	0



Table 4-3 Summary of noise assessment at TN3

_	_	Noise Limits	Mine	TN3 e L <sub>Aeq</sub> Noise Level (	dB)
Date	Time	LA <sub>eq,15 min</sub>	Measured Mine Contribution	Additional LF Penalty	Exceedance
	00:44	35	<7 (IA)1	-	0
02/12/2010	00:59	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0
02/12/2019	01:14	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0
	01:29	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0
	10:52	35	<14 (IA) 1	-	0
	01:00	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0
03/12/2019	01:15	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0
	01:30	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0
	01:45	35	<7 (IA)1	-	0
	10:30	35	<16 (IA) 1	-	0
	00:49	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0
04/12/2019	01:05	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0
	01:22	35	<6 (IA) 1	-	0
	01:39	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0
	09:10	35	<19 (IA)1	-	0
	09:25	35	<19 (IA) 1	-	0
	09:40	35	<18 (IA) 1	-	0
	09:55	35	<20 (IA) 1	-	0
	10:10	35	<17 (IA) 1	-	0
05/12/2019	10:25	35	<17 (IA) 1	-	0
	19:58	35	<19 (IA) 1	-	0
	00:45	35	<13 (IA) 1	-	0
	01:01	35	<12 (IA) 1	-	0
	01:18	35	<13 (IA) 1	-	0
	01:34	35	<13 (IA) 1	-	0
	09:30	35	<14 (IA)1	-	0
	09:46	35	<13 (IA)1	-	0
06/12/2019	10:00	35	<12 (IA)1	-	0
	10:16	35	<12 (IA)1	-	0
	10:33	35	<12 (IA)1	-	0

Where mine noise was inaudible throughout the entire measurement, it is assumed that the contribution is less than 10 dB below the measured Less.



Table 4-5 Summary of noise assessment at TN4

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		Noise Limits		TN4					
Date	Time		Mine	Mine L <sub>Aeq</sub> Noise Level (dB)					
Date	Time	14	Measured Mine	Additional	Exceedance				
		LA <sub>eq,15 min</sub>	Contribution	LF Penalty	Exceedance				
	23:32	35	<13 (IA)1	-	0				
02/12/2019	00:11	35	<6 (IA) 1	-	0				
	00:27	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0				
	13:32	35	<20 (IA) 1	-	0				
02/42/2040	23:36	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0				
03/12/2019	23:48	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0				
	00:04	35	<6 (IA) 1	-	0				
	00:21	35	<6 (IA) 1	-	0				
04/12/2019	23:27	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0				
	23:43	35	<7 (IA) 1	-	0				
	23:58	35	<6 (IA) 1	-	0				
	10:38	35	<13 (IA)1	-	0				
	10:52	35	<13 (IA)1	-	0				
	11:13	35	<13 (IA)1	-	0				
	11:30	35	<12 (IA)1	-	0				
	11:46	35	<14 (IA) 1	-	0				
05/12/2019	12:02	35	<18 (IA) 1	-	0				
	20:25	35	<42 (IA) 1	-	0				
	20:41	35	<42 (IA) 1	-	0				
	23:30	35	<19 (IA) 1	-	0				
	23:46	35	<17 (IA) 1	-	0				
	00:02	35	<13 (IA)1	-	0				

Where mine noise was inaudible throughout the entire measurement, it is assumed that the contribution is less than 10 dB below the measured Leo.

Noise from the mine must not exceed 45 dB(A) L1 (1 min) between 10 pm and 7 am. This is to minimise the potential for sleep disturbance as a result of individual loud noises from the mine. The results of the sleep disturbance monitoring show that the measured L1 (1 min) noise level did not exceed the sleep disturbance criterion.



Table 4-2 Comparison of maximum noise events between TN2 and 573b Coomalgah

Date	Time	Noise Limits		TN2 Mine L <sub>Amax</sub> Noise Level (dB)	573b Cooma Mine L <sub>Amax</sub> Noise L	
		LA <sub>1,1</sub>	Noise Source	Measured Level	Commensurate Mine Compliance Level	Exceedance
02/12/2019	22:39	45	Horn	46	37	0
02/12/2019	22:55	45	Horn	43	34	0
	22:00	45	Horn	44	35	0
02/12/2010	22:15	45	Horn	50	41	0
03/12/2019	22:31	45	Horn	44	35	0
	22:48	45	-	NM	-	0
	22:00	45	Horn	48	39	0
	22:18	45	Horn	45	36	0
04/12/2019	22:35	45	Horn	45	36	0
	22:51	45	Digger	50	41	0
	22:00	45	-	NM	-	0
05/43/3040	22:16	45	Engine	44	35	0
05/12/2019	22:32	45	-	NM	-	0
	22:48	45	-	NM	-	0



Table 4-4 Summary of maximum noise events at TN3

Date	Time	Noise Limits	TN3 Mine L <sub>Amax</sub> Noise Level (dB)				
	••••	LA <sub>1,1 min</sub>	Noise Source	Measured Level	Exceedance		
	00:44	45	-	I/A	0		
02/12/2010 -	00:59	45	-	I/A	0		
02/12/2019 -	01:14	45	-	I/A	0		
	01:29	45	-	I/A	0		
	01:00	45	-	I/A	0		
- 02/42/2040	01:15	45	-	I/A	0		
03/12/2019 -	01:30	45	-	I/A	0		
	01:45	45	-	I/A	0		
	00:49	45	-	I/A	0		
	01:05	45	-	I/A	0		
04/12/2019 -	01:22	45	-	I/A	0		
	01:39	45	-	I/A	0		
	00:45	45	-	I/A	0		
05/43/3045 =	01:01	45	-	I/A	0		
05/12/2019	01:18	45	-	I/A	0		
	01:34	45	-	I/A	0		



Table 4-6 Summary of maximum noise events at TN4

Date	Time	Noise Limits	Mir	TN4 ne L <sub>Amax</sub> Noise Level (d	lB)
		LA <sub>1,1 min</sub>	Noise Source	Measured Level	Exceedance
	23:32	45	-	IA	0
02/12/2019	00:11	45	-	IA	0
	00:27	45	-	IA	0
	23:36	45	-	IA	0
02/12/2010 -	23:48	45	-	IA	0
03/12/2019 -	00:04	45	-	IA	0
	00:21	45	-	IA	0
	23:27	45	-	IA	0
04/12/2019	23:43	45	-	IA	0
	23:58	45	-	IA	0
	23:30	45	-	IA	0
05/13/3016 =	23:46	45	-	IA	0
05/12/2019 =	00:02	45	-	IA	0
	00:17	45	-	IA	0

The real time noise monitor located on the "Coomalgah" property remains a management tool so the noise criteria are not applicable at that site. Level of noise recorded at that location is managed according to the noise management plan and trigger action response plan.



## **Blast Monitoring**

**Blasting Results** 

Since 2006, there have been 939 blasts (until 31/01/2020) at TCM.

There has been no exceedance of criterion since the last meeting for ground vibration. There have been three exceedances of blasting overpressure since the last meeting with the highest result obtained being 117.5 dB at the privately owned property Coomalgah recorded on 06/12/19, and the rest recorded at the project related property Tarrawonga. The highest result for ground vibration was 1.36 mm/s recorded at the Coomalgah monitor on 29/11/2019.

Note the exceedances of overpressure recorded at the project related property Tarrawonga was in accordance with conditions of:

- PA11\_0047 sch3 cond14,
- EPL12365 cond.L5.1 and L5.2,
- ML1579 cond. 11b) and
- ML1693 cond. 10b) that states: "...blast overpressure noise must not exceed 120dB and 115dB in more than 5 % of the total number of blast over 12 month at any occupied dwelling...".

The blast overpressure measured on 6<sup>th</sup> December at the privately owned property Coomalgah was the first recorded above 115 dB in 75 blasts (equivalent to ~1.3%) over 12 months therefore compliant with the approval and licences listed above.

Table- 2: Max Peak Overpressure and Ground Pressure for the Quarter

Monitor Location	Date	Max. Peak Overpressure (dB)	Criterion (dB)	Date	Max. Peak Ground Pressure (mm/s)	Criterion (mm/s)
Tarrawonga*	20/12/19	117.1	N/A	05/11/19	0.9	N/A
Coomalgah	06/12/19	117.5	120	29/11/19	1.36	10

<sup>\*</sup>Limit Not applicable according to EPL and PA11 0047 because project related property.

## Air Quality Monitoring

**Dust Deposition Results** 

**Table 3** shows deposited dust gauge results over 12 months. All the monitors are located on project related land; as such compliance criteria  $(4g/m^2/month)$  do not apply. Overall deposited dust trends remain steady during the reporting period (refer graph in *Appendix B*)



MONTH	TEMPLEMORE (EB-4)	BOLLOL CREEK STN (EB-5)	AMBARDO (EB-6)	TARRAWONGA (EB-7)	THUIN (EB-8)	PINE GROVE (EB-9)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-10)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-11)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-14)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-15)	JERALONG NORTH (EB-16)
Dec-18	7.9	4.4	5.0	1.8	4.3	3.3	6.4	4.7	3.2	4.8	8.6
Jan-19	6.6	4.4	5.2	2.1	4.7	3.7	6.1	4.6	3.0	4.7	3.7
Feb-19	6.4	4.7	5.4	2.3	4.9	3.7	5.4	4.6	3.4	4.8	3.7
Mar-19	6.5	4.8	5.5	2.4	4.2	3.4	5.8	4.6	3.4	4.7	3.7
Apr-19	6.2	4.6	5.4	2.4	4.2	3.4	5.5	4.5	3.4	4.7	3.5
May-19	6.3	4.7	5.5	2.4	4.1	3.4	5.5	4.5	3.5	4.8	3.3
Jun-19	6.6	4.9	5.6	2.5	4.2	3.3	5.5	4.4	3.6	5.2	3.3
Jul-19	6.9	5.0	5.7	2.5	4.2	3.2	5.6	4.3	3.6	5.2	3.4
Aug-19	5.6	5.0	5.7	2.5	4.1	3.3	5.5	4.4	3.7	5.2	3.4
Sep-19	5.4	4.9	4.9	2.5	4.2	3.2	5.4	4.3	3.6	5.1	3.3
Oct-19	5.2	4.4	4.8	2.4	4.3	3.2	5.1	4.3	3.5	5.0	3.3
Nov-19	5.3	4.4	3.9	2.4	4.3	2.9	4.6	4.2	2.9	4.8	3.3
Dec-19	5.3	4.8	4.1	2.5	4.5	2.6	4.8	3.8	2.9	4.8	3.5
Jan-20	3.5	29.5*	3.5	2.5	3.5	6.8	10.9	2.8	2.5	3.3	2
12 MONTH ROLLING AVERAGE	3.8	4.4	3.3	2.2	4.0	2.4	4.9	3.6	3.0	4.5	2.9

<sup>\*</sup>Sample was contaminated therefore retested -analysed with an optical microscope. Results showed that coal formed less than 10% of total dust .Value was not included in the annual rolling average.

Table 3 – Deposited Dust Gauge Results [g/m²/month]



#### High Volume Air sampler (PM10) Results

The High Volume Air Sampler (HVAS) installed at Coomalgah property monitors level of Particle Matter under 10 micron ( $PM_{10}$ ). It operates for 24hr every 6 days. **Table 4** shows all the 24hr average values recorded for this quarter. Elevated levels of dust recorded were investigated and it was found that wind direction, grazing and farming activity near the monitor location, regional dust (as per the Regional Air Quality Index (RAQI)) or smoke from bushfires were direct causes of the elevated level of dust recorded. TCM notified the Department of Planning Infrastructure and Environment (DPIE) and will include and discuss those results in the Annual Review report.

Table- 4: HVAS PM10 24 hr average levels for the Quarter

Date	24hr averaged PM10 (μg/m³)	Criterion 24hr average (µg/m³)	Comments	
4/11/2019	13.3		Nil	
10/11/2019	36.8		Nil	
16/11/2019	31.7		Nil	
22/11/2019	176		Determined as not mine related. Grazing Activities reported on field sheet. OEH website registered a RAQI value of 243 $\mu g/m^3$ .	
28/11/2019	114		Determined as not mine related. Grazing Activities reported on field sheet. OEH website registered a RAQI value of 215 $\mu g/m^3$ . Weather Station recorded winds from a W direction.	
4/12/2019	115.0		Determined as not mine related. Grazing Activities reported on field sheet. OEH website registered a RAQI value of 63 $\mu g/m^3$	
10/12/2019	155.0		Determined as not mine related. 'Slight wind – dry and dusty' recorded on field sheet. OEH website registered a RAQI value of 372 $\mu g/m^3$	
16/12/2019	641.0		Determined as not mine related. Grazing Activities reported on field sheet. OEH website registered a RAQI value of 171 $\mu g/m^3$ . Weather Station recorded winds from a S direction with an average 4.1m/s and gusts above 8m/s	
22/12/2019	813.0	50	Determined as not mine related. 'Grazing Activities, smoke haze and slight wind' reported on field sheet. OEH website registered a RAQI value of 393, while D2 TEOM recorded 109.6 $\mu g/m^3$ Weather Station recorded winds from a S, SE direction with 19% of the day being >6m/s and an average of 3.74m/s.	
28/12/2019	141.0		Determined as not mine related. Grazing Activities reported on field sheet. OEH website registered a RAQI value of 98 $\mu g/m^3$ Weather Station recorded winds from a SSE direction.	
06/01/2020	222.0		Determined as not mine related. Grazing Activities reported on field sheet. OEH website registered a RAQI value of 194 $\mu g/m^3$ . Weather Station recorded winds from SE, E & W directions.	
09/01/2020	757.0		Determined as not mine related. Grazing activity noted in the field sheet by the contractor. RAQI reported 220 $\mu g/m^3$ . Weather station recorded winds coming from NE-W.	
15/01/2020	269.0		Determined as not mine related. 'Windy Day' noted in the field sheet by the contractor. Weather station recorded winds coming from NE & E.	
21/01/2020	100		Determined as not mine related. Recent Rain noted in field sheet. RAQI noted 155 μg/m³.	
27/01/2020	47.7		Nil	

S=South,E=East,N=North and W=West



#### Real-time Air monitoring (PM10)

According to the current Air Quality and Greenhouse gas Management Plan, the real time air quality unit (TEOM) installed at the "Flixton" property monitors  $PM_{10}$  levels in ambient air. It is an operational management tool and dust levels nearing or reaching the nominated criteria will trigger actions onsite to assess the source of dust and modify operations if it is determined to be related to Tarrawonga operations.



TEOM installed at Flixton property

Three portable dust  $(PM_{10})$  monitors have improved the real-time dust monitoring network and assist the operation to mitigate any potential dust generated by the operation.



Portable and real-time dust monitor installed at TCM in November 2018



# Water Monitoring

Groundwater

Routine groundwater monitoring was undertaken in December 2019 and showed in **Table 5** (refer to graphs in *Appendix C*).

**Table 5- Groundwater results Summary** 

Site	Date	SWL (mbgl)	pH (units)	Elect. Conductivity (μS/cm)
MW1	December 2018	7.03	7.8	3,420
	March 2019	7.78	8.1	3,430
	June 2019	7.22	8.0	3,320
	September 2019	7.32	8.0	3,440
	December 2019	7.35	8.0	3,510
MW2				
	December 2018	3.53	6.8	545
	March 2019	4.34	7.1	560
	June 2019	3.41	7.0	461
	September 2019	4.01	6.9	530
	December 2019	4.65	7.1	560
MW4				
	December 2018	9.46	7.0	4,610
	March 2019	9.58	7.2	4,840
	June 2019	9.41	7.3	3,860
	September 2019	9.62	7.4	3,460
	December 2019	10.14	7.3	3, 530
MW5				
	December 2018	3.41	7.7	2,130
	March 2019	3.41	7.9	1,240
	June 2019	2.91	7.6	1292
	September 2019	2.90	7.8	2,100
	December 2019	3.25	7.8	2,080
MW6				
	December 2018	4.85	7.6	2,200
	March 2019	Casing destroyed	Casing destroyed	Casing destroyed
	June 2019	Casing destroyed	Casing destroyed	Casing destroyed
	September 2019	Casing destroyed	Casing destroyed	Casing destroyed
	December 2019	Casing destroyed	Casing destroyed	Casing destroyed
MW7				
	December 2018	105.01	No sample (Grey mud)	No sample
	March 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
	June 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
	September 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
	December 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
MW8				
	December 2018	13.29	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	March 2019	13.66	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	June 2019	13.69	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	September 2019	13.77	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	December 2019	13.76	Casing blocked	Casing blocked



Surface Water

According to the BTM Complex strategy, water sharing opportunity is continuously discussed between the three mines. TCM continue assessing options to source additional water in order to maintain the mine in operation in the long run.

## Rehabilitation and Clearing

Rehabilitation

Operations and Environmental departments work together to develop and implement a more efficient rehabilitation program. The aim is to enhance the quantity of areas rehabilitated.

TCM is currently assessing proposal from tree planting contractors to commence the planting campaign 2020. This campaign is expected to take place before June and species targeted include Eucalyptus albens, Eucalyptus blakelyi, Eucalyptus crebra, Eucalyptus melliodora, Eucalyptus pilligaensis, Eucalyptus populanea, Eucalyptus macrocarpa, Eucalyptus Melanophloia, Eucalyptus Crebra, Eucalyptus Dealbata and Eucalyptus Dwyeriand.

A trial (i.e. bud bank trial or similar) will be conducted during tree clearing activities 2020. The objective of the trial is to employ soil handling techniques targeted at achieving good establishment of woody plants from the bud bank, and compare these with the establishment using current soil handling techniques.

Clearing

The next tree clearing campaign will be conducted between February and April 2020.

## Complaints

No complaint was received during the quarterly period.



## **Environmental Management Plans**

TCM are addressing additional comments received in January 2020 and expect to submit updated Management Plans between March and April 2020 including:

- Noise Management Plan
- Blast Management Plan
- Air Quality Greenhouse Gas Management Plan and
- Water Management Plan

BTM Water Strategy

The Water Management Strategy was approved by DPIE. However the three mines continue to work with a groundwater expert to address Natural Resource Access Regulator's (NRAR) comments related to the groundwater model. Agencies agreed the action plan and timeframe proposed by the BTM mines to address and submit a revised Water strategy and an updated BTM groundwater model.

## **Annual and Compliance Reporting**

Annual Review and Annual Return Reports

Annual Review (AR) report for 2019 is due for submission by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The next Annual Return 2019 was submitted before 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Annual Compliance EPBC statement

Annual Compliance EPBC statement for will be prepared and submitted in Q2 2020.

# Compliance Audit- EPBC

In January 2020, the company Environmental Resources Management (ERM) was commissioned and approved by Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE) to conduct a compliance audit. The audit report showed that TCM complied with all the conditions specified in the approval (EPBC 2011/5923).

## Approval and Licencing

Mining Operations Plan (MOP) Amendment E that includes minor changes essential from a mine planning and safety aspect was approved in January 7.

Early January, the EPA approved a Variation of Environment Protection Licence (EPL12365). This Variation addresses recent monitoring network changes.

TCM submitted a Modification of Project Approval (PA11\_0047) regarding "temporary water haulage" and DPIE is currently assessing it. The Modification do not propose to change the mining operation or any components of the mine itself, nor will materially alter the operational workforce.



# Environmental Improvement and Initiatives

#### **Dust Management**

TCM have engaged the company Dust a Side to provide advice and solution to minimise potential fugitive dust generated by exposed surfaces such as haul roads. Since end of April 2018, TCM have been monitoring the results and trying to improve the spraying and mixing techniques. The product used is totally organic, has no corrosive chloride compounds, and is environmentally friendly and readily biodegradable. Usage of that product on mine haul truck roads is ongoing.

#### Water Management

TCM and Dust a Side investigate options and products to reduce water used for dust mitigation.

#### Noise Management

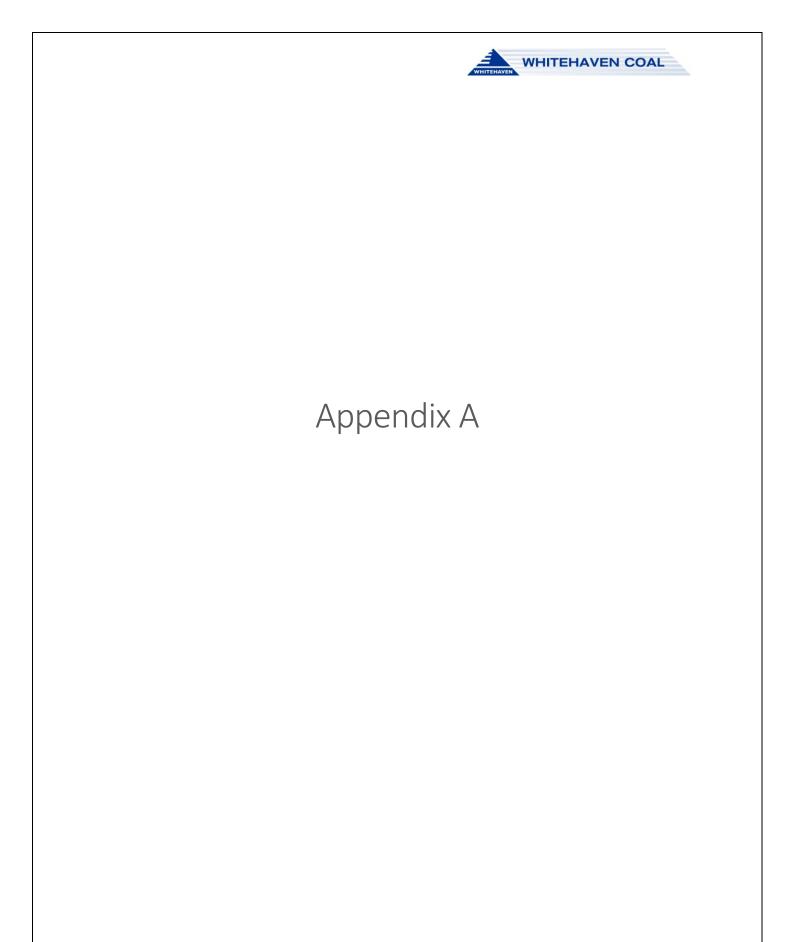
The portable noise monitor was relocated few hundreds meter away from farming/ grazing activity zone at Coomalgah and a new fence was installed around it.

#### Rehabilitation

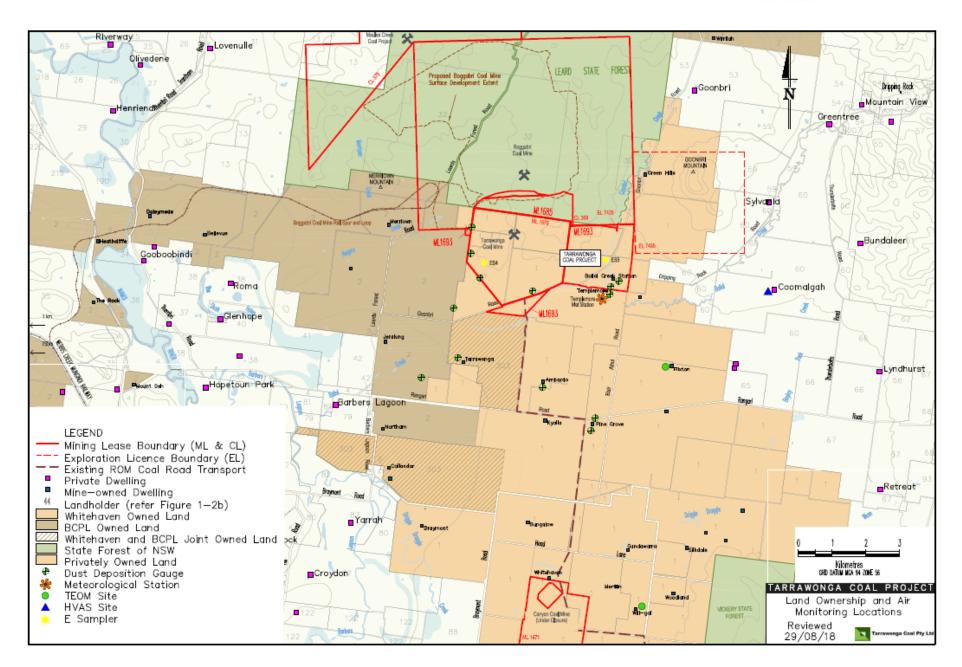
TCM continues to use an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) to water the rehabilitated areas and the trees recently planted. In 2018, that initiative allowed to achieve a high survival rate despite prolonged dry weather condition.



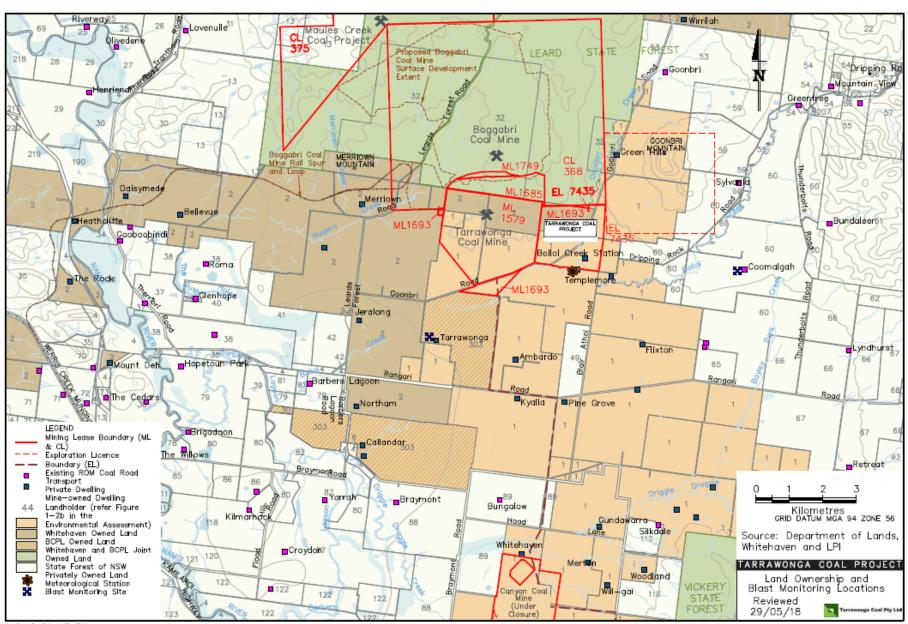
ATV used in the rehabilitation areas





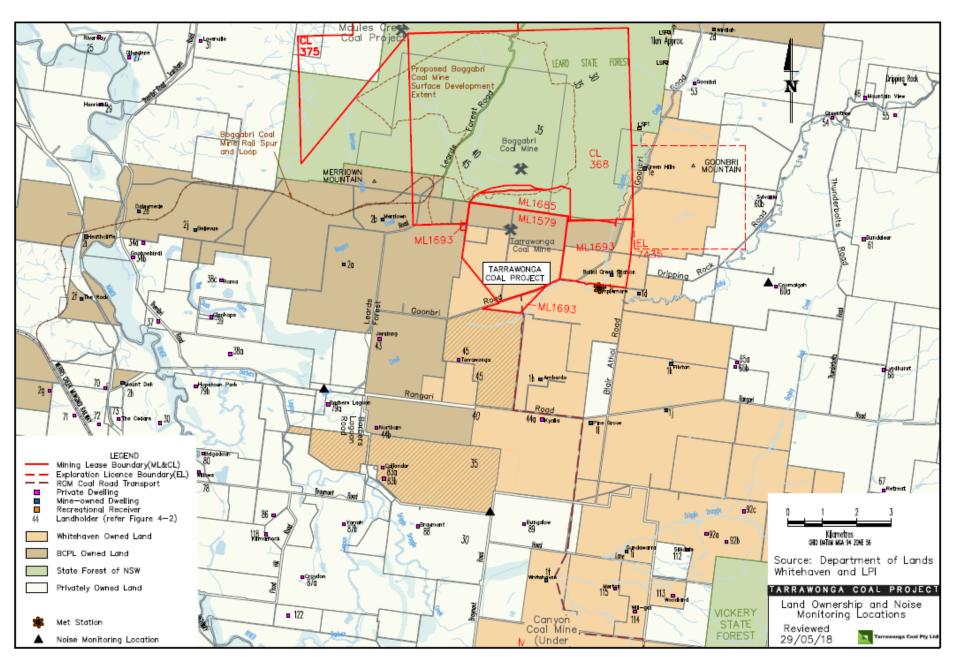




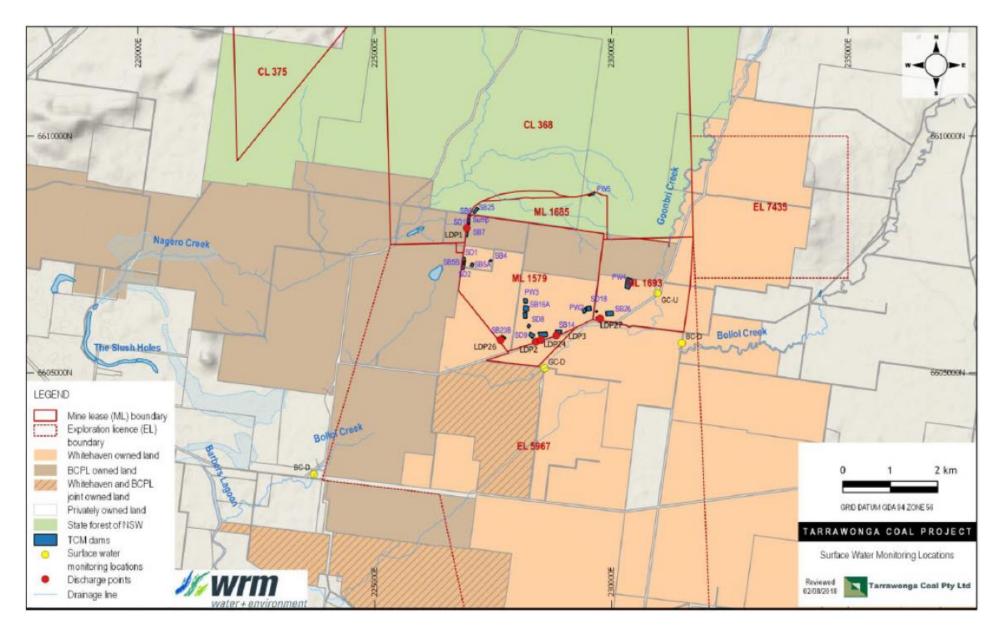


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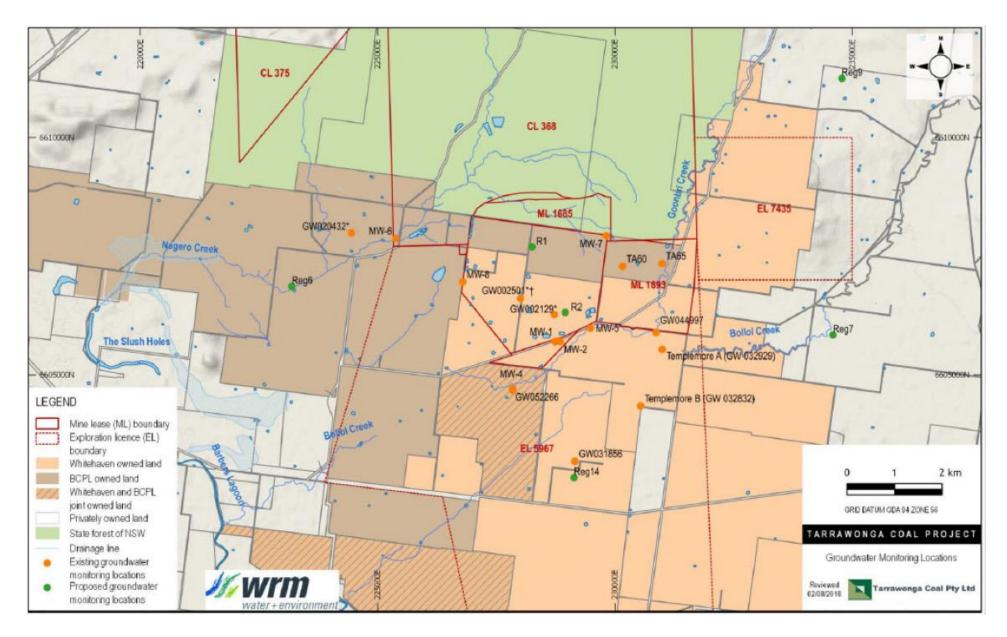








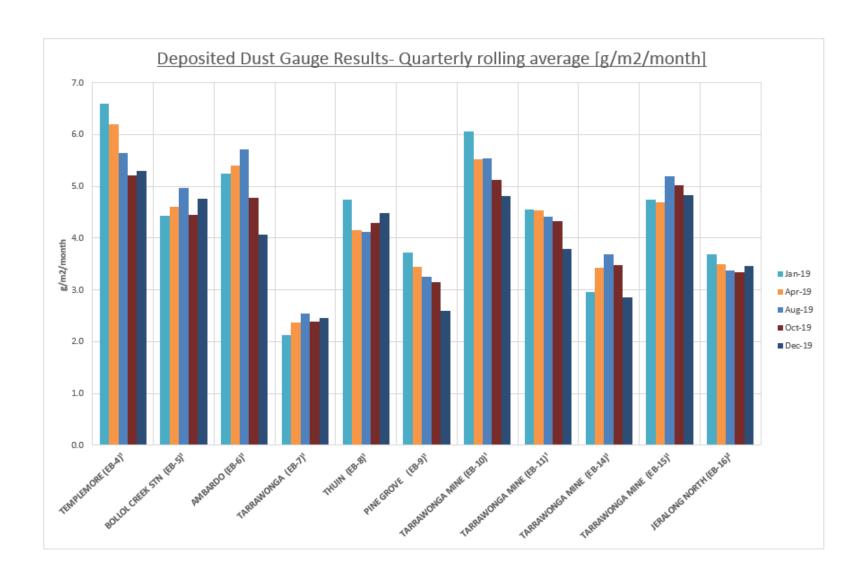


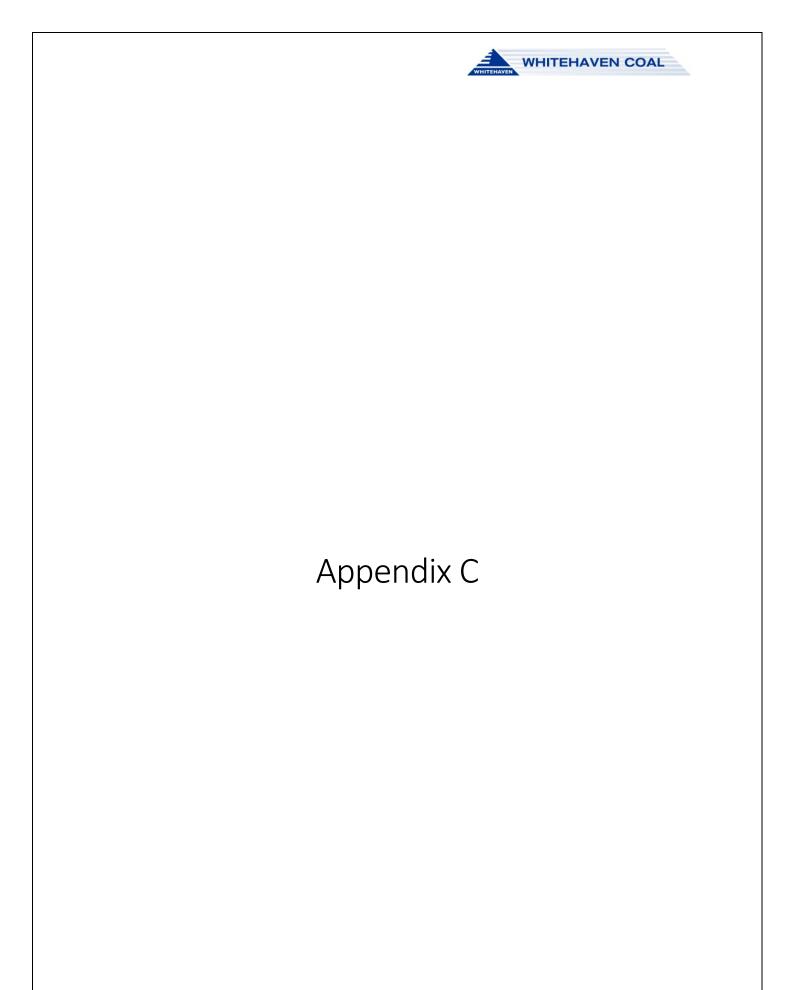




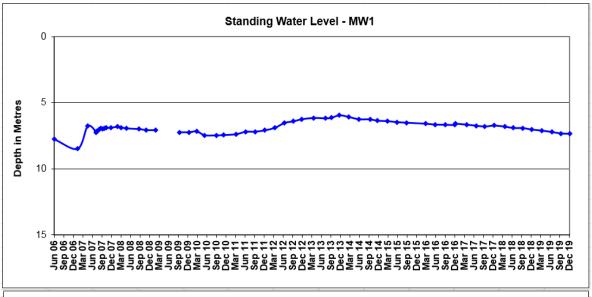
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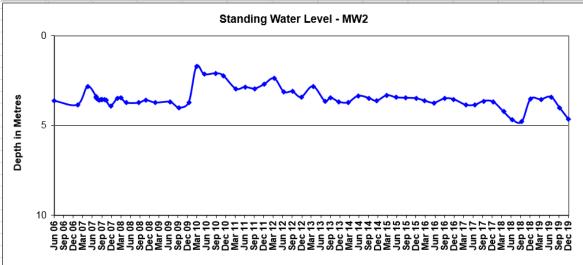


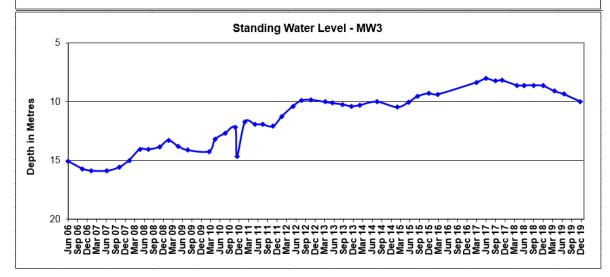




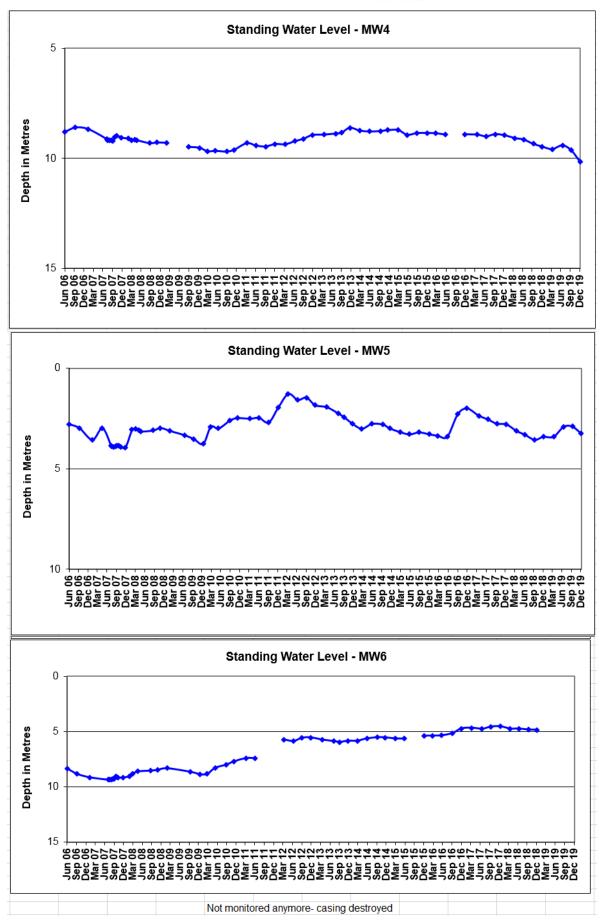




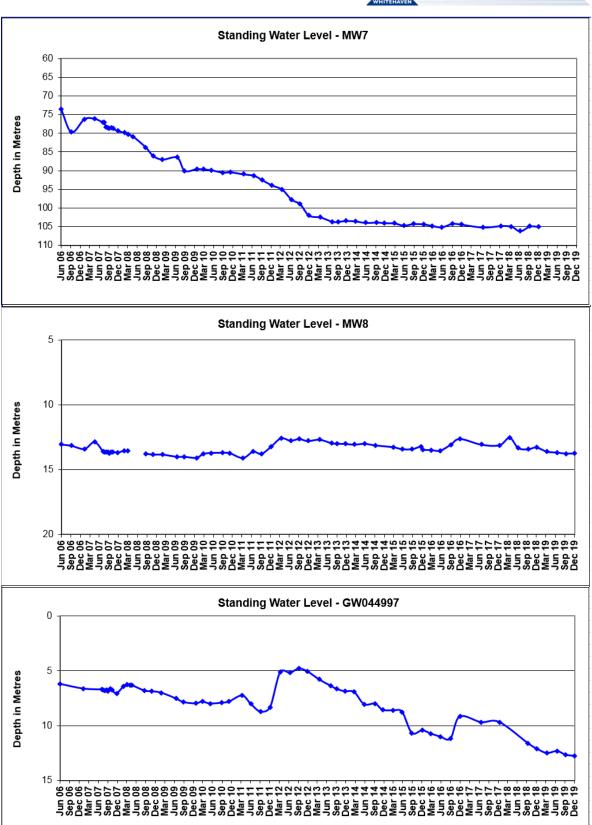




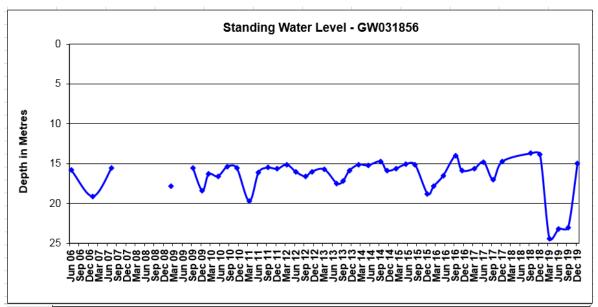


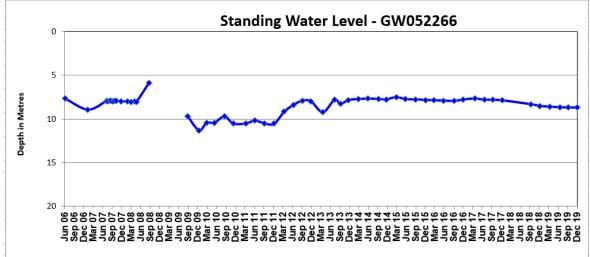


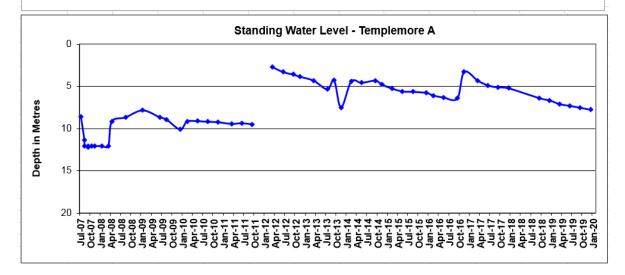




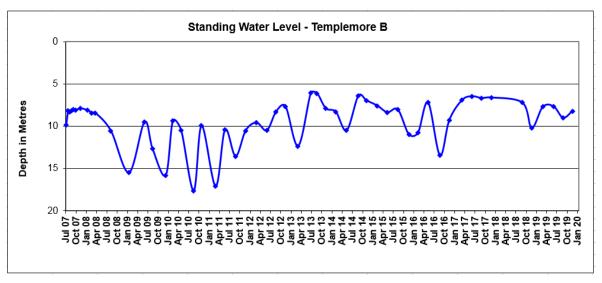












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Venue	Tarrawonga Coal Mine (TCM), meeting room		
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1. Present and	Present:		
Apologies	Mr David Ross (DR)- Independent Chairman,		
	Mr Robert Hooke (RH), Gunnedah Shire		
	council Representative		
	Mrs Cath Collyer (CC), Community		
	Representative,		
	Mr John Hamson (JHa), Operations Manager-		
	TCM,		
	Mr Sebastien Moreno (SM)- Environmental		
	Superintendent- TCM,		
	Apologies:	DR- to contact NSC and confirm	
	Mr Andrew Johns (AJ), Gunnedah Shire	the name of CCC member	
	Council Representative.	alternate when Cameron an	
	Mr Cameron Staines (CS), Narrabri Shire	apology.	
	council Representative,		
	Mrs Colleen Fuller (CF), Community		
	Representative,		
	Mrs Rebecca Ryan (RR)- Community		
	Representative,		
	Mr David Moses (DM), Gunnedah Shire		
	council Representative		
	Mrs Julie Heiler (JH), Community		
	Representative,		

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2. Declaration of Pecuniary or Non- Pecuniary Interests	DR- declared that he is paid a fee for participation as Independent Chairman		
3. Previous Minutes Actions	JHa- queried whether JH will continue to be attending TCCC meeting.	DR- to discuss with JH to confirm her position regarding her role as CCC member.	complete
	DR- Annual review report to discuss CCC meeting performance and format.	DR- to prepare an annual review report and CCC Members to review, prepare questions and share ideas at the next meeting	
4. Business Arising	CC- asked about replacement for Community and External relations Group Manager to attend TCM CCC meeting.		
	JHa- Darren Swain was promoted Community Group Manager with a strong focus on MCCM and VEP but WHC is also seeking a second Community Group Manager. The accountabilities between those two Group Managers and the new Community and External relation structure has still to be confirmed. No update		

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5. Mine Progress	ЈНа:
Report	- On track with production rate despite more
•	than 300mm rains recorded onsite since
	January,
	-Safety- LTI free-YTD 472 days,
	-Some of the upcoming projects include:
	- Enlargement of dams
	- Reshaping the Southern Emplacement
	area and start rehabilitation of that section
	- ~ 10 operators left TCM and now TCM is
	recruiting.
	RH- What are the requirement to apply?
	JHa- as a minimum candidates must hold a
	Green 'P'.
	TCM is also developing new programs in that
	space:
	-a new traineeship program for local
	candidates (i.e.: from NSC and GSC),
	-a crib relief program for people who look for
	a part-time or casual position. Those
	programs are awaiting for a final approval
	from executive management.

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6. Environmental	SM:		
Monitoring report	-Read and explained the Quarterly		
	Environmental Report results.		
	- advised that revised EMPs will be submitted		
	in 2020,		
	- MOP E was approved in January 2020,		
	- Compliance EPBC Audit was conducted in		
	January 2020,		
	-MOD8 (temporary trucking water) was		
	waiting for approval and MOD7 (LOM) to be		
	submitted in 2020,		
	- More than 300mm of rains was recorded		
	onsite since beginning of the year. Most of the		
	dams are full.		
	- Annual Return was submitted and Annual		
	Review report is due for end of March 2020.		
	DPIE advised that elevated PM10 recorded on		
	day of 'adverse weather', were not to be		
	considered in calculation of PM10 annual		
	average.		
7. General business	CC- expressed her desire to step down from	DR- To start process to recruit	
7. General business	her role with TCCC but once her replacement	new CCC Members and find a	
	has been completed.	replacement for CC.	
	nas occii compicted.	replacement for CC.	
	JHa- WHC GM Open Cut Operations wants		
	to attend one of TCCC or BTM-CCC		
	to attend one of Teec of BTM-CCC		

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	meetings.	
8.Complaints	SM- no Complaint received since last CCC meeting.	
9. Next Meeting and Other Comments	DR: -next TCCC meetings will be held on 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 12 <sup>th</sup> August and 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 -next BTM CCC meetings to be held 14 <sup>th</sup> May and 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2020.	



### Tarrawonga Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee Meeting #60

Quarterly Environmental Monitoring Report Feb 1 – April 30, 2020



Photo taken in March 2020 in a section of the southern emplacement area showing trees planted in 2019.

This report has been prepared for the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting to show Environmental monitoring performance at Tarrawonga Coal Mine (TCM) for the reporting period from February 1 2020 to April 30, 2020. Maps with all the monitoring locations are available in *Appendix A*.



## Noise Monitoring

Attended noise monitoring was conducted at the "Bungalow" (TN4), "Barbers Lagoon" (TN3) and "Matong" (TN2) properties from 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The noise criterion for the mine is 35dB(A) Leq (15 min) for all operating times.

The results below show that noise emissions from the mine did not exceed the operational noise criterion at the "Barbers Lagoon", "Bungalow" or "Matong" monitoring locations during the monitoring event during the entire monitoring period.

(See below summary tables extracted from Wilkinson Murray report -19360-T-03-(Q1 2020)).

Table 4-1 Comparison of noise levels between TN2 and 573b Coomalgah

Date		Noise Limits	TN2 Mine L <sub>Aeq</sub> Noise Level (dB)	573b Coom Mine Lacq Noise I	_
	Time	LA <sub>eq,15</sub> min	Measured Mine Contribution	Commensurate Mine Compliance Level	Exceedance
	10:04	35	36	27	0
	10:20	35	33	24	0
	10:33	35	32	23	0
	10:50	35	30	21	0
	11:05	35	29	20	0
02/03/2020	21:32	35	<30	<21	0
	21:45	35	<30	<21	0
	22:00	35	33	24	0
	22:15	35	<30	<21	0
	22:30	35	<30	<21	0
	22:45	35	<30	<21	0
	21:29	35	<18 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	<9 (I/A)	0
	21:46	35	<23 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	<14 (I/A)	0
03/03/2020	22:01	35	<30	<21	0
	22:17	35	<30	<21	0
	22:32	35	<28	<19	0

Date		Noise Limits	TN2 Mine Lacq Noise Level (dB)	573b Coomalgah Mine L <sub>Aeq</sub> Noise Level (dB)		
	Time	LA <sub>eq,15</sub> min	Measured Mine Contribution	Commensurate Mine Compliance Level	Exceedance	
	22:47	35	<28	<19	0	
	11:42	35	<19 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	<10 (I/A)	0	
	11:53	35	<25	<16	0	
	12:09	35	<25	<16	0	
	12:24	35	<25	<16	0	
04/03/2020	12:39	35	<25	<16	0	
	12:55	35	<25	<16	0	
-	21:31	35	<30	<21	0	
-	21:45	35	<30	<21	0	
	22:01	35	<30	<21	0	
05/03/2020	21:36	35	<33	<24	0	

Where mine noise was inaudible throughout the entire measurement, it is assumed that the contribution is less than 10dB below the measured LAGO.

Table 4-3 Summary of noise assessment at TN3

		Noise Limits	TN3 Mine L <sub>Aeq</sub> Noise Level (dB)			
Date	Time	LA <sub>eq,15</sub> min	Measured Mine Contribution	Additional LF Penalty	Exceedance	
_	14:46	35	<19 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0	
-	15:01	35	<17 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0	
	15:18	35	<19 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0	
02/03/2020 =	15:32	35	<22 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0	
	18:58	35	< 30	-	0	
	19:13	35	<18 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0	
02/02/2020 -	01:30	35	32	-	0	
03/03/2020 -	01:45	35	32	-	0	
_	10:03	35	<22 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0	
	10:26	35	<25 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0	
04/00/0000	10:42	35	<30	-	0	
04/03/2020 =	11:13	35	<22 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0	
_	19:45	35	<22 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0	
	01:40	35	<30	-	0	
	14:11	35	32	-	0	
05/03/2020 -	14:26	35	32	-	0	
	20:17	35	33	-	0	
	23:43	35	<30	-	0	

Where mine noise was inaudible throughout the entire measurement, it is assumed that the contribution is less than 10 dB below the measured Lago.



Table 4-5 Summary of noise assessment at TN4

		Noise Limits		TN4			
Date	Time		Mine Lacq Noise Level (dB)				
Dute	111110	14	Measured Mine	Additional	Exceedance		
		LA <sub>eq</sub> ,15 min	Contribution	LF Penalty	Exceedance		
	20:39	35	<28 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
	20:52	35	<27 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
02/02/2020	23:27	35	<24 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
02/03/2020 -	23:43	35	<25 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
	23:58	35	<24 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
	00:13	35	<24 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
	20:43	35	<32 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
	20:52	35	<33 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
02/02/2020	23:22	35	<30	-	0		
03/03/2020	23:37	35	<30	-	0		
	23:53	35	<30	-	0		
	00:09	35	<30	-	0		
	14:01	35	<24 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
	14:16	35	<24 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
0.4/00/0000	14:32	35	<21 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
04/03/2020	14:49	35	<19 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
	20:50	35	<29 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
	00:09	35	<28 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		
_	14:30	35	34	-	0		
05/03/2020	14:45	35	33	-	0		
_	21:30	35	<34 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0		

Where mine noise was inaudible throughout the entire measurement, it is assumed that the contribution is less than 10 dB below the measured Lago.



Noise from the mine must not exceed 45 dB(A) L1 (1 min) between 10 pm and 7 am. This is to minimise the potential for sleep disturbance as a result of individual loud noises from the mine. The results of the sleep disturbance monitoring show that the measured L1 (1 min) noise level did not exceed the sleep disturbance criterion.

Table 4-2 Comparison of maximum noise events between TN2 and 573b Coomalgah

Date	Time	Noise Limits		TN2 Mine Lamax Noise Level (dB)	573b Cooma Mine L <sub>Amax</sub> Noise L	_
		LA <sub>1,1</sub>	Noise Source	Measured Level	Commensurate Mine Compliance Level	Exceedance
	22:00	45	Engine	43	35	0
02/03/2020	22:15	45	-	NM	-	0
02/03/2020	22:30	45	-	NM	-	0
	22:45	45	-	NM	-	0
	22:01	45	-	NM	-	0
02/02/2020	22:17	45	-	NM	-	0
03/03/2020 -	22:32	45	-	NM	-	0
	22:47	45	-	NM	-	0
04/03/2020	22:01	45	-	NM	-	0

Note: NM indicates a significant maximum noise event was not observed.

Table 4-4 Summary of maximum noise events at TN3

Date	Time	Noise Limits	Mir	TN3 ne L <sub>Amax</sub> Noise Level (d	lB)
		LA <sub>1,1 min</sub>	Noise Source	Measured Level	Exceedance
00/00/0000	01:30	45	-	NM	0
03/03/2020 -	01:45	45	-	NM	0
04/03/2020	01:40	45	-	NM	0
05/03/2020	23:43	45	-	NM	0

Note: NM indicates a significant maximum noise event was not observed.



Table 4-6 Summary of maximum noise events at TN4

Date	Time	Noise Limits	TN4 Mine L <sub>Amax</sub> Noise Level (dB)				
Dute	Time	LA <sub>1,1 min</sub>	Noise Source	Measured Level	Exceedance		
	23:27	45	-	IA	0		
	23:43	45	-	IA	0		
02/03/2020 =	23:58	45	-	IA	0		
	00:13	45	-	IA	0		
	23:22	45	-	NM	0		
	23:37	45	-	NM	0		
03/03/2020 -	23:53	45	-	NM	0		
	00:09	45	-	NM	0		
04/03/2020	00:09	45	-	IA	0		

Note: NM indicates a significant maximum noise event was not observed.

The real time noise monitor located on the "Coomalgah" property remains a management tool so the noise criteria are not applicable at that site. Level of noise recorded at that location is managed according to the noise management plan.



### **Blast Monitoring**

**Blasting Results** 

Since 2006, there have been 963 blasts (until 30/04/2020) at TCM.

There has been no exceedance of criterion since the last meeting for ground vibration. There has been two exceedances of blast overpressure since the last meeting with the highest result obtained being 118.4 dB at the privately owned property Coomalgah recorded on 20/03/20, and the other recorded at the project related property Tarrawonga on the same day. The highest result for ground vibration was 1.06 mm/s recorded at the Coomalgah monitor on the same date (20/03/2020).

Note the exceedance of blast overpressure recorded at the private property Coomalgah was in accordance with conditions of:

- PA11\_0047 sch3 cond14,
- EPL12365 cond.L5.1 and L5.2,
- ML1579 cond. 11b) and
- ML1693 cond. 10b) that states: "...blast overpressure noise must not exceed 120dB and 115dB in more than 5 % of the total number of blast over 12 month ...".

The blast overpressure measured on 20<sup>th</sup> March at the privately owned property Coomalgah was the second recorded above 115 dB in 83 blasts (equivalent to ~2.4%) over 12 months therefore compliant with the approval and licences listed above.

Table- 2: Max Peak Overpressure and Ground Pressure for the Quarter

Monitor Location	Date	Max. Peak Overpressure (dB)	Criterion (dB)	Date	Max. Peak Ground Pressure (mm/s)	Criterion (mm/s)
Tarrawonga*	20/03/20	117.5	N/A	05/11/19	0.59	N/A
Coomalgah	20/03/20	118.4	120	20/03/20	1.06	10

Limit Not applicable according to EPL and PA11\_0047 because project related property.

## Air Quality Monitoring

**Dust Deposition Results** 

**Table 3** shows deposited dust gauge results over 12 months. All the monitors are located on project related land; as such compliance criteria  $(4g/m^2/month)$  do not apply. Due to significant rainfall recorded during the reporting period, overall deposited dust trends dropped (refer graph in *Appendix B*)



MONTH	TEMPLEMORE (EB-4)	BOLLOL CREEK STN (EB-5)	AMBARDO (EB-6)	TARRAWONGA (EB-7)	THUIN (EB-8)	PINE GROVE (EB-9)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-10)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-11)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-14)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-15)	JERALONG NORTH (EB-16)
Feb-19	6.4	4.7	5.4	2.3	4.9	3.7	5.4	4.6	3.4	4.8	3.7
Mar-19	6.5	4.8	5.5	2.4	4.2	3.4	5.8	4.6	3.4	4.7	3.7
Apr-19	6.2	4.6	5.4	2.4	4.2	3.4	5.5	4.5	3.4	4.7	3.5
May-19	6.3	4.7	5.5	2.4	4.1	3.4	5.5	4.5	3.5	4.8	3.3
Jun-19	6.6	4.9	5.6	2.5	4.2	3.3	5.5	4.4	3.6	5.2	3.3
Jul-19	6.9	5.0	5.7	2.5	4.2	3.2	5.6	4.3	3.6	5.2	3.4
Aug-19	5.6	5.0	5.7	2.5	4.1	3.3	5.5	4.4	3.7	5.2	3.4
Sep-19	5.4	4.9	4.9	2.5	4.2	3.2	5.4	4.3	3.6	5.1	3.3
Oct-19	5.2	4.4	4.8	2.4	4.3	3.2	5.1	4.3	3.5	5.0	3.3
Nov-19	5.3	4.4	3.9	2.4	4.3	2.9	4.6	4.2	2.9	4.8	3.3
Dec-19	5.3	4.8	4.1	2.5	4.5	2.6	4.8	3.8	2.9	4.8	3.5
Jan-20	3.5	29.5*	3.5	2.5	3.5	6.8	10.9	2.8	2.5	3.3	2
Feb-20	8.1	#	5.4	2.5	5.7	5	4.2	5.9	7.6	10.4	3.8
Mar-20	1.7	#	2.2	2	6.2	2.9	8.3	4.1	2.8	4	2.3
April-20	2.2	3.0	7.7	0.7	15.9	0.8	2.5	1.9	1.5	3.8	5.2
12 MONTH ROLLING AVERAGE	4.0	4.1	2.9	1.9	5.3	2.5	4.6	3.7	3.1	5.2	2.7

<sup>\*</sup>Sample was contaminated and analysed with an optical microscope. Results showed that coal formed less than 10% of total dust .Value was excluded in the annual rolling average.
#EB-5 site was damanged after a flooding event caused by heavy rains in February by then repaired in April. (no samples were collected for February and March).

Table 3 – Deposited Dust Gauge Results [g/m²/month]



#### High Volume Air sampler (PM10) Results

The High Volume Air Sampler (HVAS) installed at Coomalgah property monitors level of Particle Matter under 10 micron (PM $_{10}$ ). It operates for 24hr every 6 days. **Table 4** shows all the 24hr average values recorded for this quarter. Elevated levels of dust recorded were investigated and it was found that wind direction, grazing and farming activity near the monitor location were direct causes of the elevated level of dust recorded. TCM will include and discuss those results in the next Annual Review report.

Table- 4: HVAS PM10 24 hr average levels for the Quarter

Date	24hr averaged PM10 (µg/m³)	Criterion 24hr average (µg/m³)	Comments
02/02/2020	153		Determined as not mine related. Smoke/Haze noted in the field sheet. Wind gust were recorded above the 7.5m/s on that day. The real-time monitor (ES05) installed on the mine site between the pit and the HVAS recorded a PM10 24hr average of approximately 48.6 μg/m³.
08/02/2020	n/a		Filter was not replaced on that date because the site was not accessible after a heavy rainfall event.
14/02/2020	9.5		Nil
20/02/2020	35		Nil
26/02/2020	82.2		Determined as not mine related. Wind gusts coming form SW- W were recorded above 6m/s on that day. The real-time monitor (ES05) installed on the mine site between the pit and the HVAS recorded a PM10 24hr average of approximately 12.5 µg/m³.
03/03/2020	59.3		Determined as not mine related. Prevailing winds recorded were coming from E-SE on that day. The real-time monitor (ES05) installed on the mine site between the pit and the HVAS recorded a PM10 24hr average of approximately 45.3 µg/m³.
09/03/2020	6.0		Nil
15/03/2020	7.3		Nil
21/03/2020	39.3	50	Nil
27/03/2020	5.8		Nil
02/04/2020	15.4		Nil
08/04/2020	14.0		Nil
14/04/2020	16.2		Nil
20/04/2020	12.2		Nil
26/04/2020	24.2	n d \\\ \\\ \\	Nil

S=South,E=East,N=North and W=West



Real-time Air monitoring (PM10)

According to the current Air Quality and Greenhouse gas Management Plan, the real time air quality unit (TEOM) installed at the "Flixton" property monitors PM<sub>10</sub> levels in ambient air. It is an operational management tool and dust levels nearing or reaching the nominated criteria will trigger actions onsite to assess the source of dust and modify operations if it is determined to be related to Tarrawonga operations.

#### TEOM installed at Flixton property

Three portable dust (PM<sub>10</sub>) monitors have improved the real-time dust monitoring network and assist the operation to mitigate any potential dust generated by the operation.



Portable and real-time dust monitor installed at TCM in November 2018



## Water Monitoring

Groundwater

Routine groundwater monitoring was undertaken in March 2020 and showed in **Table 5** (refer to graphs in *Appendix C*). Most of the bores water level is trending up.

**Table 5- Groundwater results Summary** 

Site	Date	SWL (mbgl)	pH (units)	Elect. Conductivity (μS/cm)
MW1	March 2019	7.78	8.1	3,430
	June 2019	7.22	8.0	3,320
	September 2019	7.32	8.0	3,440
	December 2019	7.35	8.0	3,510
	March 2020	7.36	8.0	3,520
MW2				
	March 2019	4.34	7.1	560
	June 2019	3.41	7.0	461
	September 2019	4.01	6.9	530
	December 2019	4.65	7.1	560
	March 2020	3.15	7.6	496
MW3				
	March 2019	9.1	7.87	2,050
	June 2019	9.35	7.76	2,129
	November 2019	9.98	7.85	2,097
	March 2020	9.59	7.58	2,102
MW4				
	March 2019	9.58	7.2	4,840
	June 2019	9.41	7.3	3,860
	September 2019	9.62	7.4	3,460
	December 2019	10.14	7.3	3,530
	March 2020	10.46	7.7	3,600
MW5				
	March 2019	3.41	7.9	1,240
	June 2019	2.91	7.6	1292
	September 2019	2.90	7.8	2,100
	December 2019	3.25	7.8	2,080
	March 2020	2.41	7.8	874
MW7				
	March 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
	June 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
	September 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
	December 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
	March 2020	104.9	slime	slime
MW8				
	March 2019	13.66	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	June 2019	13.69	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	September 2019	13.77	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	December 2019	13.76	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	March 2020	13.76	Casing blocked	Casing blocked

MW3 is located on BCM lease and has been removed from the EPL12365 in January 2020. MW6 casing was damaged in 2019 and has not been replaced repaired todate. MW7 was not accessible during the March groundwater sampling run due to



Surface Water

Water storage inventory is estimated to be approximately for 12 months.

Due to significant rainfall events experienced in February 2020, sediment dam SD2 wall failed and TCM released water to the south west boundary with BCM. Agencies were notified and EPA came to site to inspect the dam. TCM prepared an investigation report and supplied information requested. EPA assessed the information and concluded TCM failed to comply therefore issued a Penalty Notice.

According to the BTM Complex strategy, water sharing opportunity is continuously discussed between the three mines. TCM continue assessing options to source additional water in order to maintain the mine in operation in the long run.

## Rehabilitation and Clearing

Rehabilitation

Operations and Environmental departments work together to develop and implement a more efficient rehabilitation program. The aim is to enhance the quantity of areas rehabilitated.

TCM is currently assessing proposal from tree planting contractors to commence the planting campaign 2020. Rehabilitation activities are expected to take place before June and species targeted include Eucalyptus albens, Eucalyptus blakelyi, Eucalyptus crebra, Eucalyptus melliodora, Eucalyptus pilligaensis, Eucalyptus populanea, Eucalyptus macrocarpa, Eucalyptus Melanophloia, Eucalyptus Crebra, Eucalyptus Dealbata and Eucalyptus Dwyeriand.

A small scale trial (i.e. bud bank trial) was conducted during tree clearing activities 2020. The objective of the trial was to employ soil handling techniques targeted at achieving good establishment of woody plants from the bud bank, and compare these with the establishment using current soil handling techniques.

#### Clearing

Approximately 29Ha of vegetation were cleared between February and April 2020 under the supervision of a qualified ecologist and in accordance with the current MOP and Biodiversity Management Plan.

## Complaints

No complaint was received during the quarterly period.



## **Environmental Management Plans**

TCM addressed DPIE comments received in January 2020 and submited a new Draft Water Management Plan at the end of March. TCM is reviewing and will submit other updated Management Plans shortly including:

- Noise Management Plan
- Blast Management Plan and
- Air Quality Greenhouse Gas Management Plan

#### BTM Water Strategy

The Water Management Strategy was approved by DPIE. However the three mines continue to work with a groundwater expert to address Natural Resource Access Regulator's (NRAR) comments related to the groundwater model. Agencies agreed the action plan and timeframe proposed by the BTM mines to address and submit a revised Water strategy and an updated BTM groundwater model.

## Annual and Compliance Reporting

#### Annual Review

The Annual Review 2019 was submitted to DPIE in March 2020. DPIE advised they were satisfied with the report that has been uploaded on WHC website.

#### Annual Compliance EPBC statement

TCM is preparing the Annual Compliance EPBC statement that will be submitted to the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (DAWE, formerly DoEE) in June 2020.

### Approval and Licencing

TCM submitted a Modification of Project Approval (PA11\_0047) regarding "temporary water haulage" and it is currently being assessed. The Modification do not propose to change the mining operation or any components of the mine itself, nor will materially alter the operational workforce.

TCM submitted a Modification of Project Approval (PA11\_0047) regarding the Life of Mine that includes:

- Increase ROM production to 3.5MT pa,
- Reduction of the pit extend,
- Upper Namoi Alluvial Aquifer not mined,
- Goonbri Creek and road not realigned.



## Environmental Improvement and Initiatives

#### **Dust Management**

TCM have engaged the company Dust a Side to provide advice and solution to minimise potential fugitive dust generated by exposed surfaces such as haul roads. Since end of April 2018, TCM have been monitoring the results and trying to improve the spraying and mixing techniques. The product used is totally organic, has no corrosive chloride compounds, and is environmentally friendly and readily biodegradable. Usage of that product on mine haul truck roads is ongoing.

#### Water Management

TCM and Dust A Side investigate options and products to reduce water used for dust mitigation.

#### Noise Management

The portable noise monitor was relocated few hundreds meter away from farming/ grazing activity zone at Coomalgah and a new fence was installed around it.

#### Rehabilitation

TCM continue to use an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) to water the rehabilitated areas and the trees recently planted. In 2018, that initiative allowed to achieve a high survival rate despite prolonged dry weather condition.

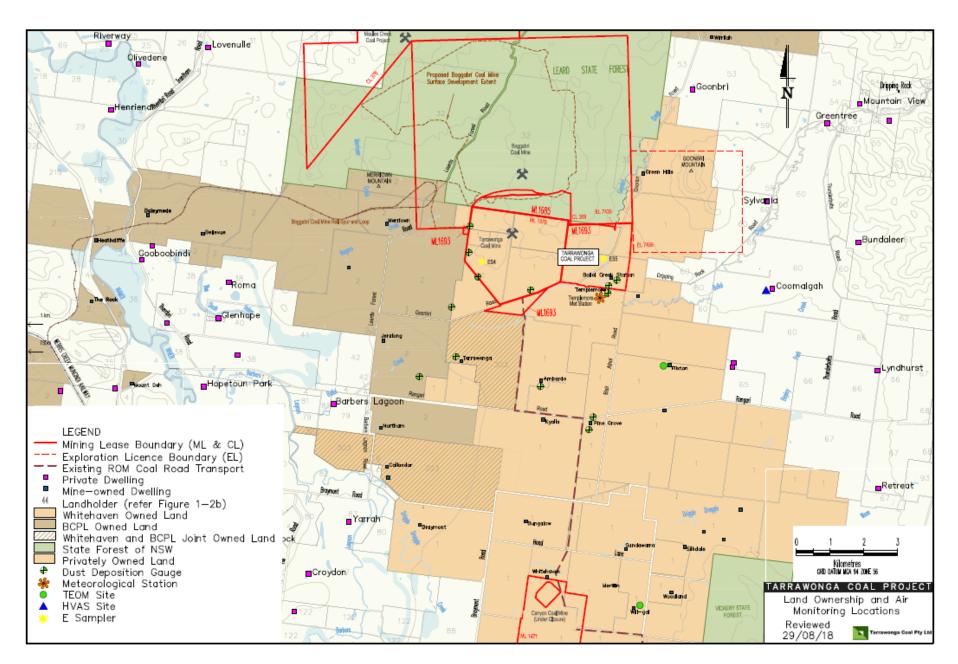


ATV used in the rehabilitation areas

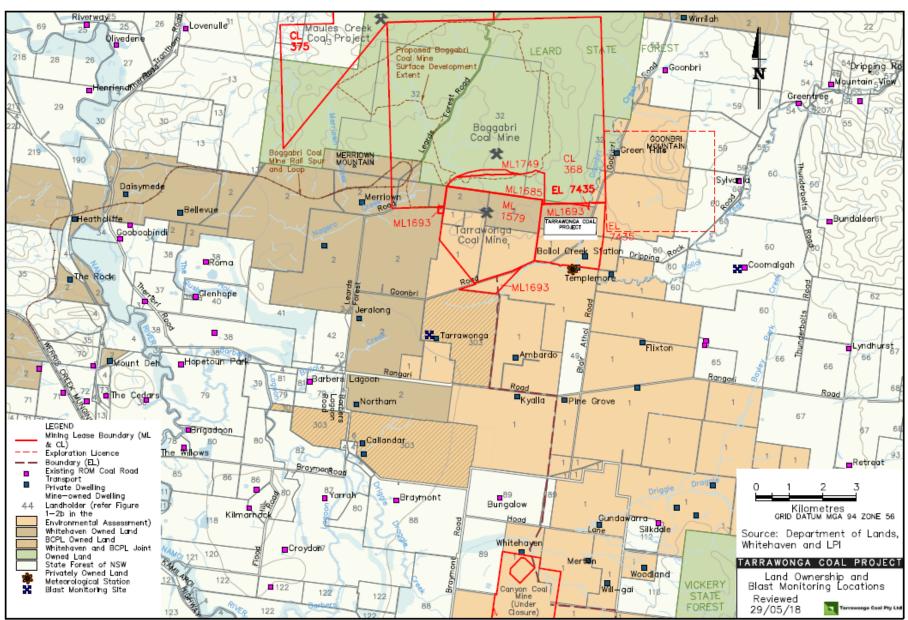


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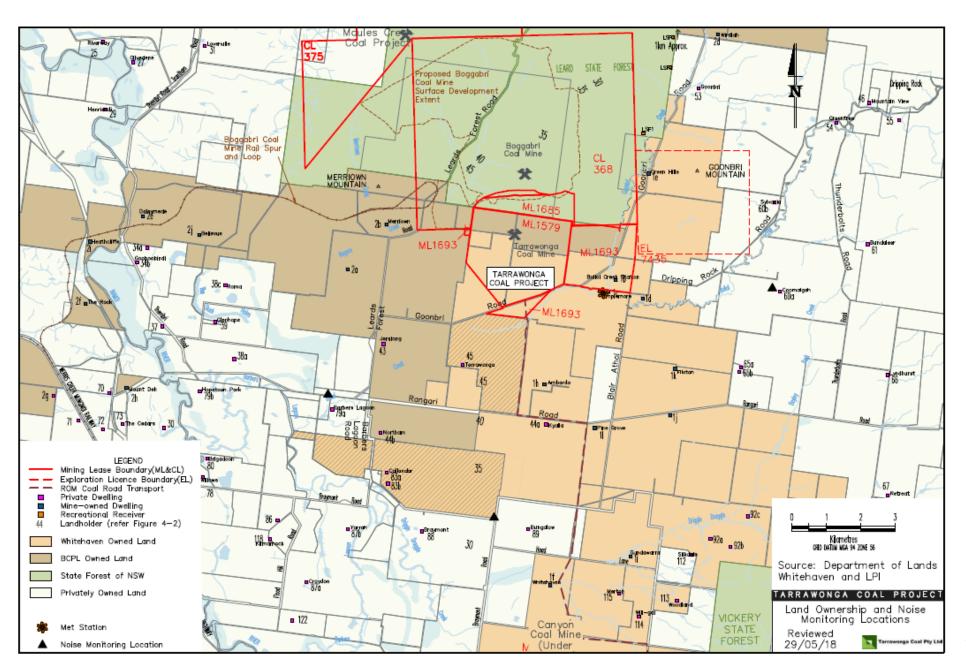




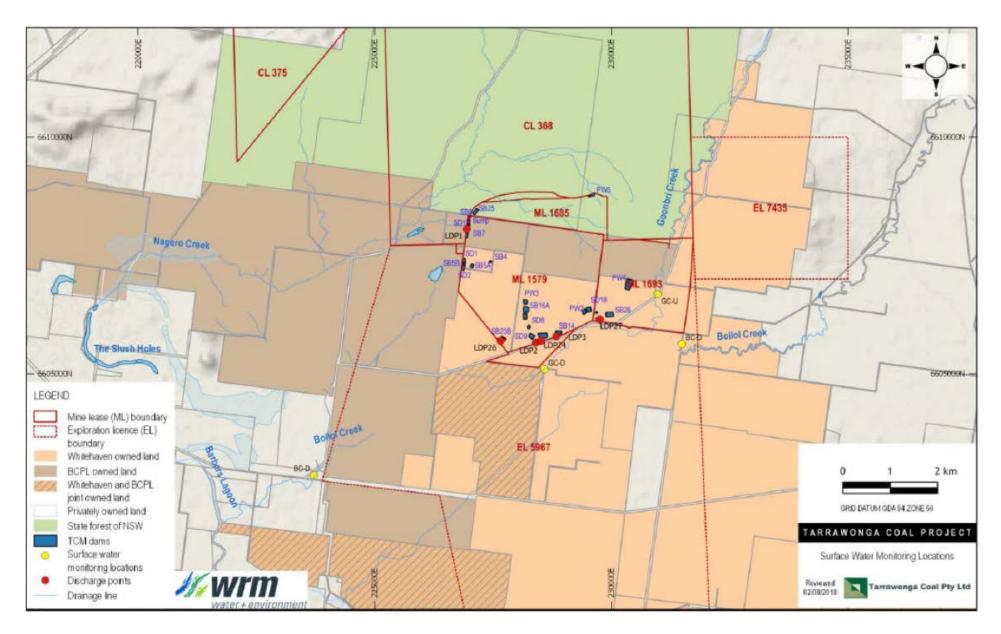


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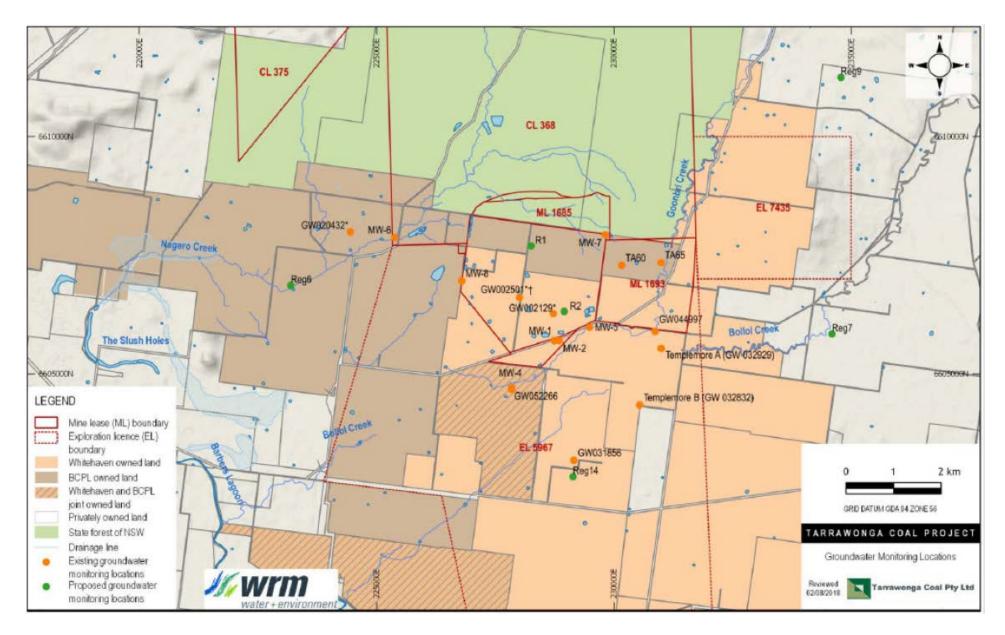










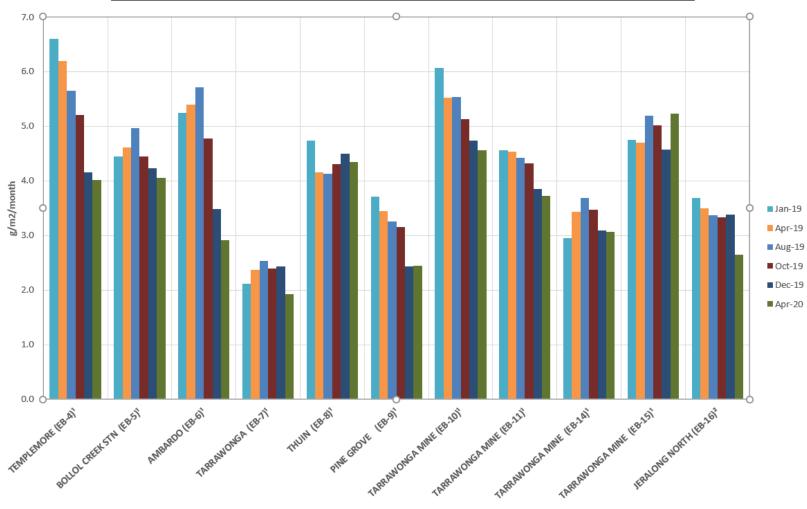


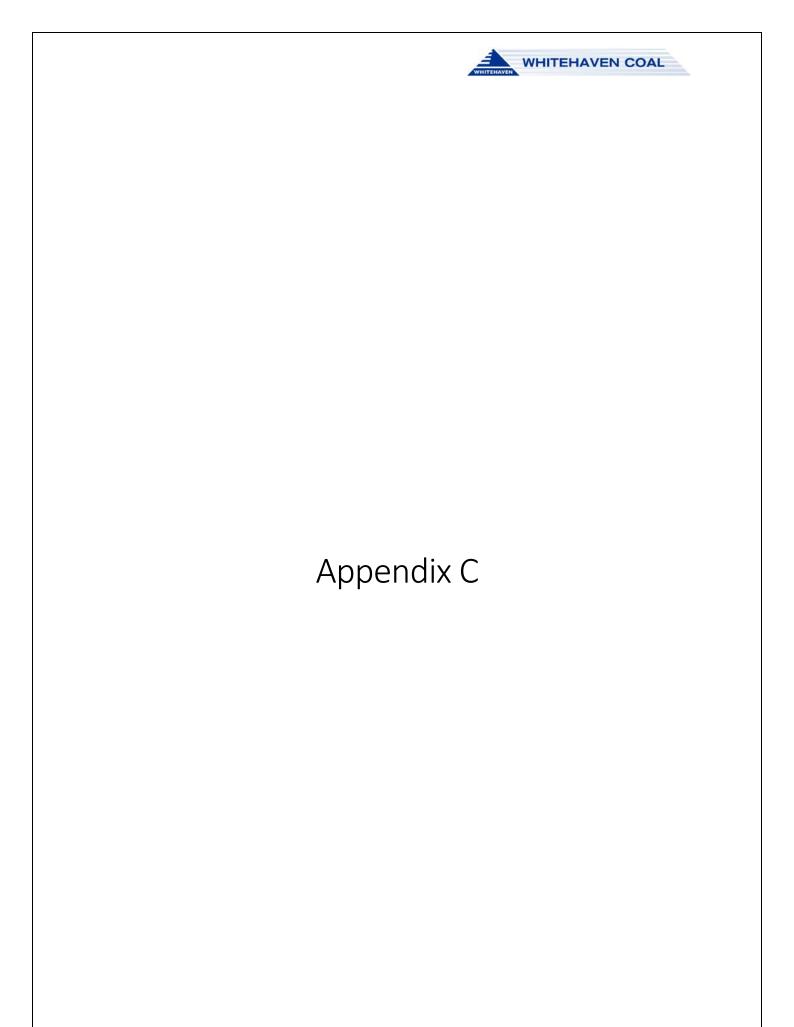


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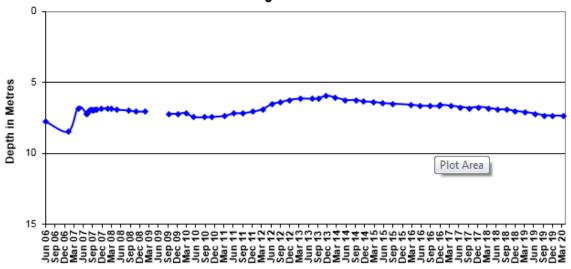




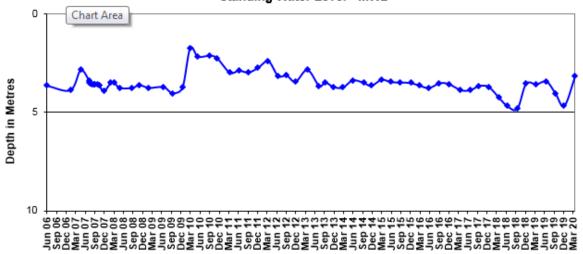




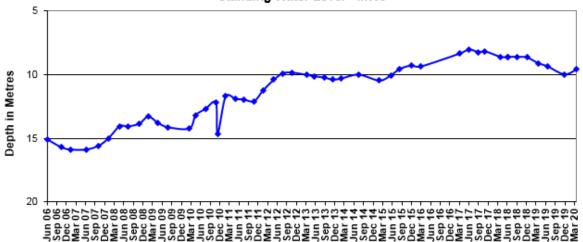
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#### Standing Water Level - MW2

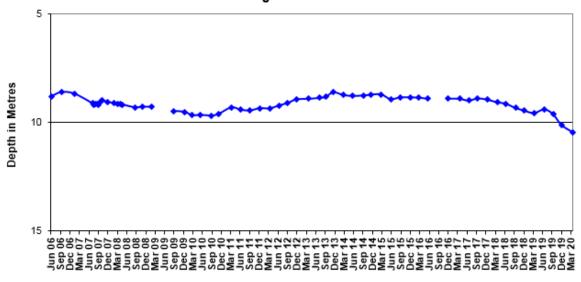


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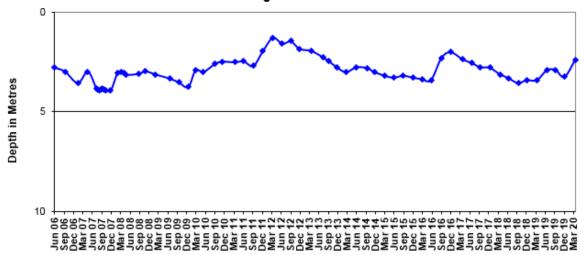




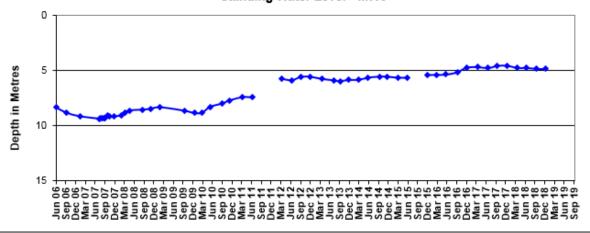
#### Standing Water Level - MW4



#### Standing Water Level - MW5



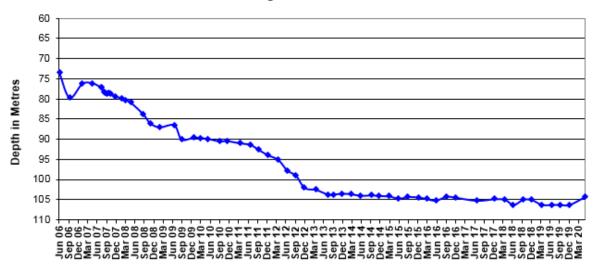
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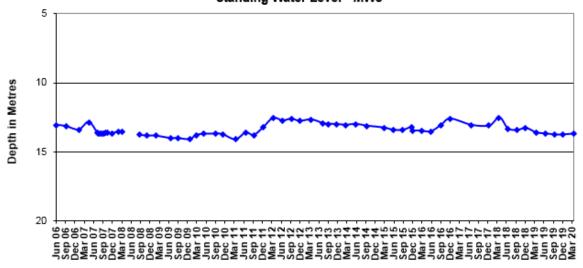
Bore casing broken in 2019



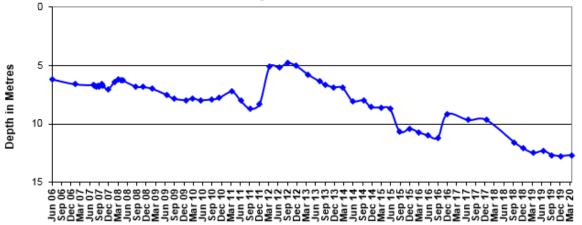
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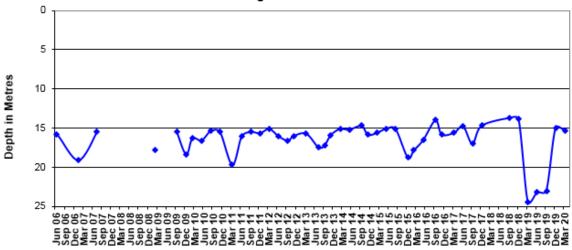


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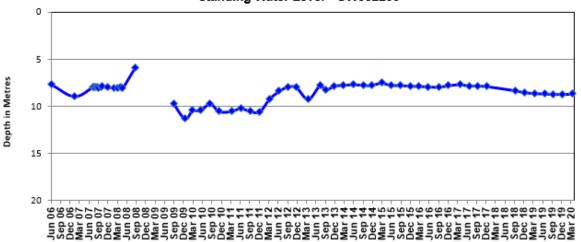




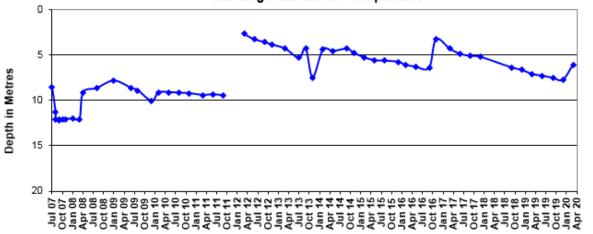
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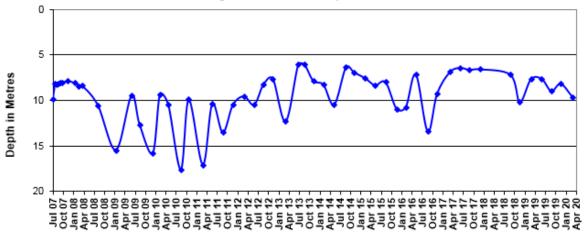


#### Standing Water Level - Templemore A





#### Standing Water Level - Templemore B





Meeting Held

13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 between 10:00AM- 11:15 AM

Venue

Via Video conference

Agenda Item

Discussion and Description

Action and Accountability

Status/ Date

1. Present and	Present:	SM- introduced Maddi to	
Apologies	Mr David Ross (DR)- Independent Chairman,	the CCC members	
	Mr Robert Hooke (RH), Gunnedah Shire		
	council Representative		
	Mrs Colleen Fuller (CF), Community		
	Representative,		
	Mrs Cath Collyer (CC),		
	Community Representative,		
	Mrs Rebecca Ryan (RR)-		
	Community Representative,		
	Mr David Moses (DM), Gunnedah Shire		
	council Representative		
	Mr Andrew Johns (AJ), Gunnedah		
	Shire Council Representative.		
	Lloyd Finlay (LF), Narrabri Shire council		
	Representative,		
	Mr John Hamson (JHa), Operations		
	Manager-TCM,		
	Mr Sebastien Moreno (SM)-		
	Environmental Superintendent- TCM,		
	Maddi Wright (MW),		
	Environmental Graduate-TCM		



Meeting Held

13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 between 10:00AM- 11:15 AM

Venue

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2. Declaration of Pecuniary or Non-	Apologies: Mr Cameron Staines (CS), Narrabri Shire council Representative, Mrs Julie Heiler (JH), Community Representative, DR- declared that he is paid a fee for participation as Independent Chairman.		
Pecuniary Interests	LF- leases lands from WHC		
3. Previous Minutes Actions	DR- regarding alternate members to represent NSC.	DR- to contact General Manager from NSC and confirm if LF could join TCCC as an alternate member.	
	CC- expressed her desire to step down from her role with TCCC but once her replacement has been completed.	DR- to start process to recruit new CCC Members and find a replacement for CC.	
	DR- Annual review report to discuss CCC meeting performance and format.	DR- to prepare an annual review report and CCC Members to review, prepare questions and share ideas at the next meeting	



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4. Business Arising	DR- asked JHa to share with the CCC how	
	Covid-19 may have affected the business	
	JHa- advised Resource Regulator conducted	
	several audits and found TCM was leading	
	the way in NSW in term of early	
	implementation of measures onsite, i.e.	
	± ′	
	-Hand sanitizer for everyone	
	-Temperature checks	
	-Wipes for the vehicles	
	-Maintaining social distancing at prestart	
	-Informative stickers in vehicles and	
	around site, etc	
	As to date there were no infected people	
	onsite. Few had symptoms and were removed	
	from site but did not test positive.	
	Despite particular covid-19 climate,	
	attendance to work has been high.	
	attendance to work has been mgn.	
	CF- congratulated all the effort made by the	
	mine to implement those measures	



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5. Mine Progress Report	JHa: - On track with production rate - Safety- LTI free-YTD 520 days, - Preparation of FY budgets - Enough water stored onsite after rainfall	
	recorded since beginning of year  -CC- asked if the traineeship program for local candidates will be at TCM only,  JHa- responded similar programs should be available with other WHC sites including MCCM and WCM.	
6. Environmental	SM:	
Monitoring report	-Read and explained the Quarterly Environmental Report results advised that an updated Water Management Plan (Version 6) was submitted in March and other EMPs will be submitted in 2020, - MOD7 (LOM) and MOD8 (temporary trucking water) were submitted to DPIE and are waiting for approval,	



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	- Discussed sediment dam (SD2) incident after a ~1:500 years flood event.	
	- Annual Return was submitted in March and	
	Annual Review report was reviewed by DPIE	
	and it is available on WHC website.	
7. General business	CCC members – asked why mines offset	
	properties that are good for grazing- cropping are used for rehabilitation purposes,	
	DR- advised this question to be raised with	
	DPIE at the next joint BTM CCC meeting	
	CCC members - no additional comments	
8.Complaints	SM- no Complaint received since last CCC	
	meeting.	
9. Next Meeting and	DR:	
Other Comments	-next TCCC meetings will be held 12 <sup>th</sup>	
	August and 28th October 2020	
	-next BTM CCC meetings to be held 29 <sup>th</sup>	
	October 2020.	



### Tarrawonga Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee Meeting #61

Quarterly Environmental Monitoring Report May 1 – July 30, 2020



Photo taken in July 2020 in a section of the Northern emplacement area that has been recently rehabilitated.

This report has been prepared for the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting to show Environmental monitoring performance at Tarrawonga Coal Mine (TCM) for the reporting period from May 1 2020 to July 30, 2020. Maps with all the monitoring locations are available in *Appendix A*.

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## Noise Monitoring

Attended noise monitoring was conducted at the "Bungalow" (TN4), "Barbers Lagoon" (TN3) and "Matong" (TN2) properties from 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2019. The noise criterion for the mine is 35dB(A) Leq (15 min) for all operating times.

The results below show that noise emissions from the mine did not exceed the operational noise criterion at the "Barbers Lagoon", "Bungalow" or "Matong" monitoring locations during the monitoring event during the entire monitoring period.

(See below summary tables extracted from Wilkinson Murray report -19360-T-04-(Q2 2020)).

Table 4-1 Comparison of noise levels between TN2 and 573b Coomalgah

Date	Time	Noise Limits	TN2 Mine Lacq Noise Level (dB)	573b Coomalgah Mine Lacq Noise Level (dB)	
	Time	LA <sub>eq,15 min</sub>	Measured Mine Contribution	Commensurate Mine Compliance Level	Exceedance
	10:35	35	20	11	0
	10:50	35	22	13	0
	21:21	35	22	13	0
00/05/2020	21:39	35	22	13	0
09/06/2020	22:00	35	<20	<11	0
	22:16	35	<20	<11	0
	22:31	35	<20	<11	0
	22:46	35	<20	<11	0
	10:03	35	<19 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	<10 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0
	10:19	35	<18 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	<9 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0
	10:35	35	<17 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	<8 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0
10/05/2020	21:20	35	17	8	0
10/06/2020 =	21:36	35	<20	<11	0
	22:00	35	19	10	0
	22:15	35	22	13	0
-	22:31	35	24	15	0



Date		Noise Limits	TN2 Mine L <sub>Aeq</sub> Noise Level (dB)	573b Coomalgah Mine L <sub>Aeq</sub> Noise Level (dB)	
	Time	LA <sub>eq,15 min</sub>	Measured Mine Contribution	Commensurate Mine Compliance Level	Exceedance
	22:47	35	23	14	0
	09:49	35	<14 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	<3 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0
	10:04	35	<25	<16	0
	10:20	35	<25	<16	0
	10:36	35	<25	<16	0
	10:50	35	<25	<16	0
11/05/2020	11:05	35	<22	<13	0
11/06/2020	20:35	35	<6 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0
	20:53	35	<6 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0
	23:27	35	<22	<13	0
	23:43	35	20	11	0
	23:58	35	19	10	0
	00:14	35	20	11	0
	10:10	35	<17 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	<8 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0
	10:26	35	<19 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	<10 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0
	10:49	35	<15 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	<6 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0
	11:04	35	<22	<13	0
	11:20	35	22	13	0
12/05/2022	11:37	35	22	13	0
12/06/2020	21:30	35	<7 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0
	21:45	35	<8 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	0
	22:00	35	28	19	0
	22:15	35	26	17	0
	22:30	35	28	19	0
	22:45	35	28	19	0

Where mine noise was inaudible throughout the entire measurement, it is assumed that the contribution is less than 10dB below the measured L<sub>AGO</sub>.



Table 4-3 Summary of noise assessment at TN3

		Noise Limits	Mine	TN3 e Laaq Noise Level (	dB)
Date	Time	LA <sub>eq,15 min</sub>	Measured Mine Contribution	Additional LF Penalty	Exceedance
	14:19	35	<25	-	0
	14:34	35	<21 (I/A) 1	-	0
	14:51	35	<17 (I/A) 1	-	0
	15:07	35	<23 (I/A) 1	-	0
	15:22	35	<19 (I/A) 1	-	0
00/05/2020	15:37	35	<22 (I/A) 1	-	0
09/06/2020	19:22	35	32	-	0
	19:37	35	33	-	0
	00:43	35	33	-	0
	00:59	35	34	-	0
	01:15	35	34	-	0
	01:31	35	33	-	0
	09:27	35	33	-	0
	09:42	35	34	-	0
	09:57	35	34	-	0
	10:12	35	35	-	0
	10:27	35	33	-	0
	10:42	35	32	-	0
10/06/2020	19:17	35	27	-	0
	19:32	35	29	-	0
'	00:50	35	32	-	0
	01:05	35	33	-	0
	01:20	35	33	-	0
	01:35	35	33	-	0
	13:45	35	<15 (I/A) 1	-	0
	14:02	35	<16 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0
11/06/2020	14:21	35	<14 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0
	14:36	35	<14 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0



		Noise Limits	Mine	TN3 e Laaq Noise Level (	(dB)
Date	Time	LA <sub>eq,15</sub> min	Measured Mine Contribution	Additional LF Penalty	Exceedance
	14:51	35	<14 (I/A) 1	-	0
	15:06	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
	19:34	35	<8 (I/A) 1	-	0
	19:49	35	<9 (I/A) 1	-	0
	00:51	35	28	-	0
	01:06	35	27	-	0
	01:21	35	28	-	0
	01:36	35	30	-	0
	10:35	35	34	-	0
	10:50	35	34	-	0
	11:05	35	33	-	0
	11:20	35	32	-	0
	11:35	35	32	-	0
	11:50	35	32	-	0
12/06/2020	20:30	35	33	-	0
	20:50	35	32	-	0
	00:00	35	28	-	0
	00:15	35	28	-	0
	00:30	35	28	-	0
	00:46	35	31	-	0

Where mine noise was inaudible throughout the entire measurement, it is assumed that the contribution is less than 10 dB below the measured Loo.



Table 4-5 Summary of noise assessment at TN4

		Noise Limits		TN4	
Date	Time		Mine	e Laaq Noise Level (	(dB)
Date	Time	LA <sub>eq.15 min</sub>	Measured Mine	Additional	Exceedance
		Lineq.15 min	Contribution	LF Penalty	Exceedance
	12:24	35	<30	-	0
	12:39	35	<30	-	0
	12:57	35	<30	-	0
	13:15	35	<30	-	0
	13:30	35	<30	-	0
00/05/2020	13:46	35	<30	-	0
09/06/2020	20:36	35	26	-	0
	20:51	35	25	-	0
	23:25	35	32	-	0
	23:40	35	31	-	0
	23:56	35	28	-	0
	00:13	35	27	-	0
	11:55	35	<28	-	0
	12:12	35	<28	-	0
	12:27	35	<25	-	0
	12:43	35	<28	-	0
	13:01	35	<26	-	0
	13:17	35	<26	-	0
10/06/2020	20:34	35	<23	-	0
	20:50	35	<18	-	0
	23:24	35	<25	-	0
	23:40	35	<25	-	0
	23:56	35	25	-	0
	00:12	35	<25	-	0
	11:47	35	<13 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0
	12:04	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
11/06/2020	12:21	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
	12:38	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0



		Noise Limits	Mine	TN4 e Laaq Noise Level (	'dB)
Date	Time	LA <sub>eq.15 min</sub>	Measured Mine Contribution	Additional LF Penalty	Exceedance
	12:54	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
	13:09	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
	21:25	35	<8 (I/A) 1	-	0
	21:41	35	<11 (I/A) 1	-	0
	22:00	35	<20	-	0
	22:16	35	<20	-	0
	22:31	35	20	-	0
· ·	22:48	35	<25	-	0
	12:15	35	<25	-	0
	12:30	35	<24	-	0
	12:47	35	<25	-	0
	13:02	35	<25	-	0
	13:18	35	<25	-	0
	13:36	35	<25	-	0
12/06/2020	21:25	35	26	-	0
	21:47	35	<25	-	0
	22:00	35	<25	-	0
	22:15	35	28	-	0
	22:32	35	28	-	0
	22:48	35	<30	-	0

Where mine noise was inaudible throughout the entire measurement, it is assumed that the contribution is less than 10 dB below the measured Loo.

Noise from the mine must not exceed 45 dB(A) L1 (1 min) between  $\,10$  pm and 7 am. This is to minimise the potential for sleep disturbance as a result of individual loud noises from the mine. The results of the sleep disturbance monitoring show that the measured L1 (1 min) noise level did not exceed the sleep disturbance criterion.



Table 4-2 Comparison of maximum noise events between TN2 and 573b Coomalgah

Date	Time	Noise Limits		TN2 Mine L <sub>Amax</sub> Noise Level (dB)	573b Cooma Mine Lamax Noise L	
		LA <sub>1,1</sub>	Noise Source	Measured Level	Commensurate Mine Compliance Level	Exceedance
	22:00	45	-	NM	-	0
00 105 12020	22:16	45	-	NM	-	0
09/06/2020	22:31	45	-	NM	-	0
	22:46	45	-	NM	-	0
	22:00	45	-	NM	-	0
10/05/2020	22:15	45	-	NM	-	0
10/06/2020	22:31	45	-	NM	-	0
	22:47	45	-	NM	-	0
	23:27	45	-	NM	-	0
11/06/2020	23:43	45	-	NM	-	0
11/06/2020	23:58	45	-	NM	-	0
	00:14	45	-	NM	-	0
	22:00	45	Horn	29	20	0
12/05/2020	22:15	45	Horn	29	20	0
12/06/2020	22:30	45	Horn	29	20	0
	22:45	45	Horn	29	20	0

Note: NM indicates a significant maximum noise event was not observed.

Table 4-4 Summary of maximum noise events at TN3

Date	Time	Noise Limits	Mir	TN3 ne L <sub>Amex</sub> Noise Level (d	lB)
		LA <sub>1,1 min</sub>	Noise Source	Measured Level	Exceedance
_	00:43	45	-	NM	0
00/06/2020 =	00:59	45	-	NM	0
09/06/2020 -	01:15	45	Engine	35	0
	01:31	45	-	NM	0
_	00:50	45	-	NM	0
40/05/2020 -	01:05	45	-	NM	0
10/06/2020 -	01:20	45	-	NM	0
	01:35	45	-	NM	0
	00:51	45	-	NM	0
	01:06	45	-	NM	0
11/06/2020 -	01:21	45	-	NM	0
	01:36	45	-	NM	0
_	00:00	45	-	NM	0
42/05/2020	00:15	45	-	NM	0
12/06/2020 -	00:30	45	Engine	35	0
	00:46	45	Engine	35	0

Note: NM indicates a significant maximum noise event was not observed.



Table 4-6 Summary of maximum noise events at TN4

Date	Time	Noise Limits	Mir	TN4 ne Lamax Noise Level (d	lB)
Date	Time	LA <sub>1,1 min</sub>	Noise Source	Measured Level	Exceedance
	23:25	45	Engine	35	0
00/06/2020 =	23:40	45	-	NM	0
09/06/2020 -	23:56	45	-	NM	0
	00:13	45	-	NM	0
	23:24	45	-	NM	0
40/05/2020 -	23:40	45	-	NM	0
10/06/2020 -	23:56	45	-	NM	0
	00:12	45	-	NM	0
	22:00	45	-	NM	0
	22:16	45	-	NM	0
11/06/2020 -	22:31	45	-	NM	0
	22:48	45	-	NM	0
	22:00	45	-	NM	0
42/05/2020 -	22:15	45	-	NM	0
12/06/2020 -	22:32	45	-	NM	0
	22:48	45	-	NM	0

Note: NM indicates a significant maximum noise event was not observed.

The real time noise monitor located on the "Coomalgah" property remains a management tool so the noise criteria are not applicable at that site. Level of noise recorded at that location is managed according to the noise management plan and trigger action response plan.



### **Blast Monitoring**

**Blasting Results** 

Since 2006, there have been 986 blasts (until 31/07/2020) at TCM.

There have been no recorded exceedances related to blasting activities during the reporting period. **Table 2** indicates the highest overpressure result obtained on 11/05/20 was 112.4 dB at the project related property 'Tarrawonga'. The highest result for ground vibration was 3.78 mm/s recorded at the Coomalgah monitor on the 03/06/2020.

Table- 2: Max Peak Overpressure and Ground Pressure for the Quarter

Monitor Location	Date	Max. Peak Overpressure (dB)	Criterion (dB)	Date	Max. Peak Ground Pressure (mm/s)	Criterion (mm/s)
Tarrawonga*	11/05/20	112.4	N/A	29/05/20	0.83	N/A
Coomalgah	18/06/20	105.6	120	03/06/20	3.78	10

<sup>\*</sup>Limit Not applicable according to PA11\_0047 because project related property.

### Air Quality Monitoring

**Dust Deposition Results** 

**Table 3** shows deposited dust gauge results over 12 months. All the monitors are located on project related land; as such compliance criteria  $(4g/m^2/month)$  do not apply. Overall deposited dust measurements were clearly trending down during the reporting period (refer graph in *Appendix B*).



Table 3 – Deposited Dust Gauge Results [g/m²/month]

MONTH	TEMPLEMORE (EB-4)	BOLLOL CREEK STN (EB-5)	AMBARDO (EB-6)	TARRAWONGA (EB-7)	THUIN (EB-8)	PINE GROVE (EB-9)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-10)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-11)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-14)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-15)	JERALONG NORTH (EB-16)
Jul-19	6.9	5.0	5.7	2.5	4.2	3.2	5.6	4.3	3.6	5.2	3.4
Aug-19	5.6	5.0	5.7	2.5	4.1	3.3	5.5	4.4	3.7	5.2	3.4
Sep-19	5.4	4.9	4.9	2.5	4.2	3.2	5.4	4.3	3.6	5.1	3.3
Oct-19	5.2	4.4	4.8	2.4	4.3	3.2	5.1	4.3	3.5	5.0	3.3
Nov-19	5.3	4.4	3.9	2.4	4.3	2.9	4.6	4.2	2.9	4.8	3.3
Dec-19	5.3	4.8	4.1	2.5	4.5	2.6	4.8	3.8	2.9	4.8	3.5
Jan-20	3.5	29.5*	3.5	2.5	3.5	6.8	10.9	2.8	2.5	3.3	2
Feb-20	8.1		5.4	2.5	5.7	5	4.2	5.9	7.6	10.4	3.8
Mar-20	1.7		2.2	2	6.2	2.9	8.3	4.1	2.8	4	2.3
April-20	2.2	3	7.7	0.7	15.9	0.8	2.5	1.9	1.5	3.8	5.2
May-20	3	2.5	1.4	2.4	3.2	1.2	4.4	2.4	2.3	4.4	4.2
Jun-20	3.1	2	1.1	1	2.7	1.5	1.9	2.5	1.8	5.3	2.7
Jul-20	1.3	2.8	0.9	2	3.2	0.8	0.9	2.7	1.5	3.4	1.2
12 MONTH ROLLING AVERAGE	3.5	3.3	2.7	2.1	4.4	2.4	4.2	3.4	2.9	4.7	2.9

<sup>\*</sup>Sample was contaminated therefore retested and analysed with an optical microscope. Results showed that coal formed less than 10% of total dust .Value was not included in the annual rolling average.



#### High Volume Air sampler (PM10) Results

The High Volume Air Sampler (HVAS) installed at Coomalgah property monitors level of Particle Matter under 10 micron (PM $_{10}$ ). It operates for 24hr every 6 days. **Table 4** shows that all the PM $_{10}$  24hr average values recorded for this quarter were well below the compliance criterion of  $50\mu g/m^3$ .

Table- 4: HVAS PM10 24 hr average levels for the Quarter

Date	24hr averaged PM10 (μg/m³)	Criterion 24hr average (μg/m³)	Comments
2/05/2020	10.9		
8/05/2020	6.0		
14/05/2020	6.3		
20/05/2020	14.0		
26/05/2020	0.6		
1/06/2020	9.9		
7/06/2020	9.3		
13/06/2020	4.8	50.0	Nil
19/06/2020	0.6		
25/06/2020	1.8		
1/07/2020	7.4		
7/07/2020	5.7		
13/07/2020	1.0		
19/07/2020	4.3		
25/07/2020	<0.1		



#### Real-time Air monitoring (PM<sub>10</sub>)

According to the approved Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan, the real time air quality unit (TEOM) installed at the "Flixton" property monitors  $PM_{10}$  levels in ambient air. It is an operational management tool and dust levels nearing or reaching the nominated criteria will trigger actions onsite to assess the source of dust and modify operations if it is determined to be related to Tarrawonga operations.



TEOM installed at Flixton property

Three portable dust (PM<sub>10</sub>) monitors have improved the real-time dust monitoring network and assist the operation to mitigate any potential dust generated by the operation.



Portable and real-time dust monitor installed at TCM in 2018



### Water Monitoring

Groundwater

Routine groundwater monitoring was undertaken in March 2020 and results are shown in **Table 5** (refer to graphs in *Appendix C*).

**Table 5- Groundwater results Summary** 

Site	Date	SWL (mbgl)	pH (units)	Elect. Conductivity (μS/cm)
	March 2019	7.78	8.1	3,430
	June 2019	7.22	8.0	3,320
MW1	September 2019	7.32	8.0	3,440
IVIVVI	December 2019	7.35	8.0	3,510
	March 2020	7.36	8.0	3,520
	June 2020	7.42	7.8	3,490
	March 2019	4.34	7.1	560
	June 2019	3.41	7.0	461
MW2	September 2019	4.01	6.9	530
IVIVVZ	December 2019	4.65	7.1	560
	March 2020	3.15	7.6	496
	June 2020	3.18	7.3	490
	March 2019	9.58	7.2	4,840
	June 2019	9.41	7.3	3,860
MW4	September 2019	9.62	7.4	3,460
IVIVV4	December 2019	10.14	7.3	3,530
	March 2020	10.46	7.7	3,600
	June 2020	10.57	7.4	3,530
	March 2019	3.41	7.9	1,240
	June 2019	2.91	7.6	1292
BANA/F	September 2019	2.90	7.8	2,100
MW5	December 2019	3.25	7.8	2,080
	March 2020	2.41	7.8	874
	June 2020	2.29	7.6	675
	March 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
	June 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
B414/7	September 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
MW7	December 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
	March 2020	Not Accessible	Not Accessible	Not Accessible
	June 2020	Slime*	Slime*	Slime*
	March 2019	13.66	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	June 2019	13.69	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
B #1110	September 2019	13.77	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
MW8	December 2019	13.76	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	March 2020	13.76	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	June 2020	13.71	Casing blocked	Casing blocked

#### Notes:

 $MW6\ casing\ was\ destroyed\ in\ March\ 2019\ and\ therefore\ has\ not\ been\ tested\ since.$ 

MW3 has been removed from the monitoring program and from the EPL because it is installed on BCM lease.

<sup>\*</sup>slime identified at the bottom of the bore



Surface Water

Water Storage onsite is expected to be sufficient for at least the next 12 months.

Total rainfall recorded onsite since the beginning of the year is approximately 619 mm which is almost 3 times the amount of rainfall recorded over 12 months in 2019 (277mm)

Approximately 70 mm of rain was recorded during the reporting period.

2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Monthly rain (mm)	109.2	261.2	113.2	65.6	16.0	23.4	31.0						619.6
Cumulative (mm)	109.2	370.4	483.6	549.2	565.2	588.6	619.6						

#### Rehabilitation and Clearing

Rehabilitation

Operations and Environmental departments work together to develop and implement a more efficient rehabilitation program. The aim is to enhance the quantity of areas rehabilitated.

In July, TCM has started the tree planting campaign for 2020, planning to plant approximately 11,000 seedlings on the Northern Rehabilitation areas and approximately 1,000 trees in previously rehabilitated areas on the Southern Emplacement. Targeted species includes Eucalyptus albens, Eucalyptus blakelyi, Eucalyptus crebra, Eucalyptus melliodora, Eucalyptus pilligaensis, Eucalyptus populanea, Eucalyptus macrocarpa, Eucalyptus Melanophloia, Eucalyptus Crebra, Eucalyptus Dealbata and Eucalyptus Dwyeriand.

#### Clearing

Next tree clearing campaign will be conducted between February and April 2021.

#### Complaints

No complaint was received during the quarterly period.



# Environmental Management Plans and Strategies

Management Plans

TCMs Water Management Plan was approved by DPIE in June 2020 and is available on the company website.

After approval of PA11\_047 MOD 8, TCM will review and update several Management Plans.

BTM Water Strategy

The Water Management Strategy was approved by DPIE. However the three mines continue to work with a groundwater expert and DPIE to address Natural Resource Access Regulator's (NRAR) comments related to the groundwater model. The BTM groundwater model update process in on going.

BTM Blast Strategy

The BTM mines revised the BTM Blast Strategy and an updated version was submitted to DPIE for approval in July 2020.

### Annual and Compliance Reporting

Annual Review and Annual Return Reports

Next Annual Review and Annual Return reports will be submitted to DPIE and EPA in March 2021 respectively.

Annual Compliance EPBC statement

Annual Compliance EPBC statement was submitted to DAWE in June 2020.



#### Compliance and Risk Audits

In July 2020, the company Environmental Resources Management (ERM) was commissioned and endorsed by the DPIE to conduct the 3-yearly Independent Environment Audit (IEA). The biodiversity component of this audit will be conducted in August 2020 and the final report with the findings will be submitted to DPIE in September and published on WHC website thereafter.

As part of the risk based licensing program, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) reviews the environmental risk assessment for each licence every five years including review of complaints received from the community and self-reports from industry, where necessary, as well as phone discussions with licensees to confirm if any operations or activities have changed since our last inspection. EPA concluded that TCM overall Regulatory Priority for Environmental Risk was "Low".

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### Approval and Licencing

Project Approval (PA11\_047) MOD 8 – Trucking water, was approved in June 2020. This Modification does not propose to change the mining operation or any components of the mine itself, nor does it materially alter the operational workforce however includes a section regarding temporary trucking of water from the Vickery Coal Mine licensed bore to TCM.

TCM is awaiting approval of Modification (MOD7) of Project Approval (PA11\_0047) regarding the Life of Mine.

As the Mining Operations Plan (MOP) Amendment E will expire November 30 2020, TCM is preparing a MOP Amendment F that will cover the period from December 2020 to 30 November 2022. MOP F will be submitted to Resource Regulator by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.



## Environmental Improvement and Initiatives

**Dust Management** 

TCM continues to use dust suppressant on mine haul truck roads and as required.

Water Management

TCM and the dust suppressant supplier investigate options and products to reduce water used for dust mitigation.

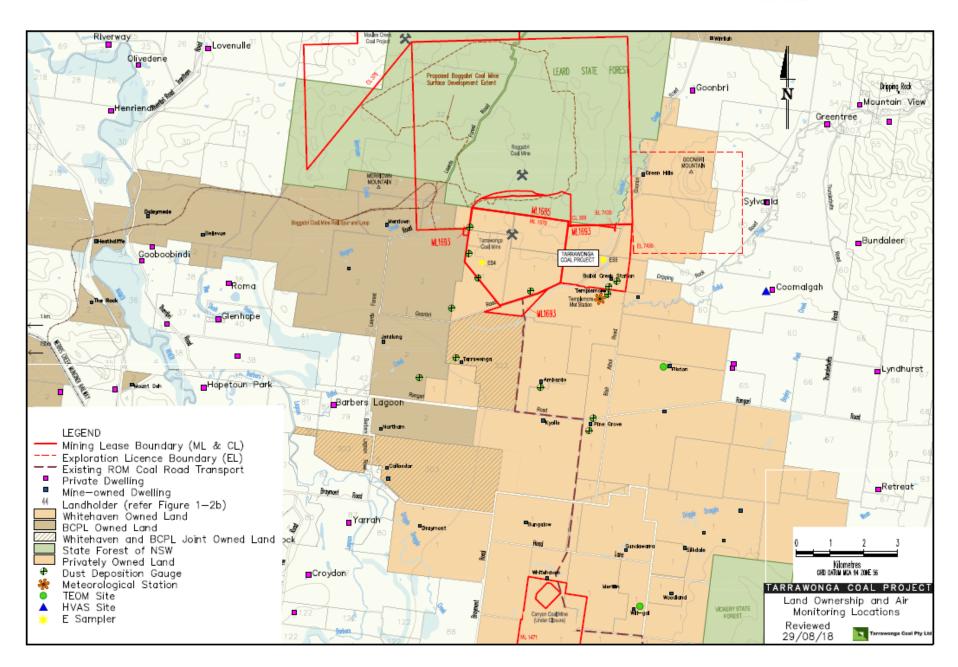
Rehabilitation

TCM continues to use an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) to water the rehabilitated areas and the trees recently planted during the year and as required.

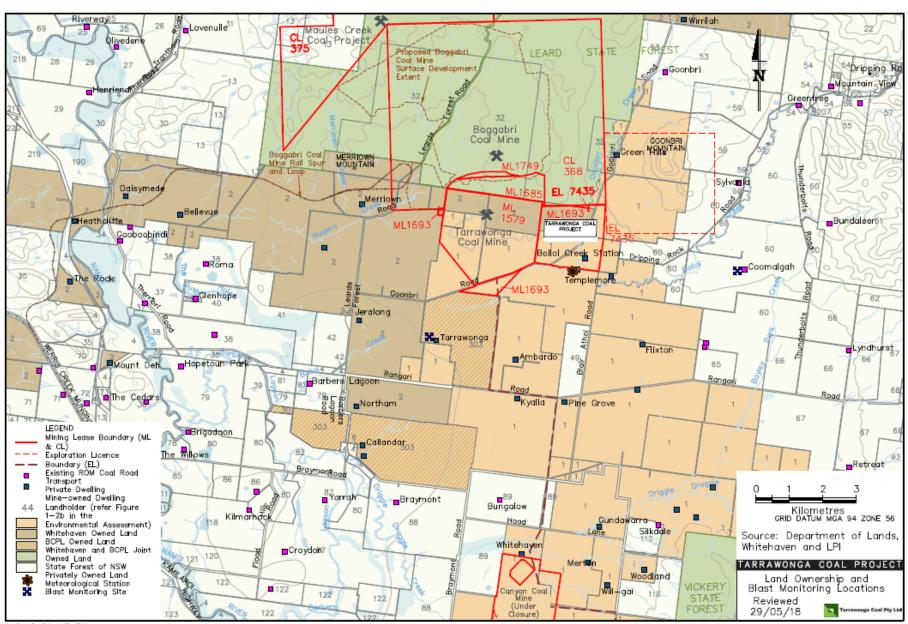


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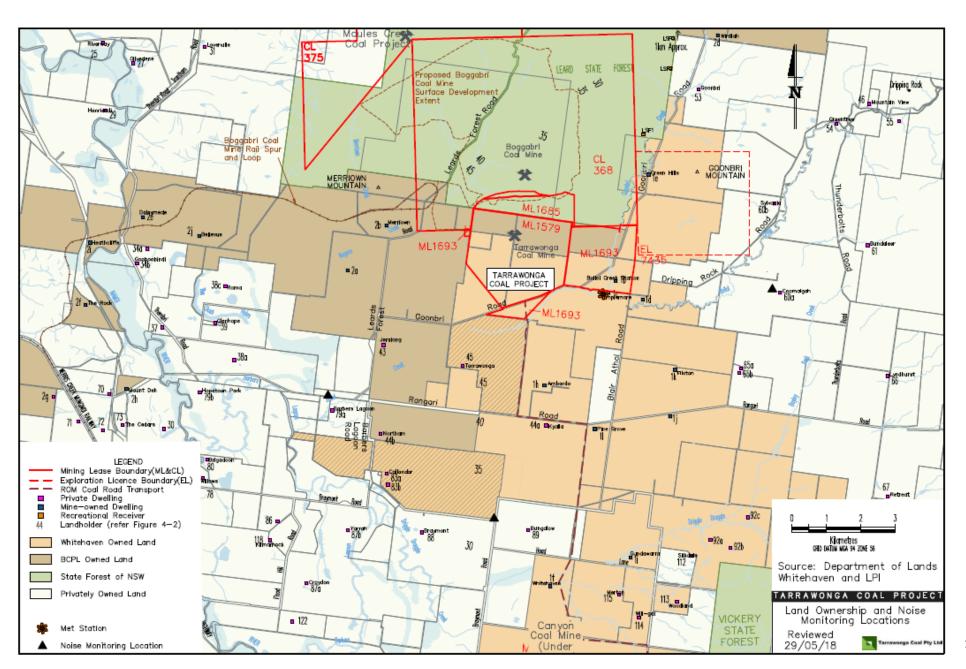




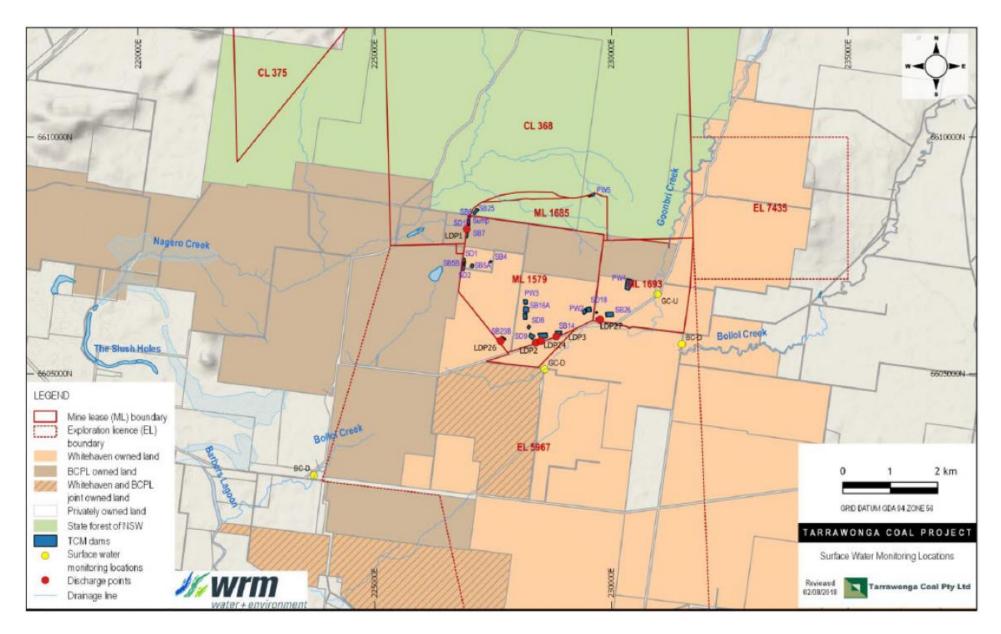


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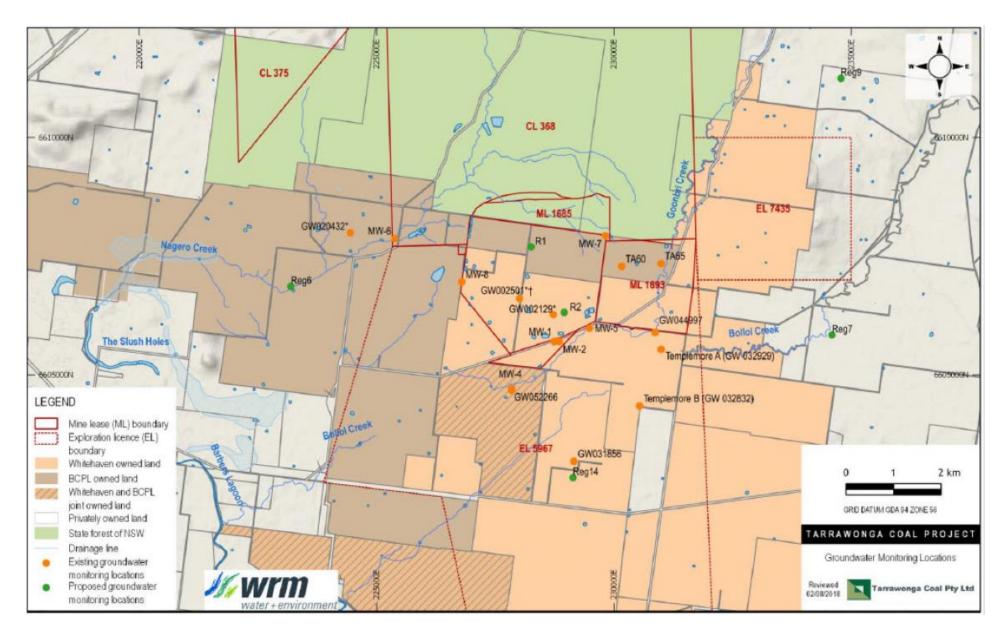








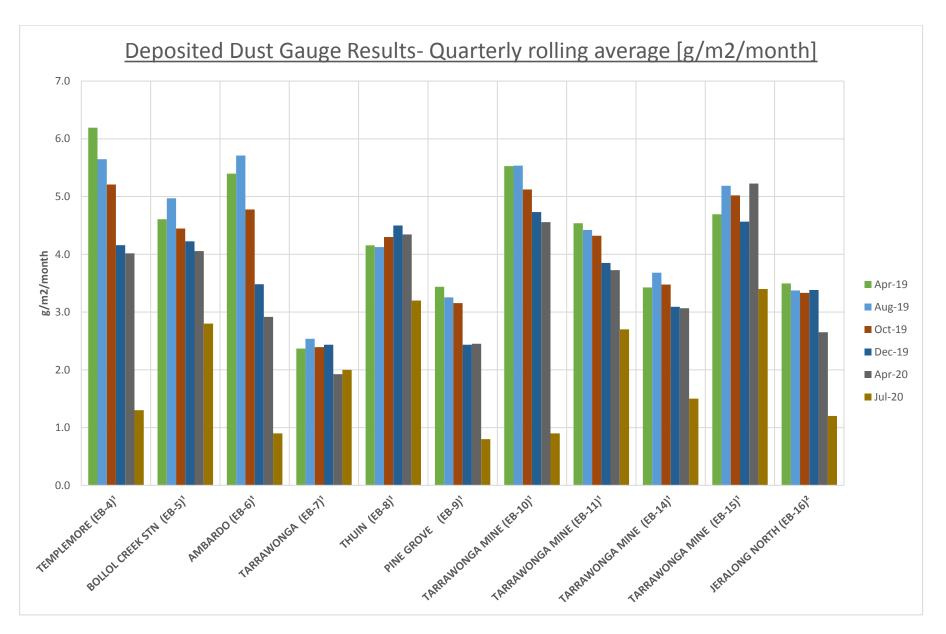


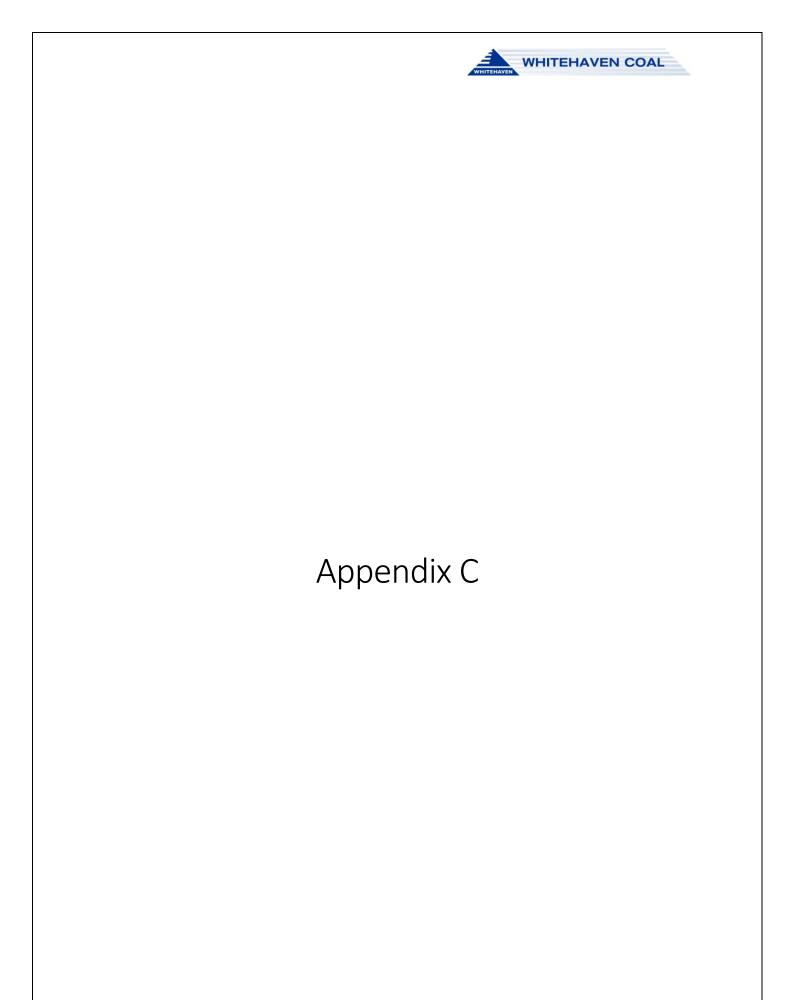




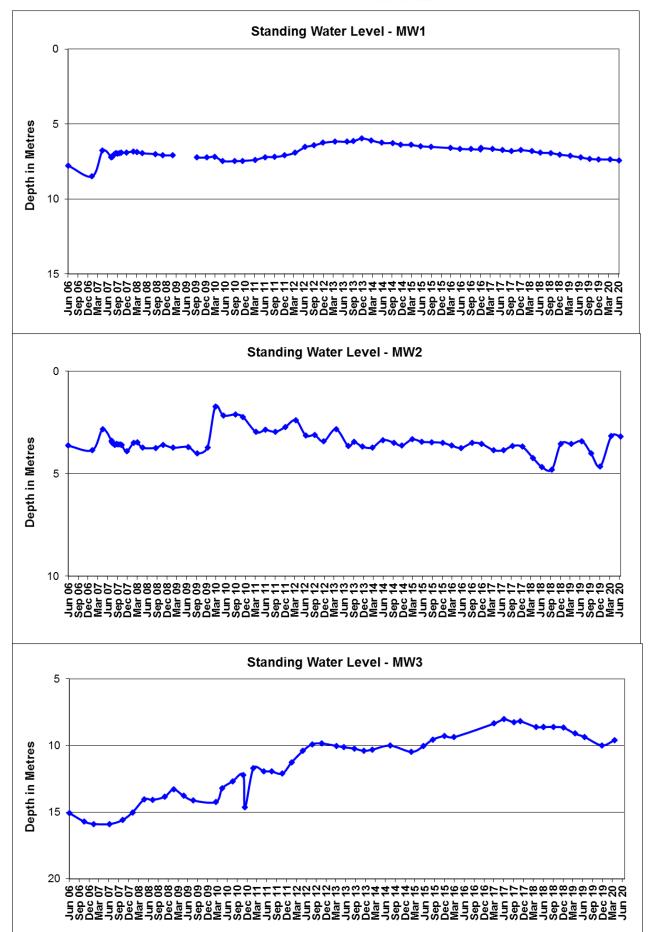
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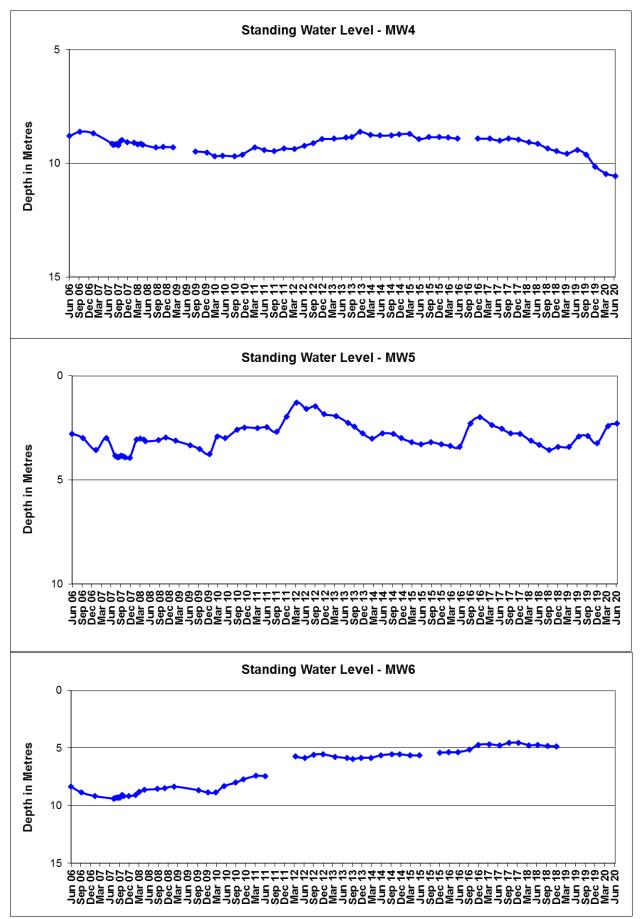






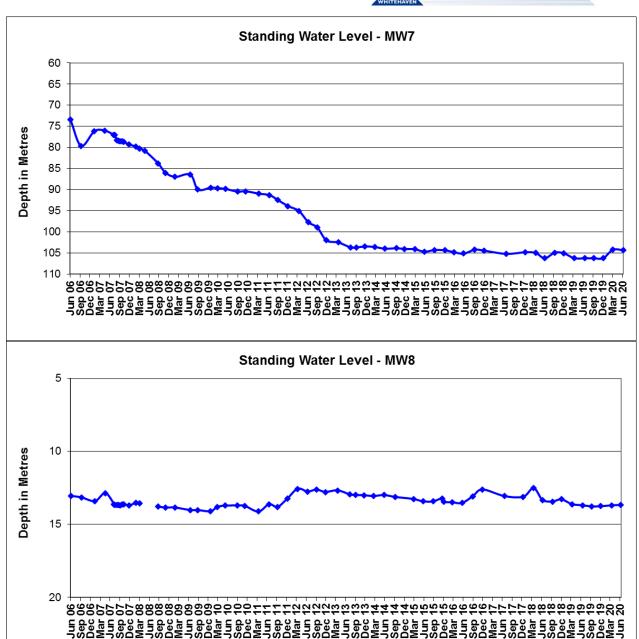
MW3 is no longer part of monitoring because it has been removed from the EPL12365.





MW6 is no longer part of monitoring because casing was destroyed in March 2019.







 19 <sup>th</sup> of August 2020 between 10:00AM- 11:15 AM Via ZoomVideo conference		
Discussion and Description	Action and Accountability	Status/ Date

Interests	LF and JH declared they lease WHC properties		
3. Previous Minutes Actions	All CCC members - expressed their gratitude for all the support provided by JHa over the years.	DR- to write a letter of thanks to JHa for his contribution to the Tarrawonga CCC.	
	DR- regarding alternate members to represent NSC.	DR- to contact General Manager from NSC and confirm if LF could join TCCC as an alternate/permanent member.	To be confirmed at next NSC meeting in September.
	CC- suggested Tarrawonga advertisement in the green flyer.  JH- agreed and suggested community transparency within new management.	DR— to progress with correspondence with alternative and new CCC members, and to consider direct targeting to individuals.  DR- to liaise with SM regarding advertisement.	



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4. Business		DR and SM asked for a group	-	All	CCC	Members
Arising		vote on the presence of Alex	approved.			
		Carynny (WHC Environment				
		officer) in TCCC meetings in the				
		future.				
	TOo advised:					
	-No change with Covid-19 measures and risk					
	assessments have been reviewed.					
	-Implementation of measures onsite continues.					
	-To date there have been no infected people onsite					
	and attendance to work has been high.					
5. Mine Progress	TOo advised:					
Report	- On track with production rate,					
	- Safety- LTI free-YTD 690 days,					
	- No notifiable incidents have occurred in 70 days,					
	-Overburden and coal movement is on track and					
	the previous FY hit coal target.					
	- Enough water stored onsite after rainfall					
	recorded since beginning of year,					
	- Workshop expansion is completed,					
	- on track to achieve 2.5M ton of coal target and					
	25M BCM material waste movement.					



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6. Environmental	SM- read and explained the Quarterly	SM - send the details regarding	Completed- 28 June 2020
Monitoring report	Environmental Report results.	blasting time to CC.	
	SM- advised		
	-there were favourable weather conditions for		
	rehabilitation with rain just before and after		
	planting.		
	- Water Management Plan was approved in June		
	2020 after 7 times of submission.		
	- BTM and consultant still working with the DPIE		
	to finalise the BTM GW model and expect final		
	report in next few months.		
	CC- asked question regarding Blast Manahement		
	Plan and Strategy and timing of blasts within the		
	Complex and at TCM and firing around school		
	travelling times.		
	SM- advised that all three mines space out timing		
	of blasts to avoid cumulative impacts, and all		
	mines are constantly communicating and also		
	talking to key contacts and neighbours.		
	JH- advised that this was for Tarrawonga mostly,		
	so other mines within BTM do not adhere to bus		
	times as this was not an issue for them.		
	SM- advised TCM generally schedule blast at		



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	approximately 12.00pm but depending on weather				
	conditions or operational constrains blast is put				
	forward or delayed. The mine is authorised to				
	blast between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to				

- -Independent Environmental Audit was conducted in July according to PA11\_0047 to consider all obligations and conditions within TCM licences and approvals. Positive feedback regarding this and final report will be submitted to DPIE and uploaded on WHC website shortly after.
- -EPA Audit conducted recently rated TCM with a low environmental risk.
- -MOD8 (trucking water) of PA11\_0047 was approved in June.
- -MOD7 (reduction of pit extent, realignment of road and creek not required etc) is still under review by DPIE and decision is expected to be made Oct-Nov. 2020.
- -Current MOP E will expire in Nov. 2020, TCM is preparing Amendment F that address recommendations from Resource Regulator regarding rehabilitation progress and completion



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targets.
JH -asked a question in regards to dams capacity,
were all the dams desilted prior to rain event?
SM- advised that some were desilted when
identified and deemed necessary.
JH- after another rain event will there be runoff or
discharge?
SM- advised sediment dams are designed to spill
in response to 38.4mm of rain over 5 days.
JH- asked about aerial seeding, and if that will be
implemented.
SM- advised that aerial seeding will not occur in
that particular area of the southern dump because
it will be reshaped and rehabilitated by end of the
year in accordance with the MOP.
JH- Blair and JHa initiated sprinkler systems, will
these systems be used again?
TOo- advised TCM is working with dustaside
product to minimize dust problems and reduce use
of water.
CC- asked question in regards to SD2 wall failure.
Have other dams been inspected onsite to avoid
other breaches after more rain events.



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	SM- advised TCM engaged geotechnical	
	engineers to inspect and provide a report with	
	recommendations and to identify risks. Training	
	has occurred with NSW Dam safety expert to	
	provide skills to onsite team.	
	TOo- OCEs conduct daily inspections and	
	Environment team conduct regular inspections.	
	Geotechnical experts will come annually or as	
	required.	
	CC- question regarding rehabilitation, did TCM	
	receive any correspondence from regulators	
	regarding rehabilitation standards?	
	SM- advised the Resource Regulator (RR)	
	undertook a site inspection in 2018 and found that	
	site rehabilitation needed to improve. RR directed	
	TCM to engage an independent ecologist to assess	
	rehabilitation performance and actions resulted	
	from the assessment. These actions will be	
	included in the MOP F that will be submitted at	
	the end of August.	
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7. General	CF- GSC has been cleaning and taking care of	
business	entrance to TCM and a long haul roads.	



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Templemore as Covid-19 may not allow help from other regions. CF- congratulated WHC for Covid response and management plan as community was concerned about mine workers travelling in and out. CC- traineeships stance now that JHa has left TCM. TOo – TCM will continue the traineeship program (currently 4 trainees at TCM). New program (Crib Relief Crew) has been implemented, including 6 local people. This is more of a "kid-friendly" roster for locals and mothers. WHC is looking into a more formal traineeship with Gunnedah TAFE, which will allow operators to get formal qualifications. JH- will school initiatives still continue? TOo- TCM will continue to support school programs but site visits is temporally inhibited by Covid restrictions.

TOo- invited any CCC members with any community based questions/ feedback/ initiatives to contact him or the Environment team and not to



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	wait until CCC meeting.	
	DR- ARTC Environmental Manager is putting	
	together a subscription list for their newsletter.	
	Namoi air quality advisory committee is to sit for	
	a 2 years term, and this came to an end in May	
	2020. EPA is readvertising for members and DR	
	encourages all to apply if interested.	
	DR- reminder the LSF Environmental Trust	
	received \$100k from each mine and is taking	
	applications for natural, built and social	
	environment providing it's within 25km of the	
	forest. Please spread words about this to other	
	community members.	
8.Complaints	SM- no Complaint received since last TCCC	
	meeting.	
9. Next Meeting	DR- next TCCC meetings will be held on 28 <sup>th</sup>	
and Other		
Comments	-next BTM CCC meetings to be held 29 <sup>th</sup> of	
	October 2020.	



#### Tarrawonga Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee Meeting #62

Quarterly Environmental Monitoring Report
August 1 – October 30, 2020



Photo taken in October 2020 in a section of the Northern emplacement area that has been rehabilitated in July 2020 showing good signs of growth.

This report has been prepared for the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting to show Environmental monitoring performance at Tarrawonga Coal Mine (TCM) for the reporting period from August 1 2020 to October 30, 2020. Maps with all the monitoring locations are available in *Appendix A*.

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### Noise Monitoring

Attended noise monitoring was conducted at the "Bungalow" (TN4), "Barbers Lagoon" (TN3) and "Matong" (TN2) properties from 14<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. The noise criterion for the mine is 35dB(A) Leq (15 min) for all operating times.

The results below show that noise emissions from the mine did not exceed the operational noise criterion at the "Barbers Lagoon", "Bungalow" or "Matong" monitoring locations during the monitoring event during the entire monitoring period.

(See below summary tables extracted from Wilkinson Murray report -19360-T-05-(Q3 2020)).

Table 4-1 Comparison of noise levels between TN2 and 573b Coomalgah

Date	Time	Noise Limits	TN2 Mine L <sub>Asq</sub> Noise Level (dB)	573b Coomalgah Mine L <sub>Aeq</sub> Noise Level (dB)	
		LA <sub>eq,15 min</sub>	Measured Mine Contribution	Commensurate Mine Compliance Level	Exceedance
	09:45	35	24	15	0
	10:00	35	23	14	0
	10:15	35	21	12	0
	10:32	35	22	13	0
	10:48	35	22	13	0
44/00/2020	11:03	35	22	13	0
14/09/2020	21:23	35	<20	<11	0
	21:40	35	<20	<11	0
	22:00	35	<20	<11	0
	22:16	35	<20	<11	0
	22:32	35	<20	<11	0
	22:47	35	<18	<9	0
	10:18	35	23	14	0
45/00/2055	10:49	35	<24	<15	0
15/09/2020	21:25	35	<6 (I/A) 1	0 (I/A) 1	0
	21:41	35	<6 (I/A) 1	0 (I/A) 1	0



Date	Time	Noise Limits	TN2 Mine L <sub>Aeq</sub> Noise Level (dB)  Measured Mine Contribution	573b Coom Mine L <sub>Asq</sub> Noise I Commensurate Mine Compliance Level	_
	22:00	35	<6 (I/A) 1	0 (I/A) 1	0
,	22:16	35	<7 (I/A) 1	0 (I/A) 1	0
,	22:31	35	<9 (I/A) 1	0 (I/A) 1	0
	22:47	35	<18 (I/A) 1	<9 (I/A) 1	0
	09:29	35	<25	<16	0
,	09:45	35	<24	<15	0
	10:02	35	<24	<15	0
	10:34	35	<24	<15	0
	10:50	35	<24	<15	0
16/09/2020	21:22	35	34	25	0
	21:38	35	31	22	0
	22:00	35	<29	<20	0
	22:16	35	26	17	0
	21:38 22:00 22:16 22:32	35	25	16	0
	22:48	35	25	16	0
	10:46	35	<21	<12	0
	11:04	35	<21	<12	0
	11:20	35	<21	<12	0
	11:36	35	<21	<12	0
	11:53	35	<21	<12	0
	12:08	35	<21	<12	0
17/09/2020	21:25	35	<8 (I/A) 1	0 (I/A) 1	0
	21:41	35	<20	<11	0
,	22:00	35	<7 (I/A) 1	0 (I/A) 1	0
	22:15	35	<8 (I/A) 1	0 (I/A) 1	0
,	22:31	35	<8 (I/A) 1	0 (I/A) 1	0
,	22:46	35	<6 (I/A) 1	0 (I/A) 1	0

Where mine noise was inaudible throughout the entire measurement, it is assumed that the contribution is less than 10dB below the measured Less.



Noise from the mine must not exceed 45 dB(A) L1 (1 min) between 10 pm and 7 am. This is to minimise the potential for sleep disturbance as a result of individual loud noises from the mine. The results of the sleep disturbance monitoring show that the measured L1 (1 min) noise level did not exceed the sleep disturbance criterion.

Table 4-2 Comparison of maximum noise events between TN2 and 573b Coomalgah

Date	Noise Limits Time			TN2 Mine Lamax Noise Level (dB)	573b Coomalgah Mine L <sub>Amax</sub> Noise Level (dB)		
		LA <sub>1,1</sub>	Noise Source	Measured Level	Commensurate Mine Compliance Level	Exceedance	
	22:00	45	-	NM	-	0	
14/00/2020	22:16	45	-	NM	-	0	
14/09/2020	22:32	45	-	NM	-	0	
	22:47	45	-	NM	-	0	
	22:00	45	-	I/A	-	0	
15/09/2020	22:16	45	-	I/A	-	0	
15/09/2020	22:31	45	-	I/A	-	0	
	22:47	45	-	I/A	-	0	
	22:00	45	Hom	35	26	0	
16/09/2020	22:16	45	-	NM	-	0	
16/03/2020	22:32	45	Engine	31	22	0	
	22:48	45	-	NM	-	0	
	22:00	45	-	I/A		0	
17/00/2020	22:15	45	-	I/A		0	
17/09/2020	22:31	45	-	I/A		0	
	22:46	45	-	I/A		0	

Note: NM indicates a significant maximum noise event was not observed. I/A indicates the mine was inaudible during the measurement period.



Table 4-3 Summary of noise assessment at TN3

Date	Time	Noise Limits	Mine	L <sub>Aeq</sub> Noise Level (	de)
				,,,,,	ub)
		LA <sub>eq,15 min</sub>	Measured Mine	Additional	Exceedance
		- 4,27 11111	Contribution	LF Penalty	
_	13:59	35	<17 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	14:30	35	<17 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	14:47	35	<19 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	19:50	35	<16 (I/A) 1	-	0
14/09/2020	20:05	35	<14 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	00:48	35	<20 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	01:03	35	<17 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	01:18	35	<17 (I/A) 1	-	0
	01:33	35	<18 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	14:06	35	<14 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	14:21	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
	14:36	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
45/00/2020	14:51	35	<14 (I/A) 1	-	0
15/09/2020 —	15:08	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
	15:24	35	<15 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	19:39	35	<14 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	19:54	35	<14 (I/A) 1	-	0
	13:53	35	<23 (I/A) 1	-	0
	00:45	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
16/09/2020	01:00	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	01:15	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	01:30	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
	12:00	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
	12:15	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
	12:30	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
	12:45	35	<14 (I/A) 1	-	0
	13:00	35	<15 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	13:15	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
17/09/2020 —	21:30	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	21:45	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	22:00	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
	22:15	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
_	22:30	35	<23	-	0
_	22:45	35	<24	-	0

Where mine noise was inaudible throughout the entire measurement, it is assumed that the contribution is less



Table 4-4 Summary of maximum noise events at TN3

Date	Time	Noise Limits	TN3 Mine L <sub>Amax</sub> Noise Level (dB)				
Date	Time	LA1,1 min	Noise Source	Measured Level	Exceedance		
	00:48	45	-	NM	0		
4.4/00/2020 -	01:03	45	-	NM	0		
14/09/2020 —	01:18	45	-	NM	0		
	01:33	45	-	NM	0		
	00:45	45	-	NM	0		
46/00/2020 -	01:00	45	-	NM	0		
16/09/2020 -	01:15	45	-	NM	0		
	01:30	45	-	NM	0		
	22:00	45	-	NM	0		
47/00/2020	22:15	45	-	NM	0		
17/09/2020 -	22:30	45	-	NM	0		
	22:45	45	-	NM	0		

Note: NM indicates a significant maximum noise event was not observed.



Table 4-5 Summary of noise assessment at TN4

,		N 12-3-		TN4	
_		Noise Limits	Mine	e L <sub>Aeq</sub> Noise Level (	(dB)
Date	Time		Measured Mine	Additional	
		LA <sub>eq,15 min</sub>	Contribution	LF Penalty	Exceedance
	11:57	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
	12:12	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
	12:30	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
	12:47	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
	13:03	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
	13:19	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
14/09/2020	20:40	35	<14 (I/A) 1	-	0
	20:56	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
	23:23	35	<23	-	0
	23:38	35	<22	-	0
	23:55	35	23	-	0
	00:10	35	24	-	0
	11:55	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
	12:12	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
	12:45	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
	13:01	35	<11 (I/A) 1	-	0
15/09/2020	13:19	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
	20:36	35	<12 (I/A) 1	-	0
	20:52	35	<8 (I/A) 1	-	0
16/09/2020	23:23	35	24	-	0
	23:54	35	24	-	0
	11:27	35	<16 (I/A) 1	-	0
	12:00	35	<16 (I/A) 1	-	0
	12:15	35	<16 (I/A) 1	-	0
	12:49	35	<16 (I/A) 1	-	0
16/09/2020	20:35	35	<22	-	0
	20:51	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0
	23:38	35	<20	-	0
	23:55	35	<20	-	0
	00:10	35	<20	-	0
	10:18	35	<15 (I/A) 1	-	0
47/00/2020	10:33	35	<13 (I/A) <sup>1</sup>	-	0
17/09/2020	10:48	35	<14 (I/A) 1	-	0
	11:03	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0

		Noise Limits	TN4 Mine L <sub>Acq</sub> Noise Level (dB)				
Date	Date Time	LA <sub>eq,15 min</sub>	Measured Mine Contribution	Additional LF Penalty	Exceedance		
	11:18	35	<13 (I/A) 1	-	0		
	11:33	35	<11 (I/A) 1	-	0		
	20:10	35	<16 (I/A) 1	-	0		
	20:25	35	<15 (I/A) 1	-	0		
	23:24	35	27	-	0		
	23:40	35	26	-	0		
	23:56	35	26	-	0		

Where mine noise was inaudible throughout the entire measurement, it is assumed that the contribution is less than 10 dB below the measured L<sub>600</sub>.



Table 4-6 Summary of maximum noise events at TN4

Date	Time	Noise Limits	TN4 Mine L <sub>Amax</sub> Noise Level (dB)					
- Luc		LA <sub>1,1 min</sub>	Noise Source	Measured Level	Exceedance			
	23:23	45	-	NM	0			
44/00/2020 -	23:38	45	-	NM	0			
	23:55	45	-	NM	0			
	00:10	45	-	NM	0			
4.5.loo.loon	23:23	45	-	NM	0			
15/09/2020 -	23:54	45	-	NM	0			
	23:38	45	-	NM	0			
16/09/2020	23:55	45	-	NM	0			
	00:10	45	-	NM	0			
	23:24	45	-	NM	0			
17/09/2020	23:40	45	-	NM	0			
	23:56	45	-	NM	0			

Note: NM indicates a significant maximum noise event was not observed.

The real time noise monitor located on the "Coomalgah" property remains a management tool so the noise criteria are not applicable at that site. Level of noise recorded at that location is managed according to the noise management plan and trigger action response plan.



### **Blast Monitoring**

**Blasting Results** 

Since 2006, there have been 1006 blasts (until 31/10/2020) at TCM.

There has been one blast overpressure recorded at 119.9dB at the project related property, Tarrawonga on 29/08/20. However as this is not a compliance site it was not reported to EPA and Department of Planning. In accordance with ML1579, the Resources Regulator was notified but had no further comments.

The highest result for ground vibration was 1.27 mm/s recorded at the Coomalgah monitor on the 28/09/2020.

Table- 2: Max Peak Overpressure and Ground Pressure for the Quarter

Monitor Location	Date	Max. Peak Overpressure (dB)	Criterion (dB)	Date	Max. Peak Ground Pressure (mm/s)	Criterion (mm/s)
Tarrawonga*	28/08/20	119.90	N/A	14/08/20	0.69	N/A
Coomalgah	19/08/20	107.7	120	28/09/20	1.27	10

<sup>\*</sup>Limit Not applicable according to EPL and PA11\_0047 because project related property.

### Air Quality Monitoring

**Dust Deposition Results** 

**Table 3** shows deposited dust gauge results over 12 months. All the monitors are located on project related land; as such compliance criteria  $(4g/m^2/month)$  do not apply. Overall deposited dust trends remain steady during the reporting period (refer graph in *Appendix B*)



MONTH	TEMPLEMORE (EB-4)	BOLLOL CREEK STN (EB-5)	AMBARDO (EB-6)	TARRAWONGA (EB-7)	THUIN (EB-8)	PINE GROVE (EB-9)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-10)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-11)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-14)	TARRAWONGA MINE (EB-15)	JERALONG NORTH (EB-16)
Sep-19	5.4	4.9	4.9	2.5	4.2	3.2	5.4	4.3	3.6	5.1	3.3
Oct-19	5.2	4.4	4.8	2.4	4.3	3.2	5.1	4.3	3.5	5.0	3.3
Nov-19	5.3	4.4	3.9	2.4	4.3	2.9	4.6	4.2	2.9	4.8	3.3
Dec-19	5.3	4.8	4.1	2.5	4.5	2.6	4.8	3.8	2.9	4.8	3.5
Jan-20	3.5	29.5#	3.5	2.5	3.5	6.8	10.9	2.8	2.5	3.3	2
Feb-20	8.1	##	5.4	2.5	5.7	5	4.2	5.9	7.6	10.4	3.8
Mar-20	1.7	##	2.2	2	6.2	2.9	8.3	4.1	2.8	4	2.3
April-20	2.2	3	7.7	0.7	15.9	0.8	2.5	1.9	1.5	3.8	5.2
May-20	3	2.5	1.4	2.4	3.2	1.2	4.4	2.4	2.3	4.4	4.2
Jun-20	3.1	2	1.1	1	2.7	1.5	1.9	2.5	1.8	5.3	2.7
Jul-20	1.3	2.8	0.9	2	3.2	0.8	0.9	2.7	1.5	3.4	1.2
Aug-20	1.1	1.8	1.1	0.5	1.8	0.7	1.9	2	1.2	3.7	0.8
Sep-20	1.4	19.9#	1.0	0.9	2.4	1.9	0.9	1.3	1.7	3.6	1.9
Oct-20	0.9	2.1	1.3	1.1	++	1.2	3.1	1.9	2.3	5.5	2.5
12 MONTH ROLLING AVERAGE	3.3	3.0	2.6	1.9	4.2	2.2	4.3	2.9	2.6	4.6	2.9

#Sample was contaminated with Insects, bird droppings and plant material all noted on the field sheet.

Table 3 – Deposited Dust Gauge Results [g/m²/month]

<sup>##</sup> monitoring site damaged during the February flood and not sampled

<sup>++</sup> EB08 was decommissioned due to reshaping activities at the Southern Emplacement area.



#### High Volume Air sampler (PM10) Results

The High Volume Air Sampler (HVAS) installed at Coomalgah property monitors level of Particle Matter under 10 micron ( $PM_{10}$ ). It operates for 24hr every 6 days. **Table 4** shows all the 24hr average values recorded for this quarter.

Table- 4: HVAS PM10 24 hr average levels for the Quarter

Date	24hr averaged PM10 (µg/m³)	Criterion 24hr average (μg/m³)	Comments
31/07/2020	3.2		
6/08/2020	9.1		
12/08/2020	5.4		
18/08/2020	3		
24/08/2020	6.6		
30/08/2020	14.5		
5/09/2020	9.8		
11/09/2020	4.7	50	A.F.
17/09/2020	22.3	50	Nil
23/09/2020	12.4		
29/09/2020	12.1		
05/10/2020	15.0		
11/10/2020	9.5		
17/10/2020	34.2		
23/10/2020	11.3		
29/10/2020	11.3		



#### Real-time Air monitoring (PM10)

According to the current Air Quality and Greenhouse gas Management Plan, the real time air quality unit (TEOM) installed at the "Flixton" property monitors  $PM_{10}$  levels in ambient air. It is an operational management tool and dust levels nearing or reaching the nominated criteria will trigger actions onsite to assess the source of dust and modify operations if it is determined to be related to Tarrawonga operations.



TEOM installed at Flixton property

Three portable dust (PM<sub>10</sub>) monitors have improved the real-time dust monitoring network and assist the operation to mitigate any potential dust generated by the operation.



Portable and real-time dust monitor installed at TCM in November 2018



### Water Monitoring

Groundwater

Routine groundwater monitoring was undertaken in September 2020 and showed in **Table 5** (refer to graphs in *Appendix C*).

**Table 5- Groundwater results Summary** 

Site	Date	SWL (mbgl)	pH (units)	Elect. Conductivity (μS/cm)
	September 2019	7.32	8.0	3,440
	December 2019	7.35	8.0	3,510
MW1	March 2020	7.36	8.0	3,520
	June 2020	7.42	7.8	3,490
	September 2020	7.27	8.16	3,260
	September 2019	4.01	6.9	530
	December 2019	4.65	7.1	560
MW2	March 2020	3.15	7.6	496
	June 2020	3.18	7.3	490
	September 2020	3.39	7.39	435
	September 2019	9.62	7.4	3,460
	December 2019	10.14	7.3	3,530
MW4	March 2020	10.46	7.7	3,600
	June 2020	10.57	7.4	3,530
	September 2020	10.38	8.02	3,380
	September 2019	2.90	7.8	2,100
	December 2019	3.25	7.8	2,080
MW5	March 2020	2.41	7.8	874
	June 2020	2.29	7.6	675
	September 2020	2.34	8.09	2,090
	September 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
	December 2019	Dry	Dry	Dry
MW7	March 2020	Not Accessible	Not Accessible	Not Accessible
	June 2020	Slime*	Slime*	Slime*
	September 2020	Not Accessible	Not Accessible	Not Accessible
	September 2019	13.77	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	December 2019	13.76	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
MW8	March 2020	13.76	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	June 2020	13.71	Casing blocked	Casing blocked
	September 2020	13.44	Casing blocked	Casing blocked

<sup>\*&#</sup>x27;slime on end of probe' noted on field sheet



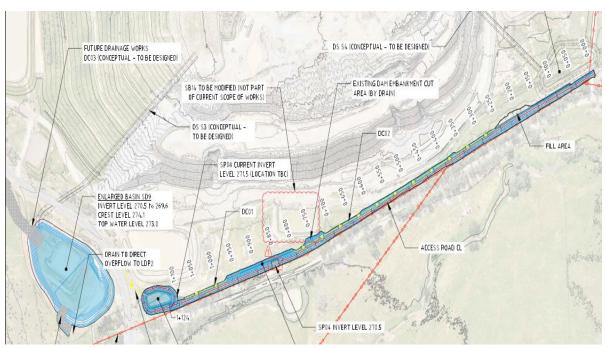
#### Surface Water

Water storage onsite is expected to be sufficient for at least the next 12 months.

Total Rainfall recorded onsite since the beginning of the year is approximately <u>740mm</u> which is almost three times the amount of rainfall recorded over a 12 month period in 2019 (277mm)

2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Monthly	109.2	261.2	113.2	65.6	16.0	23.4	31.0	38.3	30.2	52.4			
Rain (mm)										(to 26/10)			740.2
Cumula- tive (mm)	109.2	370.4	483.6	549.2	565	588.4	619.4	567.7	687.9	740.3			740.3

TCM has started construction of new water infrastructures at the entrance of the mine. Sediment dam (SD09) has been enlarged from 9ML to 52 ML; new drop structures, a culvert and additional drains and sediment dams will be constructed in the coming months.



Plan view of new water infrastructures

TCM continues to work with dam consultants to improve the manner dams are designed, constructed, operated and maintained onsite. In addition, key staff received a training on Dam Safety and Management provided by a NSW Dam Safety Committee inspector/trainer.

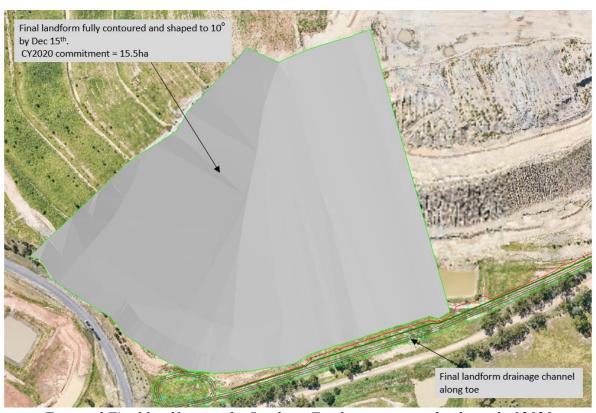


### Rehabilitation and Clearing

Rehabilitation

TCM has planted approximately 11,000 trees on the Northern Rehabilitation areas and approximately 1,000 trees on the Southern Emplacement Rehabilitated areas. TCM is planning to spread seeds over approximately 25 Ha in the coming weeks including native groundcover species, shrubs and sub-shrub species as per the Rehabilitation Management plan.

In accordance with the Mining Operations Plan (MOP), reshaping activities have started at the Southern Emplacement area. Approximately 15.5Ha will be reshaped to final landform and contoured as shown in the figure below.



Expected Final landform at the Southern Emplacement area by the end of 2020

Clearing

The next tree clearing campaign will be conducted between February and April 2021.

### Complaints

One complaint was received during the reporting period regarding blasting. This is the first complaint received since April 2018. The complaint was raised by a neighbour who lives approximately 8.5kms to the Southeast of the mine. TCM met with this neighbour and clarified all its concerns. Its contact details have been added to the pre-blast notification list.



### **Environmental Management Plans**

After approval of PA11\_047 MOD (8/06/2020), TCM submitted to the Department several revised Management Plans including the Traffic Management Plan (TMP), the Water Management Plan (WMP) and the Environmental Management Strategy (EMS). The updated EMS and TMP were recently approved by DPIE and are now available on the WHC website.

BTM Water Strategy

The BTM mines continue to work on the submission of the updated BTM Groundwater Model. A final presentation of the Model Prediction was held via videoconference on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Final report will be submitted to DPIE in November.

### **Annual and Compliance Reporting**

Annual Review and Annual Return Reports

Next Annual Review and Annual Return reports will be submitted to DPIE and EPA in March 2021 respectively.

Annual Compliance EPBC statement

Next Annual Compliance EPBC statement will be submitted to DAWE in June 2021.

Annual National Pollutant Inventory (NPI) and Greenhouse Gas Emission (NGERs) Reports 2020

The NPI report was submitted in September and the NGERs report will be submitted in October 2020.

### **Audits-Compliance**

In July 2020, the company Environmental Resources Management (ERM) was commissioned and endorsed by the DPIE to conduct the 3-yearly Independent Environment Audit (IEA). The biodiversity component of this audit was conducted in August 2020 and the final audit report was submitted to DPIE for review. The Department considered the audit reports generally satisfied Project approval conditions. TCM will publish a copy of the report on the company website.

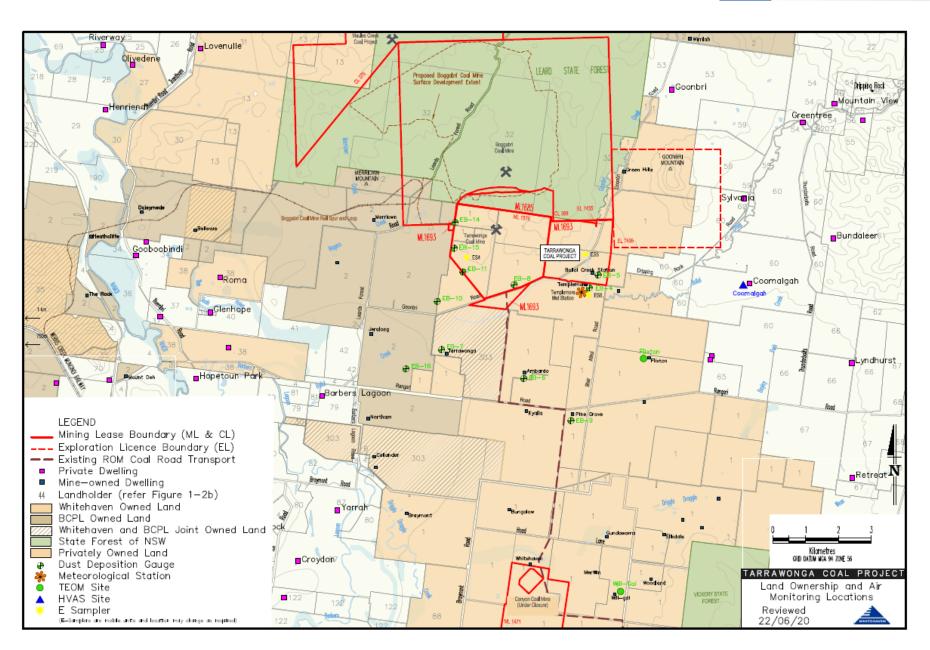
### Approval and Licencing

TCM is waiting for approval of Modification (MOD7) of Project Approval (PA11\_0047) regarding the Life of Mine. Response to request for additional information was provided to the Department early October. Determination is expected for November 2020.

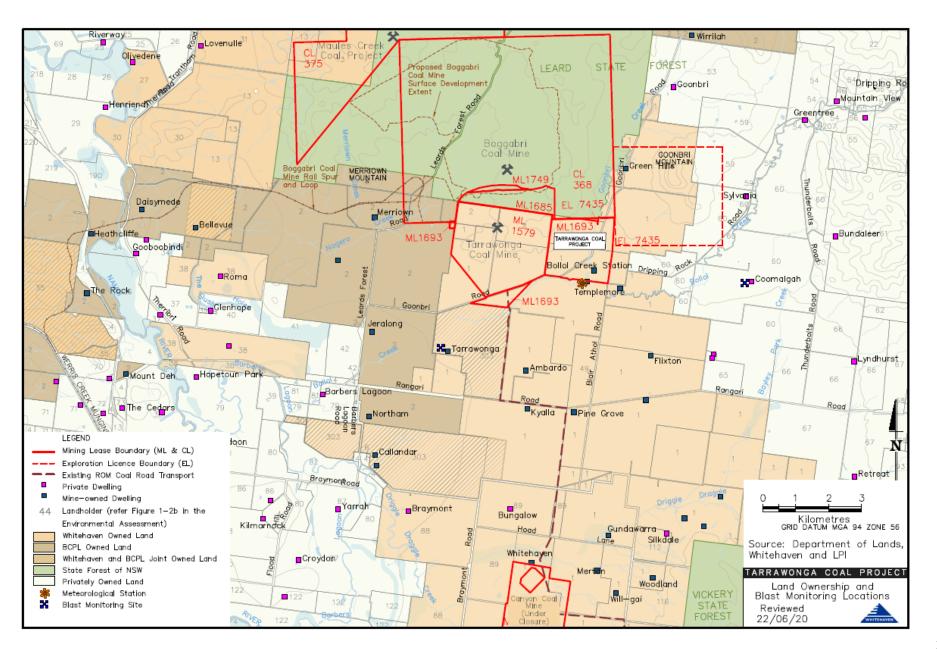
TCM submitted a MOP Amendment F that covers mining activities from November 2020 to November 2022. It was approved by the Resources Regulator on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.



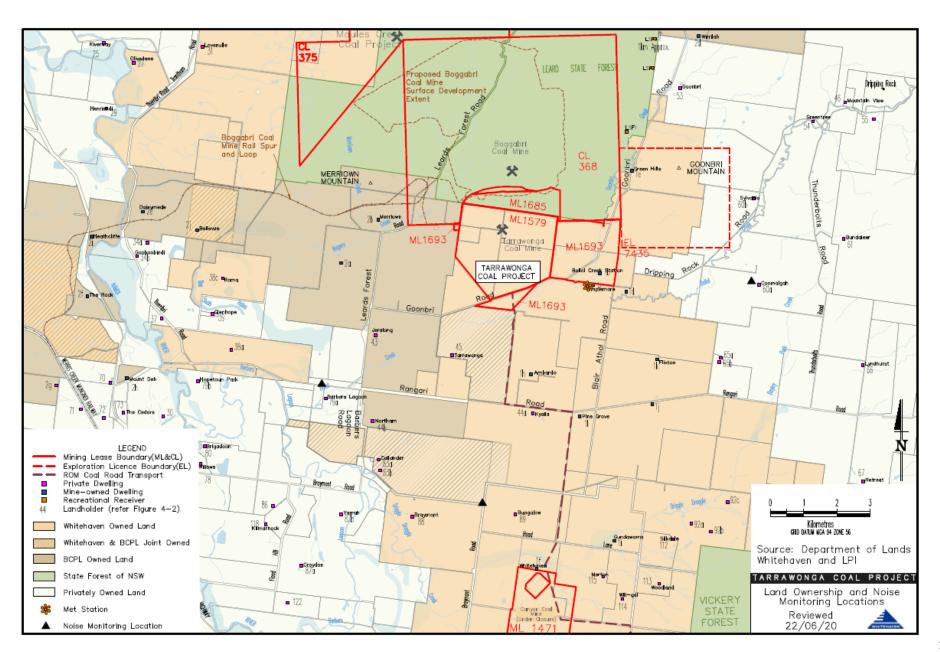




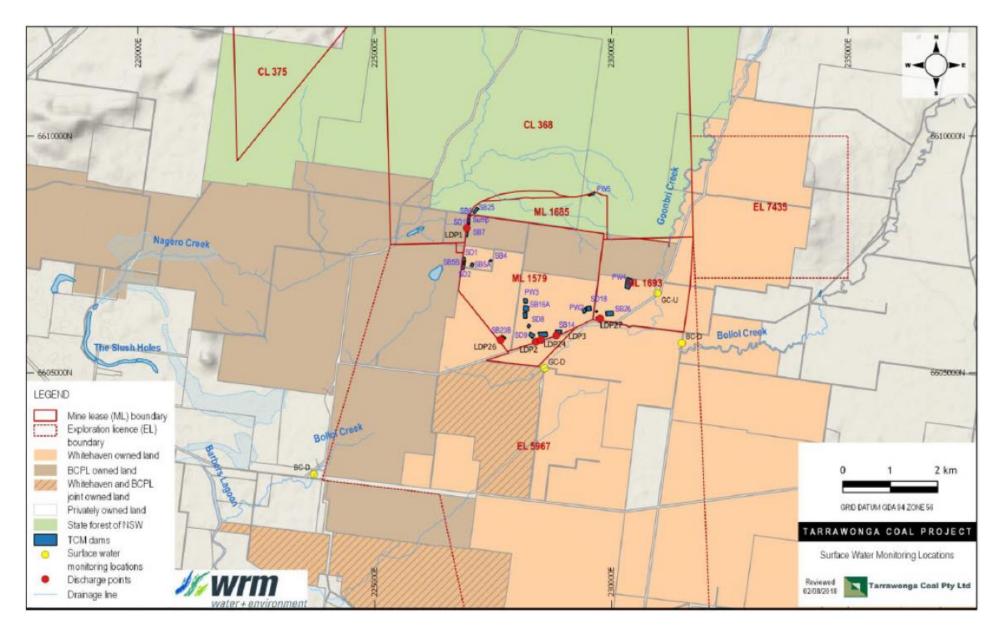




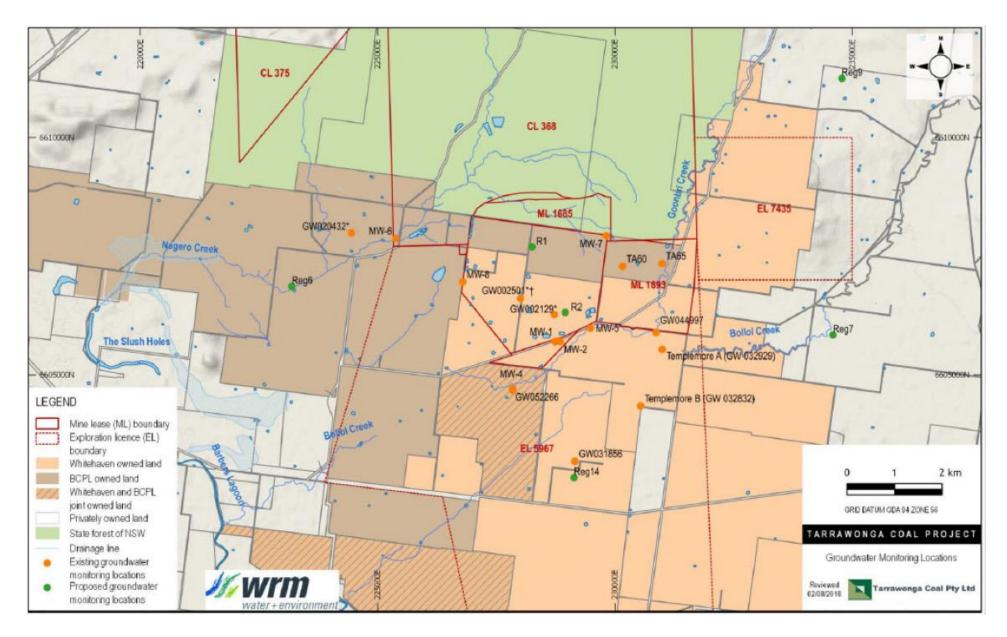








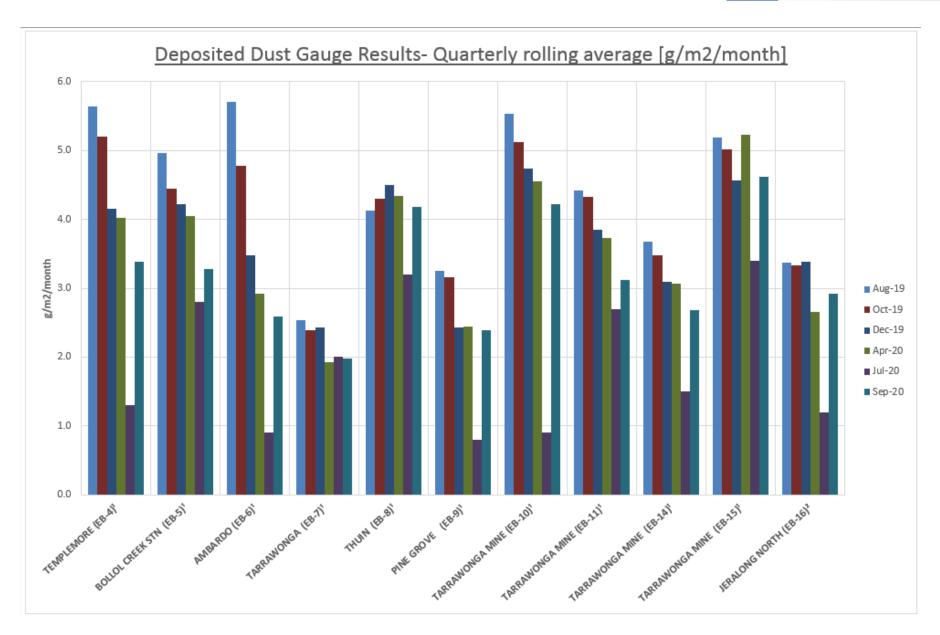


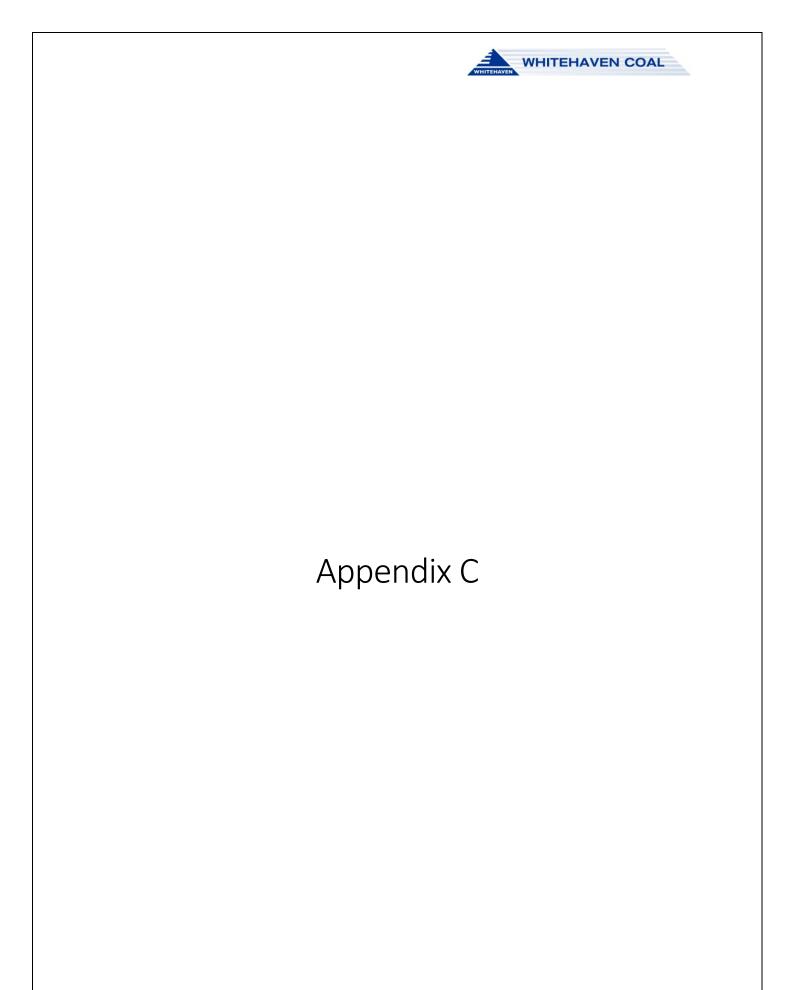




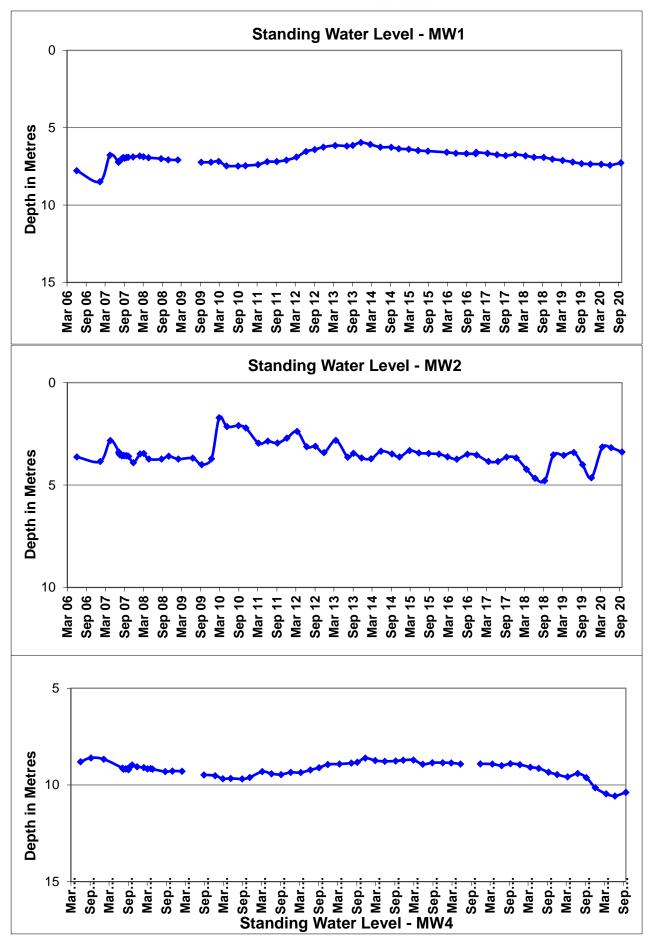
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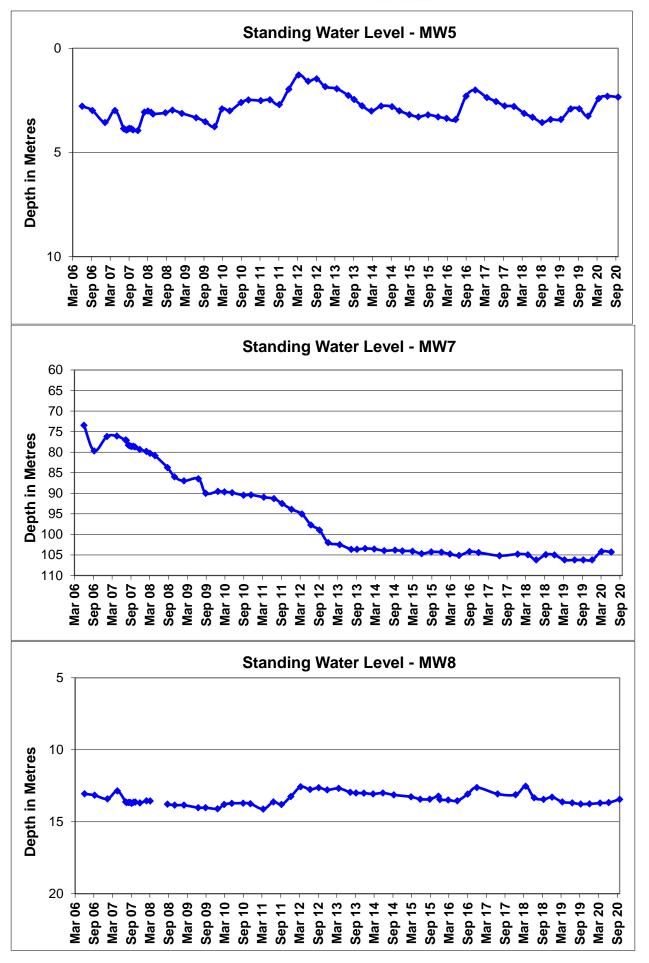














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1. Present and	<u>Present:</u>	
Apologies	Mr David Ross (DR)- Independent Chairman,	
	Mrs Colleen Fuller (CF), Community	
	Representative,	
	Mr Wade Hudson (WH)– GSC Representative	
	Mr David Moses (DM), GSC Representative	
	Mr Lloyd Finlay (LF), NSC Representative,	
	Mrs Julie Heiler (JH), Community Representative,	
	Mr Tian Oosthuizen (TOo), TCM,	
	Mr Sebastien Moreno (SM)- TCM,	
	Miss Madeleine Wright (MW), TCM,	
	Mr Darren Swaine (DS)– WHC Group	
	Miss Alexandra Carynny (AC)— Vickery Coal	
	Mine	
	Apologies:	
	Mrs Rebecca Ryan (RR)- Community	
	Representative,	
	Mr Robert Hooke (RH), GSC Representative	
	Mrs Cath Collyer (CC), Community	
	Representative,	



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2. Declaration of	DR- declared that he is paid a fee for participation		
Pecuniary or	as Independent Chairman.		
Non-Pecuniary			
Interests	LF and JH declared they lease WHC properties		
3. Previous	CCC members- regarding MOD7	SM- to provide an update on	Completed.
Minutes Actions		progress.	Discussed MOD7 in the quarterly
			report.
	Proceed with advertisement for new TCCC	SM, DR and MW to advertise for	Completed.
	members.	new CCC members.	Advertisement was made in the
			Boggabri Green flyer and Narrabri
			Classifieds. It was also added to
			the WHC Newsletter distributed in
			mail boxes across the Gunnedah
			area.
	SM- regarding 3- yearly Environmental	SM- to present/ discuss outcome	
	Independent Audit report	of the audit at Next CCC meeting	
	DR - Introduced WH replacing Andrew Johns	DR to discuss with WH regarding	
	and the second of the second o	his admission to the CCC.	
4. Business	DS – WHC's Newsletter has been sent to mail		
Arising	boxes between Quirindi to Wee Waa.		



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	DR - Introduced WH replacing Andrew Johns  - Introduced AC from the Vickery Coal Project.as an observer  - Formally welcomed LF at TCM CCC as NSC member in replacement of Cameron Staines.
	TOo advised:  - No change with Covid-19 measures and risk assessments have been reviewed.  - Implementation of measures onsite continues.  - To date there have been no infected people onsite and attendance to work has been high.
5. Mine Progress	TOo gave an update:
Report	- TRIFR – 0
1	- LTI Free days – 674
	<ul> <li>Notifiable incidents period is 42 days free.</li> <li>41% of staff &lt;12months mining experience.</li> </ul>
	- 26% of staff <6months mining experience.
	JH commented on the loss of operators and asked
	if the percentage of new workers were locals or



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	from other districts.		
	TOo – advised operators have gone to neighbouring mines in regards to the roster. He outlined TCM does not have FIFO workers but encourages local employment offering a 5/2 family friendly roster.  - explained dam SD9 construction, south dump final land form construction and rehabilitation progressing well  - Northern Rehabilitation is on track.		
6. Environmental	SM- read and explained the Quarterly	-	
Monitoring report	<ul> <li>Environmental Report results.</li> <li>Reiterated that trees planted in FY21 are thriving due to favourable weather conditions.</li> <li>One complaint regarding blasting and resolved. Neighbour was added to pre-blast notification list.</li> <li>MOP Amendment F was approved.</li> <li>MOD 7 is being assessed by DPIE and expected to be determined in November</li> <li>ran through the various audits undertaken</li> </ul>	of the audit at Next TCCC meeting.	



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	at TCM, available on WHC website CF - advised that the Air Quality committee published reports able to assist TCM to understand sources of poor air quality levels in the region.	
	JH- asked for information regarding the blasting complaint and whether that catalysed any changes within the blasting processes and times.	
	SM advised blast is generally undertaken at 12pm however may change depending on weather conditions and operational constrains	
	JH - asked about MW7 and why it is dry,	
	SM- advised that proximity of the pit is the main reason for the drawdown and therefore this bore will be decommissioned soon.	
7. General	DS - announced that the WHC complaints line is	
business	now operating and number is available on the	
	WHC website (1800 WHAVEN (1800 942 836))	
	- Explained the WHC Newsletter and the sustainability report for FY20.	



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	JH - in regards to blasting suggested putting production on the rear of blasting priorities to avoid complaints.		
	TOo - advised that blasting activities are scheduled to minimize the risk of complaints. Site takes very seriously the risk of environmental harm (i.e. fume) and operates in accordance with the approval conditions including overpressure and ground vibration limits.		
	JH - advised there is a no burning authorised and no permits are being issued.  - thanked TCM for organising the RFS site visit.  - has received comments from current TCM employees and members of their families.  The perception of TCM as a workplace has changed: "Open communication and respect has been the basis of Tarrawonga's Exceptional working environment".		

Maintaining happiness within the mine to



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	maintain the community and families within the community announced resignation from the TCCC as soon as a replacement is found.		
	CF- received similar comment from a former employee she knows personally.		
	<ul> <li>thanked SM for Environmental reports being received prior to CCC meetings.</li> <li>advised that the mining book for Gunnedah is under way.</li> </ul>		
	TOo – In the current challenging climate, businesses (including WHC) need to adapt and make changes to maintain long term financial stability. It is understood some employees may find difficult to adapt to new management styles or organisational changes. However, to facilitate the transition, TCM management team has made		

informative sessions with all the levels of staff.



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8.Complaints	SM - One complaint was received since previous meeting regarding blasting activities as detailed in the Quarterly report.	
9. Next Meeting	DR- next TCCC meetings will be held on 17 <sup>th</sup>	
and Other	February 2021.	
Comments		