

WERRIS CREEK COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
55TH Meeting of the Committee held at the Werris Creek Bowling Club
Wednesday, 10 March 2021 at 9:30am

The normal four monthly meeting will begin at 9:30am - A site tour will not be available today due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Meeting opened at 9:35AM.

Record of attendance

Gae Swain	Independent Chairperson
Jane Bradford OAM	Independent Minute Taker
Matt Hollis	Werris Creek Coal - Environmental Superintendent
Kelsy Sammons	Whitehaven Coal - Environmental Officer
Andrew Garrett	Whitehaven Coal - General Manager Community Engagement
Clr Ian Lobsey	Councillor – Liverpool Shire Council
Lindsay Bridge	Community Representative – Phone No 0431 319 302
Mike Lomax	Community Representative
Col Stewart OAM	Community Representative arrived quite late

Apologies

Craig Sullivan	Werris Creek Coal - Operations Manager
James O'Brien	Community Representative
Noel Taylor	Community Representative

Note - Donna Ausling has resigned from the Liverpool Shire Council and a replacement has not yet been appointed.

Moved Gae Swain, **seconded** Lindsay Bridge, THAT the apologies be accepted. CARRIED

2 Declaration of Pecuniary or Other Interests –

Gae Swain has non-pecuniary interests – Son works at Whitehaven Administration Office, Gunnedah and Son-in-law at Narrabri Mine

3 New Matters for Discussion under General Business today

3.1 Updated declaration of Code of Conduct as per CCC Guidelines

3.2 Updated declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

This information was sent out with the Notice of Meeting and each member of the Consultative Community Committee should have completed both forms to return today.

Most forms were completed and returned to Matt Hollis.

Not returned today were from James O'Brien, Noel Taylor and Col Stewart – understand that Matt will contact these three for the paper work to be returned to him at the Mine or alternatively at the next scheduled CCC meeting.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 November 2020 were emailed / posted to the Committee members – no changes or queries were received within the required time-frame it was agreed that the Minutes covered the November Meeting accurately.

Moved Mike Lomax, **Seconded** Lindsay Bridge CARRIED

5 Matters Arising - Nil

6 Environmental Monitoring Report from 1 October 2020 to 31 January 2021

2.2.1 Monitoring Data Results

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“Woodlands” had high results in November – considered to be an anomalous result based on average results through the year and low levels captured by all other nearby gauges.

Kurrara Street – similar to “Woodlands”

“Cintra” had consistently high dust levels through first half of year with a lower reduction in the latter half of the year. Results are to be expected given “Cintra” gauge is inside the Mining Lease and immediately adjacent to an active mining area.

“Marengo” had an anomalous in January 2020, however with other low deposited dust levels- indicated it was a localised source of dust. This high result affected the overall average throughout the year for this location.

2.3. Quirindi Train Dust Deposition

After the decision made at the November 2020 meeting that this Report was no longer required – can confirm that nothing changed over the past four months.

3.1 Noise levels – no issues for the four-month period

4.0 Blasting – No compliance issues

5.1 Water – Groundwater levels are continuing to recover across the entire monitoring network including the Quipolly alluvium. This correlates well with the increased rainfall and frequent running of streams and creeks in the local area.

6. Complaints

Two received relating to blast vibration but WCC confirmed blasts were well within the compliance limits.

Moved Mike Lomax, **seconded** Lindsay Bridge THAT the Environment Report be accepted.

CARRIED

7 General Business

7.1 New Dress Code has been introduced / enforced by Site management – High Viz Clothing must be worn on site, including long sleeve shirts, full length pants plus appropriate enclosed safety boots.

7.2 Meetings of WCCCCC will continue at the Werris Creek Bowling Club to ensure no dress code issues or COVID19 related impacts.

7.3 Soil conservation work Discussions have been carried out with Mike Lomax and Matt Hollis between Cintra and Mike Lomax’s property to the North.

7.4 Tree planting - Matt Hollis confirmed some 20 hectares with fresh top soil planted 8,500 native trees and grasses due to the great season – an additional 23 hectares hopes to have planted by end of this financial year.

7.5 Retirement – Gae Swain confirmed that she was retiring from the Committee effective immediately – new appointment will be announced before the next meeting in July 2021.

Next meeting Wednesday, 8 July 2021 at 9:30am – Venue - Werris Creek Bowling Club

Meeting closed at 9:40AM

Gae Swain
Independent Chairperson

16.03.2021

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QUARTERLY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT

October-December 2020 and January 2021

This Environmental Monitoring Report covers the period 1st October 2020 to 31st January 2021 for the Werris Creek Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee.

The report includes environmental monitoring results from the on-site Weather Station, Air Quality, Noise, Blasting, Surface Water, Groundwater and Discharge Water Quality together with any community complaints received and general details on site environmental matters.

Note: Elevated monitoring results above the relevant monitoring criteria are highlighted in **yellow**.

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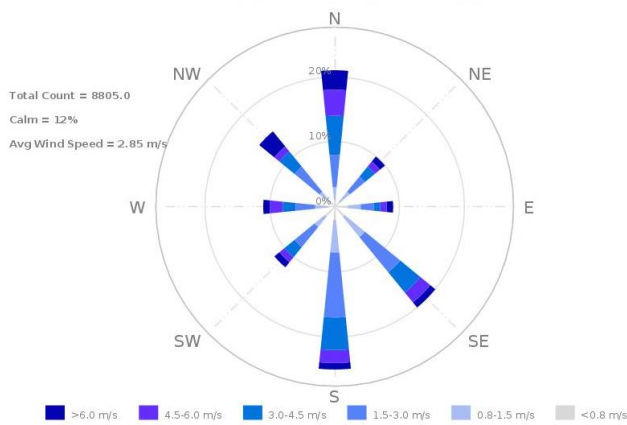
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1.0 METEOROLOGY

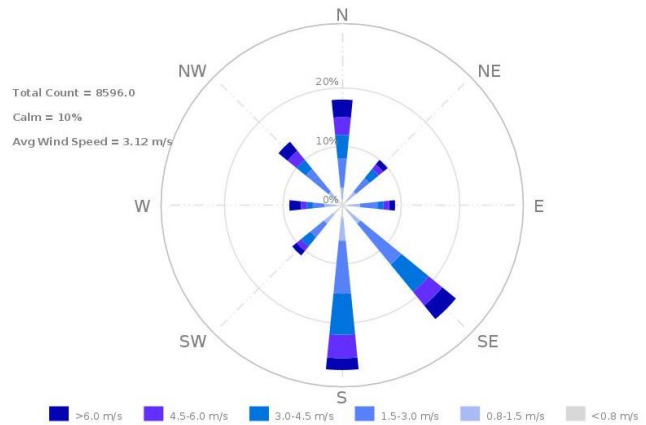
1.1 WEATHER STATION

Werris Creek Coal (WCC) collects meteorological data from the onsite weather station located on the top level of the overburden emplacement. The following table summarises rainfall data for the last four months. The monthly rainfall total in November 2020 and January 2021 was lower than the historical average, but higher in October and December 2020. Directional wind data, presented in the wind-rose figures below, indicate the prevailing wind direction was predominantly from the south in October and November 2020 and from the south-east in December 2020 and January 2021.

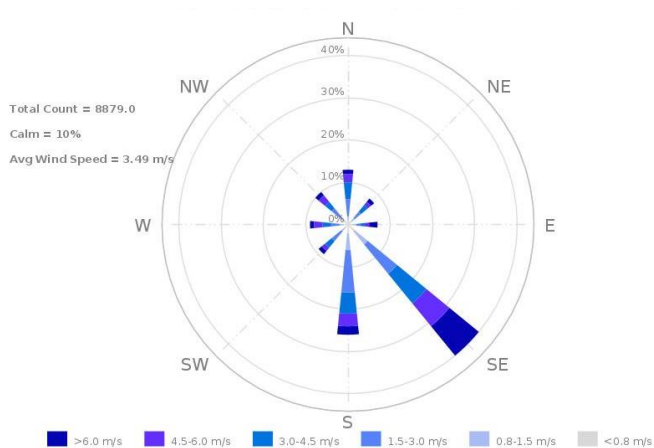
Month	Rainfall (mm)			
	Onsite	Historical Average	2020 Total	2021 Total
October 2020	193.8	58.2	738.2	
November 2020	19.4	79.3	757.6	
December 2020	128.2	88.9	885.8	
January 2021	40.2	65.5		40.2



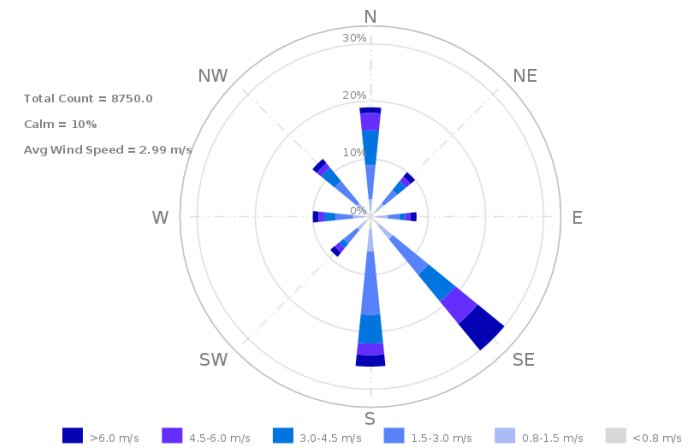
October 2020



November 2020



December 2020



January 2021

2.0 AIR QUALITY

2.1 HVAS (PM₁₀) and TEOM (PM₁₀ & PM_{2.5})

WCC operates five High Volume Air Samplers (HVAS), four sites measuring particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM₁₀) and one site measuring total suspended particulate (TSP) matter. HVAS sampling is scheduled every 6 days for a 24-hour run period in accordance with Environment Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines. Results are reported in micro grams per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) of air sampled. In addition, WCC operates a Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance (TEOM) monitor in Werris Creek measuring real time PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} (particulate matter less than 2.5 microns) dust levels. Dust monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 1**.

2.1.1 Monitoring Data Results

The average results for the last four months are provided in the table below.

MONITORING LOCATION	24Hr Maximum ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	OCT 2020 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	NOV 2020 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	DEC 2020 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	2020 AVG ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	JAN 2021 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	2021 AVG ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	CRITERIA ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	
								Annual	24hr
PM _{2.5} – TEOM92 “Werris Creek”	12.4	4.6	4.6	3.1	6.7	4.5	4.5	-	-
PM ₁₀ – TEOM92 “Werris Creek”	23.8	9.3	12.3	6.7	11.3	9.0	9.0	30	50
PM ₁₀ – HVP20 “Tonsley Park”	36.6	22	26.7	15.7	14.1	13.0	13.0	30	50
PM ₁₀ - HVP1 “Escott”	18.7	9.1	13.5	9.3	7.2	10.5	10.5	30	50
PM ₁₀ – HVP11 “Glenara”	26.2	17.0	16.8	7.2	11.7	10.1	10.1	30	50
PM ₁₀ – HVP98 “Kyooma”	17.3	8.9	8.4	9.2	6.5	8.0	8.0	30	50
TSP – HVT98 “Kyooma”	58.2	31.9	31.3	18.1	16.6	15.9	15.9	90	-

Yellow Bold – Elevated dust level.

2.1.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non Compliance

All TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} dust results were within criteria during the period.

2.2 WERRIS CREEK MINE DEPOSITED DUST

Deposited dust monitoring measures particulate matter greater than 30 microns in size that readily settles out of the air related to visual impact. Dust deposition is monitored at 20 locations around WCC. Sampling is scheduled monthly in accordance with EPA guidelines and results are reported as grams per square metre per month ($\text{g}/\text{m}^2.\text{month}$). Dust monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 1**.

2.2.1 Monitoring Data Results

The results for the last four months are provided in the table below.

MONITORING LOCATION	OCT 2020 (g/m ² /month)	NOV 2020 (g/m ² /month)	DEC 2020 (g/m ² /month)	2020 AVGERAGE (g/m ² /month)	JAN 2021 (g/m ² /month)	Annual Criteria (g/m ² /month)
DG1 "Escott"	0.5	2.5	1.2	1.4	7.8#	4.0
DG2 "Cintra"	2.9	3.8	2.7	5.4	2.1	4.0
DG3 "Eurunderee"	0.6	1.7	2.2	1.7	1.1	4.0
DG5 "Railway View"	0.8	2.3	1.4	1.6	0.7	4.0
DG9 "Marengo"	0.8	2.8	2.5	8.4	0.9	4.0
DG11 "Glenara"	1.4	2.6	1.4	1.3	0.6	4.0
DG14 "Greenslopes"	1.2	1.4	2.1	1.0	1.8	4.0
DG15 "Plain View"	0.9	1.5	1.6	1.5	0.8	4.0
DG17 "Woodlands"	0.5	6.4	1.7	2.0	1.6	4.0
DG20 "Tonsley Park"	1.2	2.0	3.2	2.1	1.0	4.0
DG22 "Mountain View"	0.9	1.8	0.8	1.4	4.2#	4.0
DG24 "Hazeldene"	1.0	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.1	4.0
DG34 8 Kurrara St	4.1	1.4	1.4	2.7	0.6	4.0
DG62 Werris Creek South	0.4	0.8	1.4	1.2	0.7	4.0
DG92 Werris Creek Centre	0.4	1.1	1.5	0.9	0.4	4.0
DG96 "Talavera"	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NA
DG98 "Kyooma"	1.7	1.0	2.3	1.3	0.6	4.0
DG101 "Westfall"	1.9	1.8	2.3	1.7	1.6	4.0
DG103 West Street	0.8	1.4	1.9	1.5	1.0	4.0

* - sample contaminated with excessive organic matter (>50%) from non-mining source (i.e. bird droppings and insects); # - indicates sample is contaminated from a Non-Werris Creek Coal dust source; **Yellow Bold** – Elevated dust level; NS – Not Sampled; Broken- Dust bottle broken in transit

2.2.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non Compliance

All monthly dust deposition gauge results were below the annual criteria of 4.0 g/m²/month throughout the period with the exception of:

- DG17 (Woodlands) had high results in November 2020
- DG34 (8 Kurrara St) had a high result in October 2020

2020 Annual Average dust levels remained below the annual criteria of 4.0 g/m²/month with the exception of:

- DG2 (Cintra) had consistently high dust levels through the first half of the year, however low deposited dust levels at other nearby isolated gauges indicated a localised source of dust generation, unrelated to activities at Werris Creek Coal Mine.
- DG9 (Marengo) had an anomalous high dust result (82.5 g/m²/month) in January 2020, however low deposited dust levels at other nearby isolated gauges also indicated a localised source of dust, unrelated to activities at Werris Creek Coal Mine. This high result directly affecting the annual average throughout the year, even though dust levels remained low for the remainder of 2020.

2.3 QUIRINDI TRAIN DUST DEPOSITION

2.3.1 Monitoring Data Results

The results for the last three months are provided in the table below.

Monitor Location	OCT 2020		NOV 2020		DEC 2020		2020 Average (g/m ² /month)
	g/m ² /month	% Coal	g/m ² /month	% Coal	g/m ² /month	% Coal	
DDW30	1.4	20%	1.8	<10%	Site decommissioned		1.6
DDW20	0.5	20%	2.1	20%	Site decommissioned		1.3
DDW13	1.3	20%	2.8	<10%	Site decommissioned		1.8
Train Line							
DDE13	1.6	<10%	0.9	<10%	Site decommissioned		1.5
DDE20	2.5	10%	1.5	10%	Site decommissioned		2.0
DDE30	1.5	30%	0.7	10%	Site decommissioned		1.0

* - sample contaminated with excessive organic matter (>50%) from non-mining source (i.e. bird droppings and insects); NS – Not Sampled, bottle and funnel smashed. NR- change in service provider microscopic analysis not conducted as result <4

2.3.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non Compliance

Overall, the dust fallout levels adjacent to the train line are low, well below the impact assessment criteria nominated by the EPA of 4.0 g/m²/month and comparable to the levels monitored around Werris Creek Coal Mine. Coal contributions to the dust fraction remain generally low. All sites were decommissioned in December 2020 so no further monitoring will be conducted.

2.4 AIR QUALITY COMPLAINTS

There was no dust complaints recorded during the period.

3.0 NOISE

3.1 OPERATIONAL NOISE

Monthly attended noise monitoring is undertaken representative of the following 16 properties from 13 monitoring points below. Attended noise monitoring was undertaken twice for either 60 minutes at privately owned properties or 15 minutes at properties with private agreements; representative of the day period and the evening/night period.

3.1.1 Monitoring Data Results

The WCC operations only noise level (not ambient noise) results for the last four months are outlined in the tables below. Noise monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 2**.

29th Thursday and 30th Friday October 2020

Location		Day dB(A) L _{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L _{eq} 15min	Evening/Night dB(A) L _{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L _{eq} 15min
A	"Rosehill" R5	24	35	Inaudible	35
B	West Quipolly (R7*, R8*, R9* & R22*)	22	40	Inaudible	40
C	Central Quipolly (R10*, R11*)	Inaudible	40	Inaudible#	40
D	"Hazeldene" R24	Inaudible	37	Inaudible#	37
E	"Railway Cottage" R12	Inaudible#	38	Inaudible	38
F	"Talavera" R96	Inaudible#	38	Inaudible	38
H	"Kyooma" R98	Inaudible#	38	Inaudible	38
I	Kurrara St, WC R57	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible	35
J	Coronation Ave, WC	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible#	35
K	Alco Park (R21*)	Inaudible	40	Inaudible	40
L	West St, WC (R103)	Inaudible	35	Inaudible	35

WC – Werris Creek; * - Private agreement in place with resident; **Yellow Bold** – Elevated noise; # Adverse weather with wind >3m/s, temperature inversions >+12°C/100m or >2m/s and >0°C/100m; 1 – R22 criteria is 36 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min while R9 is 37 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min

NM- Denotes Not Measurable. If site only noise is noted as NM, this means some noise from the source of interest was audible at low-levels, but could not be quantified

24th Tuesday and 25th Wednesday November 2020

Location		Day dB(A) L _{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L _{eq} 15min	Evening/Night dB(A) L _{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L _{eq} 15min
A	"Rosehill" R5	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible#	35
B	West Quipolly (R7*, R8*, R9* & R22*)	Inaudible#	40	Inaudible	40
C	Central Quipolly (R10*, R11*)	Inaudible#	40	Inaudible	40
D	"Hazeldene" R24	Inaudible#	37	Inaudible	37
E	"Railway Cottage" R12	Inaudible	38	Inaudible	38
F	"Talavera" R96	Inaudible#	38	Inaudible	38
H	"Kyooma" R98	Inaudible#	38	Inaudible	38
I	Kurrara St, WC R57	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible	35
J	Coronation Ave, WC	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible	35
K	Alco Park (R21*)	Inaudible	40	Inaudible#	40
L	West St, WC (R103)	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible#	35

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28th Monday December 2020

Location		Day dB(A) L _{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L _{eq} 15min	Evening/Night dB(A) L _{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L _{eq} 15min
A	"Rosehill" R5	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible#	35
B	West Quipolly (R7*, R8*, R9* & R22*)	Inaudible#	40	Inaudible#	40
C	Central Quipolly (R10*, R11*)	Inaudible#	40	Inaudible	40
D	"Hazeldene" R24	Inaudible#	37	Inaudible	37
E	"Railway Cottage" R12	Inaudible	38	Inaudible#	38
F	"Talavera" R96	Inaudible	38	Inaudible#	38
H	"Kyooma" R98	Inaudible	38	Inaudible#	38
I	Kurrara St, WC R57	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible	35
J	Coronation Ave, WC	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible#	35
K	Alco Park (R21*)	28#	40	Inaudible#	40
L	West St, WC (R103)	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible	35

WC – Werris Creek; * - Private agreement in place with resident; **Yellow Bold** – Elevated noise; # Adverse weather with wind >3m/s, temperature inversions >+12°C/100m or >2m/s and >0°C/100m; 1 – R22 criteria is 36 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min while R9 is 37 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min

NM- Denotes Not Measurable. If site only noise is noted as NM, this means some noise from the source of interest was audible at low-levels, but could not be quantified

29th Friday and 30th Saturday January 2021

Location		Day dB(A) L _{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L _{eq} 15min	Evening/Night dB(A) L _{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L _{eq} 15min
A	"Rosehill" R5	22#	35	Inaudible#	35
B	West Quipolly (R7*, R8*, R9* & R22*)	23#	40	20#	40
C	Central Quipolly (R10*, R11*)	24#	40	Inaudible	40
D	"Hazeldene" R24	Inaudible#	37	Inaudible	37
E	"Railway Cottage" R12	23#	38	Inaudible#	38
F	"Talavera" R96	26#	38	Inaudible	38
H	"Kyooma" R98	24#	38	Inaudible	38
I	Kurrara St, WC R57	Inaudible	35	23	35
J	Coronation Ave, WC	Inaudible	35	Inaudible	35
K	Alco Park (R21*)	21#	40	Inaudible	40
L	West St, WC (R103)	Inaudible	35	Inaudible	35

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3.1.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non Compliance

Noise from Werris Creek Coal Mine was inaudible at a high percentage of the monitoring sites during the quarter. Throughout the period, Werris Creek Coal Mine adjusted mining operations and shut down equipment at various times to reduce noise generation potential in response to noise levels measured at the real time noise monitors.

3.2 Noise complaints

There were no noise complaints recorded during the period.

4.0 BLASTING

During the reporting period there was a total of twenty-one blasts fired by WCC with monitoring of each blast undertaken at “Glenara”, “Kyooma”, “Werris Creek South” and “Werris Creek Mid”. Compliance limits for blasting overpressure is 115dB(L) (and up to 120dB(L) for only 5% of blasts) and vibration is 5mm/s (and up to 10mm/s for only 5% of blasts). Blast monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 3**.

4.1 BLAST MONITORING

4.1.1 Monitoring Data Results

The summary tables of blasting results over the last four months are provided below.

OCT 2020		“Glenara” R11		“Kyooma” R98		Werris Creek South R62		Werris Creek Mid R92	
		mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)
Monthly Average		0.13	98.3	0.86	98.9	0.48	98.6	0.29	100.3
Monthly Maximum		0.17	105.4	1.09	101.7	0.95	105.8	0.50	106.3
Annual Average		0.12	97.7	0.70	99.4	0.39	99.0	0.27	98.7
Criteria		5	115	5	115	5	115	5	115
% >115dB(L) or 5mm/s	Rolling Ave	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.66%	0.00%	0.00%
	Reporting Year	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

NOV 2020		“Glenara” R11		“Kyooma” R98		Werris Creek South R62		Werris Creek Mid R92	
		mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)
Monthly Average		0.13	98.3	0.86	98.9	0.48	98.6	0.29	100.3
Monthly Maximum		0.17	105.4	1.09	101.7	0.95	105.8	0.50	106.3
Annual Average		0.12	97.7	0.70	99.4	0.39	99.0	0.27	98.7
Criteria		5	115	5	115	5	115	5	115
% >115dB(L) or 5mm/s	Rolling Ave	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Reporting Year	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

DEC 2020		“Glenara” R11		“Kyooma” R98		Werris Creek South R62		Werris Creek Mid R92	
		mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)
Monthly Average		0.10	99.6	0.62	101.0	0.42	100.0	0.25	100.4
Monthly Maximum		0.14	105.5	1.03	105.7	1.01	105.7	0.48	105.9
Annual Average		0.12	97.8	0.71	99.4	0.39	99.3	0.26	98.9
Criteria		5	115	5	115	5	115	5	115
% >115dB(L) or 5mm/s	Rolling Ave	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Reporting Year	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

JAN 2021		“Glenara” R11		“Kyooma” R98		Werris Creek South R62		Werris Creek Mid R92	
		mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)
Monthly Average		0.08	97.3	0.55	99.4	0.44	101.0	0.27	99.1
Monthly Maximum		0.09	103.7	0.74	104.2	0.59	109.5	0.37	105.7
Annual Average		0.08	97.3	0.55	99.4	0.44	101.0	0.27	99.1
Criteria		5	5	115	5	115	5	115	5
% >115dB(L) or 5mm/s	Rolling Ave	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Reporting Year	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Yellow – overpressure >115dB(L) or Werris Creek vibration >5.0mm/s.

4.1.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non Compliance

All blasts over the period complied with maximum licence limits (120dB(L) and 10mm/s) as well as the 95th percentile limits (115dB(L) and 5mm/s).

4.2 BLAST COMPLAINTS

There were two blast complaints (December 2020, January 2021) during the period regarding vibration.

5.0 WATER

The groundwater monitoring program monitors groundwater levels bi-monthly and groundwater quality six monthly. Surface water monitoring is undertaken quarterly.

5.1 GROUND WATER

Groundwater monitoring is undertaken to identify if there are any impacts on groundwater quality and water levels as a result of the mining operations. WCC monitors approximately 38 groundwater wells/bores and piezometers in the key aquifers surrounding WCC including Werrie Basalt (next to WCC and further afield) and Quipolly Creek Alluvium. Groundwater level surveys were completed on the 4, 6, 9 and 10 November 2020 and also 8, 11, 12 and 13 January 2021. Groundwater monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 4**.

5.1.1 Monitoring Data Results

A summary of groundwater monitoring results has been provided below.

Site		November-20	
		mbgl	%
Werrie Basalt near WCC	MW1	Dry	
	MW2	55.32	2%
	MW3	20.93	1%
	MW4B	20.17	0%
	MW5	13.30	5%
	MW6	16.32	0%
	MW27*	55.29	-3%
	MW36A	17.30	-4%
	MW36B	17.31	-4%
Werrie Basalt	MW8*	17.82	1%
	MW10	11.90	0%
	MW14	13.83	-7%
	MW17B*	13.74	7%
	MW19A*	Pump over bore	
	MW20*	23.52	0%
	MW38A	9.68	1%
	MW38B*	7.42	30%
	MW38C*	22.82	1%
	MW38E*	No access	
#1	MW41	9.18	8%
	MW43	7.50	13%
#1	MW24A*	15.10	9%
	MW29*	10.85	6%
Quipolly Alluvium	MW12*	Dry	
	MW13*	5.73	36%
	MW13B*	4.14	25%
	MW13D*	4.97	14%
	MW15*	No access	
	MW16*	7.83	-3%
	MW17A*	7.28	7%
	MW18A*	Dry	
	MW21A*	11.01	5%
	MW22A*	8.15	4%
	MW22B*	Dry	
	MW23A*	3.93	9%
	MW23B*	No access	
	MW26B*	9.55	8%
	MW28A*	14.41	6%
	MW32*	Pump over bore	
	MW40	9.20	8%
MW42	7.39	12%	
#2	MW34*	10.12	3%

Site		January-21	
		mbgl	%
Werrie Basalt near WCC	MW1	Dry	
	MW2	53.92	3%
	MW3	20.63	1%
	MW4B	20.03	1%
	MW5	13.25	0%
	MW6	16.34	0%
	MW27*	56.51	-2%
	MW36A	15.11	14%
	MW36B	15.10	15%
Werrie Basalt	MW8*	16.34	9%
	MW10	11.95	0%
	MW14	11.53	20%
	MW17B*	13.46	2%
	MW19A*	Pump over bore	
	MW20*	23.27	1%
	MW38A	9.17	6%
	MW38B*	9.08	-18%
	MW38C*	22.63	1%
	MW38E*	10.22	6%
#1	MW41	8.84	4%
	MW43	7.50	0%
#1	MW24A*	14.93	1%
	MW29*	10.79	1%
Quipolly Alluvium	MW12*	11.48	6%
	MW13*	6.88	-17%
	MW13B*	4.84	-14%
	MW13D*	5.19	-4%
	MW15*	No access	
	MW16*	7.76	1%
	MW17A*	6.73	8%
	MW18A*	6.70	5%
	MW21A*	10.74	3%
	MW22A*	7.72	6%
	MW22B*	8.05	-3%
	MW23A*	4.17	-6%
	MW23B*	No access	
	MW26B*	9.22	4%
	MW28A*	12.40	16%
	MW32*	Pump over bore	
	MW40	8.85	4%
MW42	7.37	0%	
#2	MW34*	9.97	2%

mbgl – meters below ground level is the distance in meters from top of bore to groundwater surface; **Orange** – Change decrease; **Green** – change increase or no change; * - Indicates bore is used for water extraction unrelated to WCC (i.e. stock and domestic or irrigation). #1 – Werrie Basalt in the Black Soil Gully valley to east of Werris Creek Mine. #2 - Werris Creek Alluvium.

5.1.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non Compliance

Measured groundwater levels in the Werrie Basalt and Quipolly Alluvium aquifer indicate a general increase in water levels during November 2020 and January 2021, although some locations were noted as having a significant decrease.

5.2 SURFACE WATER

Surface water monitoring is undertaken in local creeks offsite as well as from discharge point dirty water dams to monitor for potential water quality issues. Quarterly surface water monitoring was undertaken on the 9th and 11th November 2020. Surface water monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 5**.

5.2.1 Monitoring Data Results

Summary of surface water quality monitoring results has been provided below.

9th - 11th November 2020

Site	pH	EC	TSS	O&G	Change from Previous Quarter or General Comments
ONSITE					
SB2	7.05	384	21	<5	Water level remained low
SB9	6.66	495	36	<5	Previously dry and now wet
SB10	NA	NA	NA	NA	Previously dry (August) and no access in November 2020
SB18	6.98	218	31	<5	Previously dry and now wet
OFFSITE					
QCU	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Remained dry
QCD	7.93	643	15	<5	Previously only pools and now flowing
WCU	8.28	894	13	<5	Previously only pools and now flowing
WCD	8.22	991	27	6	Not previously flowing and now flowing

pH – measure of acidity/alkalinity; EC – Electrical Conductivity measures salinity; TSS – Total Suspended Solids is a measure of suspended sediment in water (i.e. similar to turbidity); O&G – Oil and Grease measures amount of hydrocarbons (oils and fuels) in water. NA – No Access

5.2.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non Compliance

Quarterly surface water monitoring was undertaken on 9th and 11th November 2020. All water quality results were within long-term averages and the Site Water Management Plan trigger values.

5.3 SURFACE WATER DISCHARGES

5.3.1 Monitoring Data Results

There was one discharge event during October 2020 following above average rainfall during the month. Sampling conducted within Quipolly and Werris Creek systems was also during the discharge in accordance with licence conditions.

There was also 2 controlled discharge events between October 2020 and January 2021.

Sample Date	Dam	pH	EC	TSS	O&G	Compliance	Type	5 Day Rain (mm)
26/10/2020	SB3 (EPA10)	7.9	330	2710	<5	Yes - TSS Ok because rainfall >39.2mm	Wet weather - uncontrolled	120.2
26/10/2020	SB10 (EPA14)	7.6	170	290	<5	Yes - TSS Ok because rainfall >39.2mm	Wet weather - uncontrolled	120.2
26/10/2020	QCU (EPA25)	8.1	320	38	<5	Yes	Wet weather - uncontrolled	120.2
26/10/2020	QCD (EPA26)	7.9	300	63	<5	Yes - TSS Ok because rainfall >39.2mm	Wet weather - uncontrolled	120.2
26/10/2020	WCU (WPA23)	8.0	230	119	<5	Yes - TSS Ok because rainfall >39.2mm	Wet weather - uncontrolled	120.2
26/10/2020	WCD (WPA24)	8.0	230	717	<5	Yes - TSS Ok because rainfall >39.2mm	Wet weather - uncontrolled	120.2
30/10/2020	SB3 (EPA10)	7.3	340	38	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
30/10/2020	SB11 (EPA12)	7.4	460	14	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
30/10/2020	QCU (EPA25)	8.4	330	10	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
30/10/2020	QCD (EPA26)	7.9	340	15	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
4/11/2020	SB10 (EPA14)	7.7	210	19	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
4/11/2020	WCU (WPA23)	8.4	680	10	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
4/11/2020	WCD (WPA24)	8.5	680	8	8	Yes	Controlled	N/A
Criteria		6.5 - 8.5	N/A	50	10			

pH – measure of acidity/alkalinity; EC – Electrical Conductivity measures salinity; TSS – Total Suspended Solids is a measure of suspended sediment in water (i.e. similar to turbidity); O&G – Oil and Grease measures amount of hydrocarbons (oils and fuels) in water; **Bold** – indicates results outside criteria due to 5 day rain trigger >39.2mm.

5.3.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non Compliance

Sampling results were in compliance with WCC's Environmental Protection Licence.

5.4 WATER COMPLAINTS

There were no water release complaints during the period.

6.0 COMPLAINTS SUMMARY

There was one complaint received during the period, which is summarised below.

#	Date	Issue	Complaint	Investigation	Action Taken
623	1/12/2021	Vibration	Complainant advised they were concerned by the vibration from the blast	EO confirmed blast was within compliance limits.	No further follow-up actions

7.0 GENERAL

Please feel free to ask any questions in relation to the information contained within this document during Item 7 of the meeting agenda.

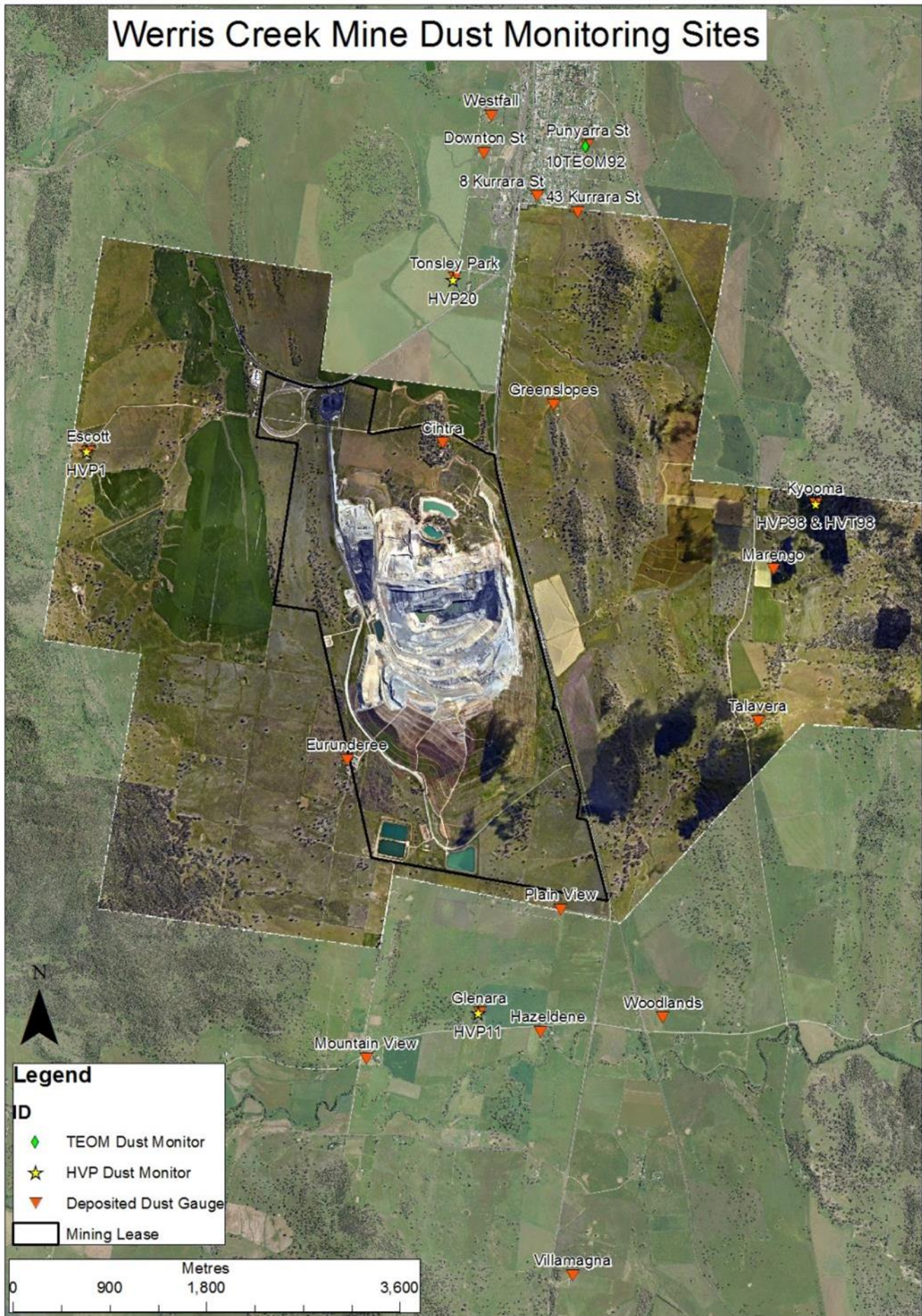


Figure 1 – WCC Dust Monitoring Locations

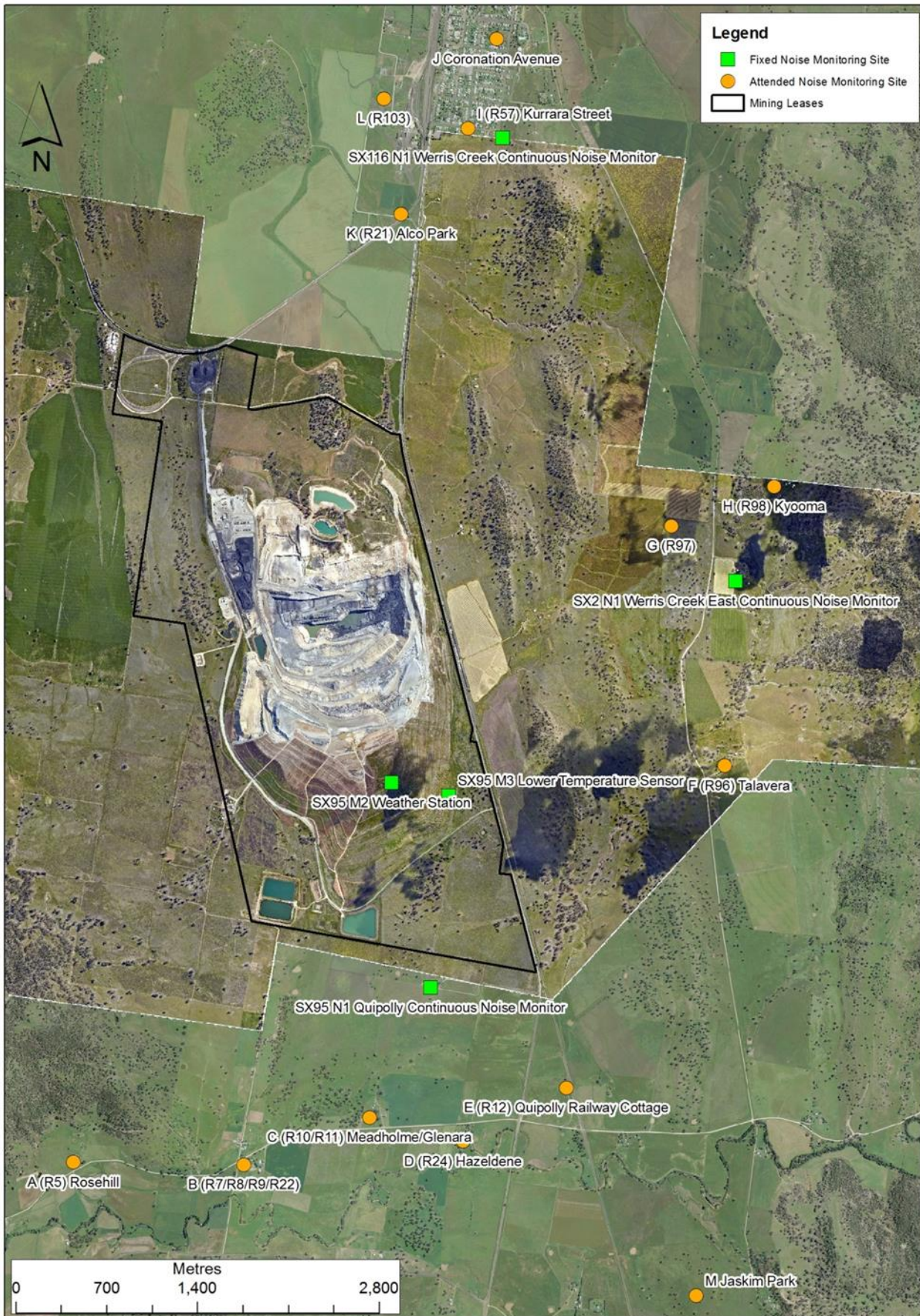


Figure 2– WCC Noise Monitoring Locations

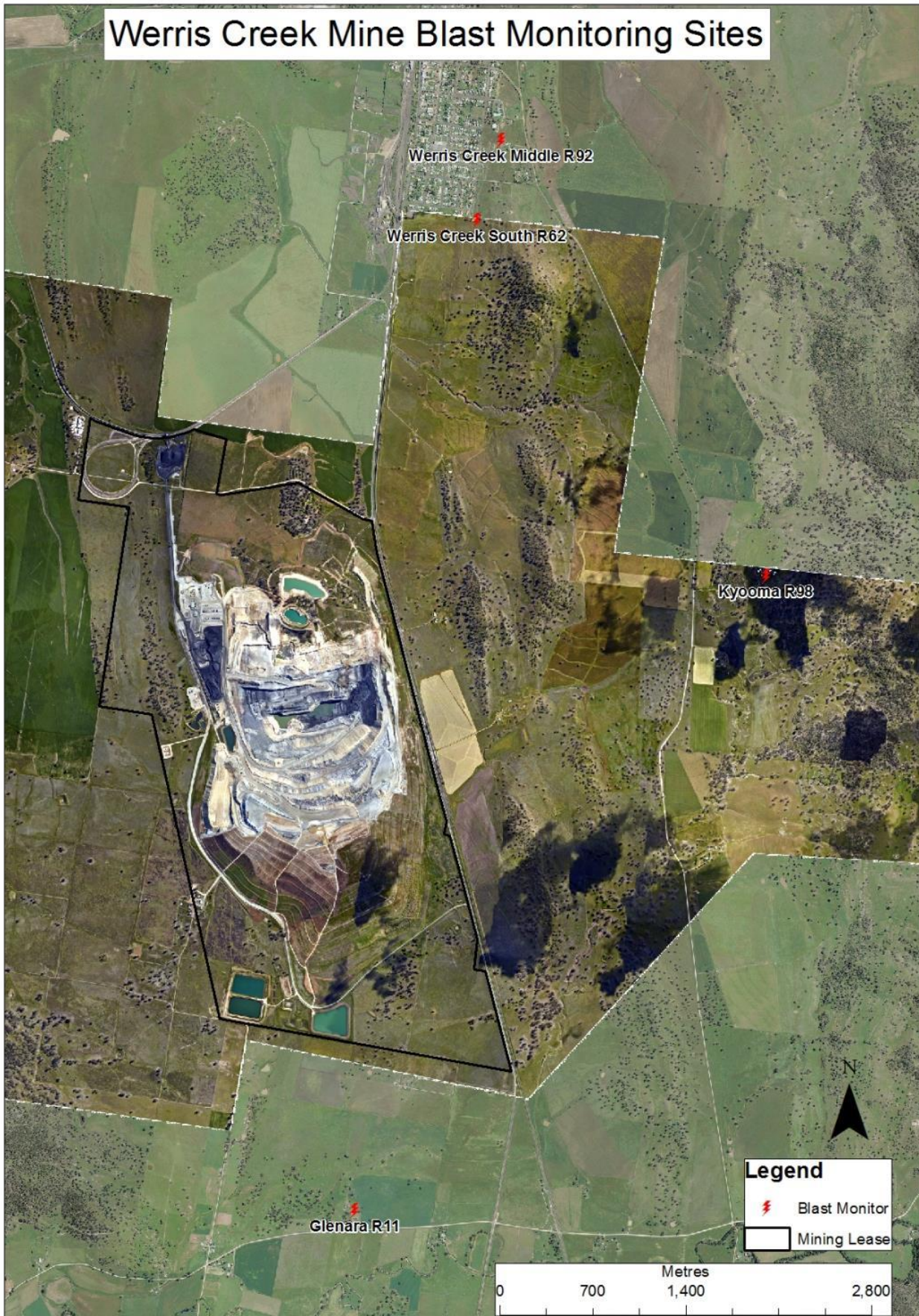


Figure 3 – WCC Blast Monitoring Locations

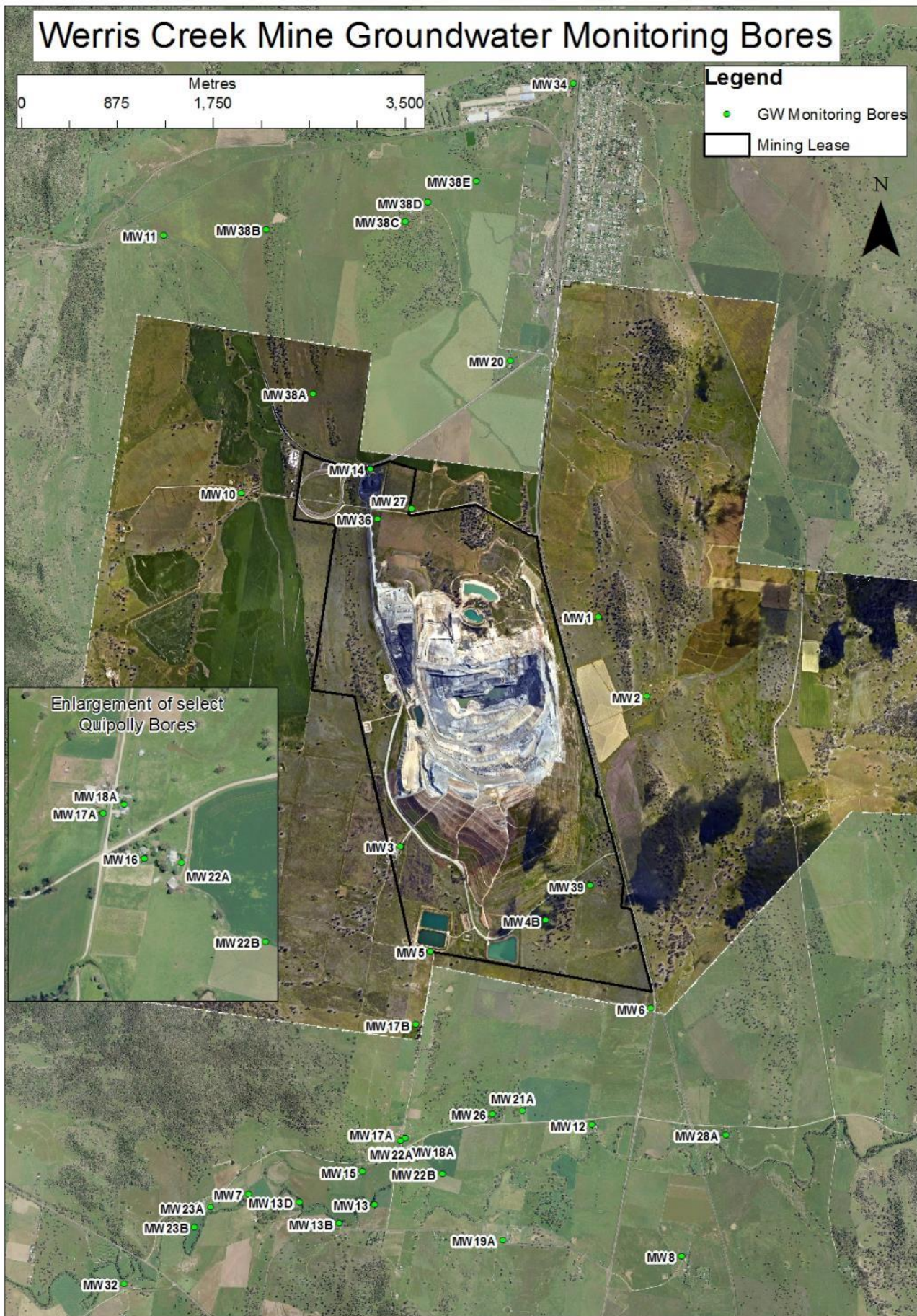


Figure 4 – WCC Groundwater Monitoring Locations



Figure 5 – WCC Surface Water Monitoring Locations

WERRIS CREEK COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
50th Meeting of the Committee held at the Werris Creek Bowling & Tennis Club
Wednesday, 14 July 2021 at 9:30am

Record of attendance

Michael Silver OAM	Independent Chairperson
Matt Hollis	Werris Creek Coal – Environmental Superintendent
Lindsay Bridge	Community Representative
Noel Taylor	Community Representative
James O’Brien	Community Representative
Col Stewart OAM	Community Representative
Mike Lomax	Community Representative
Cr Ian Lobsey	Liverpool Plains Shire Council
Andrew Garrett	Whitehaven Coal – General Manager Community Engagement (by phone)

Apologies

Craig Sullivan	Werris Creek Coal – Operations Manager
Kelsy Sammons	Whitehaven Coal – Environmental Officer

The Chair advised that the regular Minute Secretary, Mrs Jane Bradford OAM was absent due to a bereavement in her family and that he would record the minutes for the meeting.

2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is being held and recognised their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture, paying respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

3 Introduction of the Independent Chair

The Independent Chair, Michael Silver OAM advised of his appointment to the CCC by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) following the resignation of Mrs Gae Swain. Mr Silver complimented Mrs Swain on her contribution to the CCC over many years and look forward to working with the committee members. He noted that his CV had been circulated to members with the meeting agenda.

4 Declaration of Pecuniary or Other Interests

The Chair advised that his meeting expenses are borne by the proponent.
Other members - Nil

5 Chair’s Minute

a) Code of Conduct

The Chair circulated the Code of Conduct declaration and request that all members execute the document and return to him, as the new Chair, prior to the conclusion of the meeting.

b) Declaration of Pecuniary and Non- Pecuniary Interests

The Chair circulated the Pecuniary and Non- Pecuniary Interests declaration and request that all members execute the document, as necessary, and return to him prior to the conclusion of the meeting.

c) Werris Creek Coal Community Consultative Committee Email Address

The Chair advised that the CCC would operate from a dedicated email address moving forward and all CCC correspondence should be forwarded through that email address. The email address is: werriscreekcoalccc@gmail.com

6 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The meeting noted that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 March 2021 were approved on 16 March 2021.

7 Matters Arising

Nil

8 Environment Monitoring Report from 1 February 2021 – 31 May 2021

Matt Hollis provided commentary on each section of the above report which is attached to the minutes.

1. Meteorology – noted that nearly 1000mm of rain has been received during the last financial year – wettest year on record at Werris Creek Mine.

2. Air quality – no major issues. Deposited dust exceedances attributed to isolated localised dust issues from surrounding environment and unrelated to mine operations. It was highlighted that the train dust monitoring site was decommissioned in December 2020.

3. Noise – no complaints or issues for the period

4. Blasting – noted that there were two events in May that were slightly over the 95th percentile overpressure limit (115dBA). One blast was recorded at Werris Creek South (115.7db) on the 28th May, the other at “Glenara”, Quipolly (115.3 db). There was limited explanation for the event recorded at “Glenara” other than prevailing wind direction and cloud cover potentially reinforcing the impact. This blast was located in the bottom of the open cut pit. In total seven blast complaints were received during the period, with five of these on 28 May 2021.

5. Water – measured ground water levels indicate a general increase in water levels surrounding the mine, with overall water quality being good. It was noted that all surface water discharges, both controlled and uncontrolled were compliant.

6. Complaints Summary – detailed that there were seven (7) complaints during the period, all related to vibration or overpressure from blasting. All blasting, however, was within compliance guidelines.

9 General Business

9.1 Burial of Off-road Truck Tyres

Matt Hollis explained community complaints had been made within the maules creek area in respect of disposal of large off-road truck tyres at the Maules Creek mine and how Whitehaven Coal proposes to manage tyre disposal at its operations moving forward. He indicated that it had been the practice in mining industry to bury large dump truck tyres in over-burden due to the size and weight of tyres and limited disposal or recycling alternatives. An application had been lodged with DPIE to modify the Werris Creek Coal consent to permit burial of tyres. He indicated that it is unlikely that tyres will be buried at the Werris Creek operation as alternate recycling options are still being examined and the life of mine status of Werris Creek Mine may not be able to accommodate compliant tyre burial with respect of burial depth.

The Chair detailed the process for the modification noting that it was not subject to public exhibition and would be determined by DPIE based on the relevant agency standards.

In response to a question on the number of tyres discarded at the Werris Creek Mine, Mr Hollis advised that it was better than the industry standard, primarily driven by operational discipline to extend the operational life of tyres beyond 6000 hours – on average Werris Creek Coal is achieving close to 6070 operational hours per tyre. Given each tyre has a value of more than \$40-\$50K this has a significant financial as well as environmental benefit over the operational life of the mine.

It was suggested by Lindsay Bridge that tyres have a role in bank stabilization – Mr Hollis indicated that burial of tyres for alternative uses (erosion control) was not permitted without approval and in general is discouraged in contemporary land management.

9.2 Life of Mine Update

Matt Hollis provided an overview of the anticipated life of the mine and the processes and actions to be followed over the next three to four years.

He detailed that work has started on closing out the out of pit dump, including top soiling and completion of rehabilitation.

A fifth modification to the project approval for the mine will be lodged in the next 6 -12 months to detail what the final void will look like and obtain approval for this work. He noted that there will be some changes to the final void design approved in the original development proposal for the mine, hence the need to seek a modification to the consent. Alternatives are being considered – that is whether it's a dry void or leave it deliberately wet to take surface runoff. He anticipated the modification will be lodged in early 2022.

Mr Hollis suggested that the mine has about three to four years of operational life, excluding required closure works. He indicated various negotiations will occur over this time with local stakeholders including Liverpool Plains Shire Council and others regarding future uses for the site and whether existing infrastructure, such as the rail loop can be taken over and used by another entity.

The issue of ground water at Quipolly was raised, whether levels will improve with the closure of the mine. Mr Hollis responded that whilst Quipolly dam is spilling you will see water levels rising in the Quipolly alluvium areas. From the mine perspective ground water will equalise, generated by rainfall into the mine void whilst the reduction in water extraction will assist further as coal is mined further up the syncline to the north. He indicated the deepest sections of the residual void will now start to be filled. He also commented that to maintain the quality of the water in the void it will require a level of extraction and turn over to reduce long term salinity levels which would otherwise destroy its value as a potential water source.

Mr Hollis confirmed that all coal seams A to G will be mined out.

When questioned regarding the implications on the Quipolly Dam relative to the ground water levels in the void at the mine, Mr Hollis advised there would be no impact. He noted that rainfall will fill the void with approximately 2.0mm of rainfall giving rise to 1 megalitre of accumulated water in the open cut void. He noted that the end of mining will see water accumulation in the remaining void with the opportunity to extract water – this will need to be within licencing requirements.

Mr Hollis also advised that as part of the closure process other land owned by the company may be offered for sale. This may include land that can be used as additional biodiversity offsets but would require a modification to the consent. Of note however – existing biodiversity offset land would be unlikely to be offered for public sale.

9.3 Motor Vehicle Accidents

Mr Hollis confirmed that there had been three motor vehicle incidents on public roads involving employees leaving work during the reporting period. He advised that a strong “to and from work” safety campaign was being conducted by the company. All incidents had been investigated.

9.4 Carbon Usage – Farmers and Miners

Lindsay Bridge outlined the potential agricultural benefits of farmers and miners working together through the utilization of carbon residue in agricultural land use practices. He advised he was highlighting these benefits and opportunities to politicians.

9.5 Sponsorship

Andrew Garrett report on recent community engagement and sponsorship activities. He advised that the following sponsorships had been provided:

\$10,000 to the Silo Art Project

\$1,000 to the Youth Bike Ride

\$500 to the Spring Ridge Chicken and Prawn Night

\$5,000 to the Quirindi Show

\$1,000 to the Quirindi Public School P & C Horse Sports

\$3,000 to the Quirindi High School Presentation Event

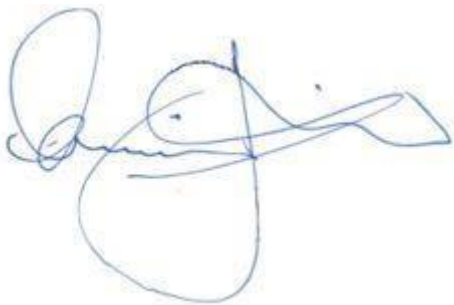
The allocations represent a total community sponsorship of \$20,500 for the period.

Mr Garrett also advised that there would be a change to the Sponsorship/Donation program. He indicated that \$50,000 would be allocated four times per year with mechanisms being examined to support local representatives being part of an identification and project prioritisation process. He advised that this process is expected to be in March 2022.

Next meeting

Wednesday, 10 November 2021 at 9:30am – Werris Creek Bowling and Tennis Club.

Meeting closed at 10:25 am



Michael J. Silver OAM – Independent Chairperson

11 August 2021
Date



WERRIS CREEK COAL PTY LTD

QUARTERLY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT

February - May 2021

This Environmental Monitoring Report covers the period 1st February to 31st May 2021 for the Werris Creek Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee.

The report includes environmental monitoring results from the on-site Weather Station, Air Quality, Noise, Blasting, Surface Water, Groundwater and Discharge Water Quality together with any community complaints received and general details on site environmental matters.

Note: Elevated monitoring results above the relevant monitoring criteria are highlighted in **yellow**.

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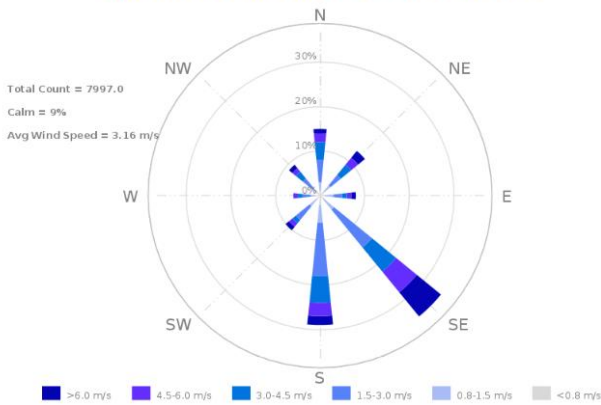
1.0 METEOROLOGY

1.1 WEATHER STATION

Werris Creek Coal (WCC) collects meteorological data from the onsite weather station located on the top level of the overburden emplacement. The following table summarises rainfall data for the last four months. The monthly rainfall total in February-March 2021 was above the historical average, but higher in April-May 2021. Directional wind data, presented in the wind-rose figures below, indicate the prevailing wind direction was predominantly from the south to south-east in February through April 2021 and from the north-northwest in May 2021.

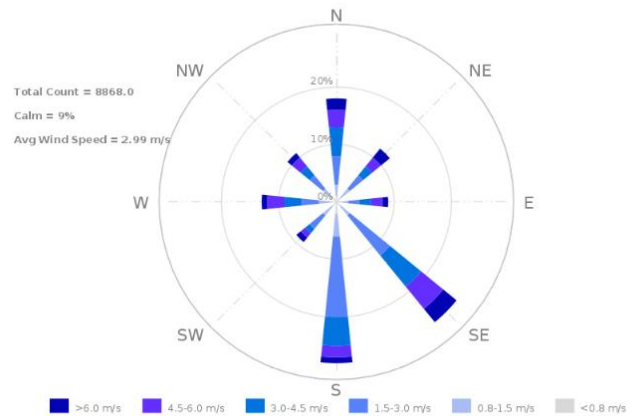
Month	Rainfall (mm)		
	Onsite	Historical Average	2021 Total
February 2021	100.2	70.2	140.4
March 2021	168.0	63.6	308.4
April 2021	27.0	31.4	335.4
May 2021	42.2	34.7	377.6

Wind Rose (Sentinex94-M2) : February 2021



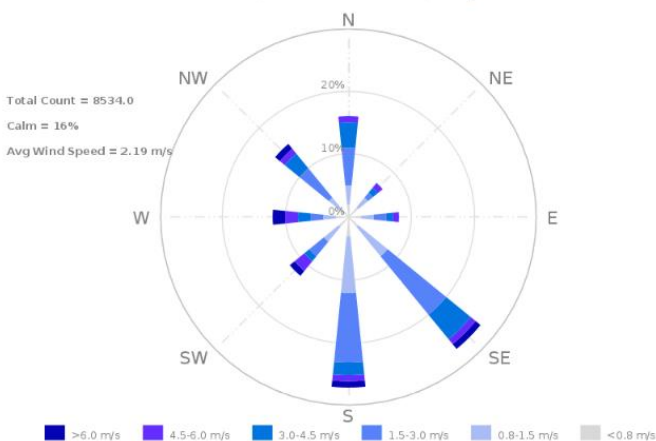
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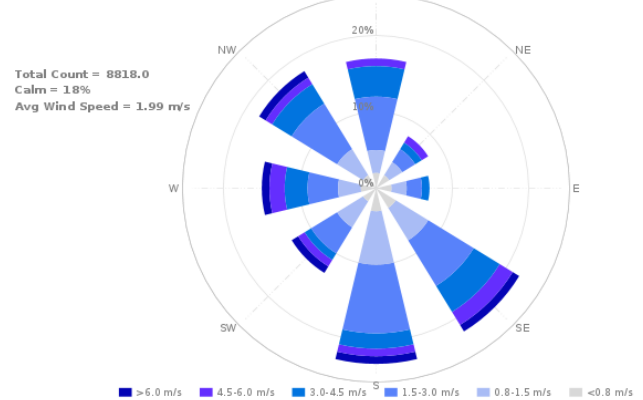
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May 2021

2.0 AIR QUALITY

2.1 HVAS (PM₁₀) and TEOM (PM₁₀ & PM_{2.5})

WCC operates five High Volume Air Samplers (HVAS), four sites measuring particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM₁₀) and one site measuring total suspended particulate (TSP) matter. HVAS sampling is scheduled every 6 days for a 24-hour run period in accordance with Environment Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines. Results are reported in micro grams per cubic metre (µg/m³) of air sampled. In addition, WCC operates a Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance (TEOM) monitor in Werris Creek measuring real time PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} (particulate matter less than 2.5 microns) dust levels. Dust monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 1**.

2.1.1 Monitoring Data Results

The average results for the last four months are provided in the table below.

MONITORING LOCATION	24Hr Maximum (µg/m ³)	FEB 2021 (µg/m ³)	MAR 2021 (µg/m ³)	APR 2021 (µg/m ³)	MAY 2021 (µg/m ³)	2021 AVG (µg/m ³)	CRITERIA (µg/m ³)	
							Annual	24hr
PM _{2.5} – TEOM92 “Werris Creek”	11.8	5.7	3.6	3.9	5.7	4.7	-	-
PM ₁₀ – TEOM92 “Werris Creek”	24.4	10.1	8.1	10.5	10.1	9.6	30	50
PM ₁₀ – HVP20 “Tonsley Park”	39.4	9.5	9.1	20.8	17.9	14.1	30	50
PM ₁₀ - HVP1 “Escott”	23.4	6.7	6.2	12.6	4.2	8.0	30	50
PM ₁₀ – HVP11 “Glenara”	25.2	7.7	10.4	15.2	8.3	10.3	30	50
PM ₁₀ – HVP98 “Kyooma”	12.4	6.3	5.1	8.6	3.9	6.4	30	50
TSP – HVT98 “Kyooma”	29.2	16.5	12.9	20.2	9.9	15.1	90	-

Yellow Bold – Elevated dust level.

2.1.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non Compliance

All TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} dust results were within criteria during the period.

2.2 WERRIS CREEK MINE DEPOSITED DUST

Deposited dust monitoring measures particulate matter greater than 30 microns in size that readily settles out of the air related to visual impact. Dust deposition is monitored at 20 locations around WCC. Sampling is scheduled monthly in accordance with EPA guidelines and results are reported as grams per square metre per month (g/m².month). Dust monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 1**.

2.2.1 Monitoring Data Results

The results for the last four months are provided in the table below.

MONITORING LOCATION	FEB 2021 (g/m ² /month)	MAR 2021 (g/m ² /month)	APR 2021 (g/m ² /month)	MAY 2021 (g/m ² /month)	2021 AVERAGE (g/m ² /month)	Annual Criteria (g/m ² /month)
DG1 "Escott"	1.1	0.75	1.0	0.2	0.8	4.0
DG2 "Cintra"	3.6	12.93	10.7*	5.8*	6.2	4.0
DG3 "Eurunderee"	1.4	2.12	0.9	1.2	1.3	4.0
DG5 "Railway View"	0.7	3.60	8.8	1.2	3.0	4.0
DG9 "Marengo"	1.0	1.73	0.3	0.4	0.9	4.0
DG11 "Glenara"	0.5	1.70	0.9	5.0*	0.9	4.0
DG14 "Greenslopes"	0.4	0.85	0.2	0.5	0.8	4.0
DG15 "Plain View"	0.9	0.81	0.4	0.4	0.7	4.0
DG17 "Woodlands"	0.4	2.72	0.6	0.8	1.2	4.0
DG20 "Tonsley Park"	0.8	1.26	1.6	1.7	1.3	4.0
DG22 "Mountain View"	1.0	2.95	1.0	0.5	1.4	4.0
DG24 "Hazeldene"	0.7	1.11	0.5	1.6	1.0	4.0
DG34 8 Kurrara St	0.5	47.32	0.4	0.2	9.8	4.0
DG62 Werris Creek South	0.3	1.49	0.3	0.2	0.6	4.0
DG92 Werris Creek Centre	0.4	0.65	0.3	0.4	0.4	4.0
DG98 "Kyooma"	0.8	0.84	0.4	0.2	0.6	4.0
DG101 "Westfall"	1.3	1.38	0.9	0.8	1.2	4.0
DG103 West Street	0.8	2.50	0.6	0.8	1.1	4.0

* - sample contaminated with excessive organic matter (>50%) from non-mining source (i.e. bird droppings and insects); # - indicates sample is contaminated from a Non-Werris Creek Coal dust source; **Yellow Bold** – Elevated dust level; NS – Not Sampled; Broken- Dust bottle broken in transit

2.2.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non Compliance

All monthly dust deposition gauge results were below the annual criteria of 4.0 g/m²/month throughout the period with the exception of:

- DG2 (Cintra) and DG34 (8 Kurrara St) had one anomalous high dust deposition measurement in March 2021, deposited dust levels remained low at nearby gauges, also indicating a localised source of dust, unrelated to activities at Werris Creek Coal Mine.
- DG5 (Railway View) also had an anomalous high result in April 2021, deposited dust levels remained low at nearby gauges, also indicating a localised source of dust, unrelated to activities at Werris Creek Coal Mine.

2.3 QUIRINDI TRAIN DUST DEPOSITION

2.3.1 Monitoring Data Results

Sites decommission in December 2020.

2.4 AIR QUALITY COMPLAINTS

There were no dust complaints recorded during the period.

3.0 NOISE

3.1 OPERATIONAL NOISE

Monthly attended noise monitoring is undertaken representative of the following 16 properties from 13 monitoring points below. Attended noise monitoring was undertaken twice for either 60 minutes at privately owned properties or 15 minutes at properties with private agreements; representative of the day period and the evening/night period.

3.1.1 Monitoring Data Results

The WCC operations only noise level (not ambient noise) results for the last four months are outlined in the tables below. Noise monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 2**.

23rd Tuesday and 24th Wednesday, February 2021

Location		Day dB(A) L_{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq} 15min	Evening/Night dB(A) L_{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq} 15min
A	"Rosehill" R5	23	35	Inaudible#	35
B	West Quipolly (R7*, R8*, R9* & R22*)	24	40	20#	40
C	Central Quipolly (R10*, R11*)	23	40	Inaudible#	40
D	"Hazeldene" R24	Inaudible	37	Inaudible#	37
E	"Railway Cottage" R12	Inaudible	38	Inaudible	38
F	"Talavera" R96	Inaudible	38	Inaudible#	38
H	"Kyooma" R98	22	38	Inaudible#	38
I	Kurrara St, WC R57	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible#	35
J	Coronation Ave, WC	Inaudible	35	Inaudible#	35
K	Alco Park (R21*)	Inaudible#	40	Inaudible#	40
L	West St, WC (R103)	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible#	35

WC – Werris Creek; * - Private agreement in place with resident; **Yellow Bold** – Elevated noise; # Adverse weather with wind >3m/s, temperature inversions >+12°C/100m or >2m/s and >0°C/100m; 1 – R22 criteria is 36 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min while R9 is 37 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min

NM- Denotes Not Measurable. If site only noise is noted as NM, this means some noise from the source of interest was audible at low-levels, but could not be quantified

4th Thursday and 5th Friday, March 2021

Location		Day dB(A) L_{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq} 15min	Evening/Night dB(A) L_{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq} 15min
A	"Rosehill" R5	22	35	Inaudible	35
B	West Quipolly (R7*, R8*, R9* & R22*)	24	40	Inaudible#	40
C	Central Quipolly (R10*, R11*)	Inaudible	40	Inaudible#	40
D	"Hazeldene" R24	Inaudible	37	Inaudible#	37
E	"Railway Cottage" R12	Inaudible	38	Inaudible#	38
F	"Talavera" R96	Inaudible	38	Inaudible	38
H	"Kyooma" R98	Inaudible	38	Inaudible	38
I	Kurrara St, WC R57	Inaudible	35	Inaudible	35
J	Coronation Ave, WC	Inaudible	35	Inaudible#	35
K	Alco Park (R21*)	Inaudible	40	Inaudible#	40
L	West St, WC (R103)	Inaudible	35	Inaudible#	35

WC – Werris Creek; * - Private agreement in place with resident; **Yellow Bold** – Elevated noise; # Adverse weather with wind >3m/s, temperature inversions >+12°C/100m or >2m/s and >0°C/100m; 1 – R22 criteria is 36 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min while R9 is 37 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min

NM- Denotes Not Measurable. If site only noise is noted as NM, this means some noise from the source of interest was audible at low-levels, but could not be quantified

26th Monday and 27th Tuesday, April 2021

Location		Day dB(A) L_{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq} 15min	Evening/Night dB(A) L_{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq} 15min
A	"Rosehill" R5	22	35	Inaudible	35
B	West Quipolly (R7*, R8*, R9* & R22*)	24	40	Inaudible#	40
C	Central Quipolly (R10*, R11*)	Inaudible	40	Inaudible#	40
D	"Hazeldene" R24	Inaudible	37	Inaudible#	37
E	"Railway Cottage" R12	Inaudible	38	Inaudible#	38
F	"Talavera" R96	Inaudible	38	Inaudible	38
H	"Kyooma" R98	Inaudible	38	Inaudible	38
I	Kurrara St, WC R57	Inaudible	35	Inaudible	35
J	Coronation Ave, WC	Inaudible	35	Inaudible#	35
K	Alco Park (R21*)	Inaudible	40	Inaudible#	40
L	West St, WC (R103)	Inaudible	35	Inaudible#	35

WC – Werris Creek; * - Private agreement in place with resident; **Yellow Bold** – Elevated noise; # Adverse weather with wind >3m/s, temperature inversions >+12°C/100m or >2m/s and >0°C/100m; 1 – R22 criteria is 36 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min while R9 is 37 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min

NM- Denotes Not Measurable. If site only noise is noted as NM, this means some noise from the source of interest was audible at low-levels, but could not be quantified

19th Wednesday and 20th Thursday, May 2021

	Location	Day dB(A) L _{eq}	Criteria dB(A) L _{eq}	Evening/Night dB(A)	Criteria dB(A) L _{eq}
		15min	15min	L _{eq} 15min	15min
A	"Rosehill" R5	21	35	Inaudible	35
B	West Quipolly (R7*, R8*, R9* & R22*)	35	40	33	40
C	Central Quipolly (R10*, R11*)	27	40	31	40
D	"Hazeldene" R24	22	37	23	37
E	"Railway Cottage" R12	26	38	23	38
F	"Talavera" R96	Inaudible	38	36	38
H	"Kyooma" R98	26	38	37	38
I	Kurrara St, WC R57	Inaudible	35	28	35
J	Coronation Ave, WC	Inaudible	35	Inaudible	35
K	Alco Park (R21*)	26	40	24	40
L	West St, WC (R103)	Inaudible	35	Inaudible	35

WC – Werris Creek; * - Private agreement in place with resident; **Yellow Bold** – Elevated noise; # Adverse weather with wind >3m/s, temperature inversions >+12°C/100m or >2m/s and >0°C/100m; 1 – R22 criteria is 36 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min while R9 is 37 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min

NM- Denotes Not Measurable. If site only noise is noted as NM, this means some noise from the source of interest was audible at low-levels, but could not be quantified

3.1.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non-Compliance

Noise from Werris Creek Coal Mine was inaudible at a high percentage of the monitoring sites during the quarter. Throughout the period, Werris Creek Coal Mine adjusted mining operations and shut down equipment at various times to reduce noise generation potential in response to noise levels measured at the real time noise monitors.

3.2 Noise complaints

There were no noise complaints recorded during the period.

4.0 BLASTING

During the reporting period there was a total of 21 blasts fired by WCC with monitoring of each blast undertaken at “Glenara”, “Kyooma”, “Werris Creek South” and “Werris Creek Mid”. Compliance limits for blasting overpressure is 115dB(L) (and up to 120dB(L) for only 5% of blasts) and vibration is 5mm/s (and up to 10mm/s for only 5% of blasts). Blast monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 3**.

4.1 BLAST MONITORING

4.1.1 Monitoring Data Results

The summary tables of blasting results over the last four months are provided below.

FEB 2021		“Glenara” R11		“Kyooma” R98		Werris Creek South R62		Werris Creek Mid R92	
		mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)
Monthly Average		0.12	97.1	0.72	96.1	0.52	98.6	0.33	97.0
Monthly Maximum		0.19	106.7	0.81	99.7	0.88	102.8	0.45	106.0
Annual Average		0.10	97.2	0.64	97.8	0.48	99.8	0.30	98.1
Criteria		5	115	5	115	5	115	5	115
% >115dB(L) or 5mm/s	Rolling 12-mo Average	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	YTD	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

MAR 2021		“Glenara” R11		“Kyooma” R98		Werris Creek South R62		Werris Creek Mid R92	
		mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)
Monthly Average		0.14	98.4	0.74	103.0	0.45	100.6	0.28	98.5
Monthly Maximum		0.24	102.5	0.98	114.7	0.60	104.1	0.35	103.0
Annual Average		0.11	97.6	0.67	99.5	0.47	100.0	0.29	98.2
Criteria		5	115	5	115	5	115	5	115
% >115dB(L) or 5mm/s	Rolling 12-mo Average	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	YTD	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

APR 2021		“Glenara” R11		“Kyooma” R98		Werris Creek South R62		Werris Creek Mid R92	
		mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)
Monthly Average		0.11	99.2	0.58	99.6	0.50	100.7	0.31	102.2
Monthly Maximum		0.17	100.4	0.72	105.6	0.67	105.1	0.41	107.4
Annual Average		0.11	98.0	0.65	99.5	0.48	100.2	0.30	99.2
Criteria		5	115	5	115	5	115	5	115
% >115dB(L) or 5mm/s	Rolling 12-mo Average	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	YTD	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

MAY 2021		“Glenara” R11		“Kyooma” R98		Werris Creek South R62		Werris Creek Mid R92	
		mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)
Monthly Average		0.09	105.3	0.45	101.4	0.29	104.2	0.20	104.0
Monthly Maximum		0.14	115.3	0.53	110.3	0.40	115.9	0.31	110.9
Annual Average		0.11	99.5	0.61	99.9	0.44	101.0	0.28	100.2
Criteria		5	115	5	115	5	115	5	115
% >115dB(L) or 5mm/s	Rolling 12-mo Average	1.54%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.54%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	YTD	4.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Yellow – overpressure >115dB(L) or Werris Creek vibration >5.0mm/s.

4.1.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non-Compliance

All blasts over the period complied with maximum licence vibration limit of 10mm/s as well as the 95th percentile limit of 5mm/s. However, two blasts were above the 95th percentile overpressure limit of 115dB(L) at Glenara R11 (21 May 2021) and Werris Creek South R62 (28 May 2021).

4.2 BLAST COMPLAINTS

There were seven (7) blast complaints during the period regarding blast vibration or overpressure.

5.0 WATER

The groundwater monitoring program monitors groundwater levels bi-monthly and groundwater quality six monthly. Surface water monitoring is undertaken quarterly.

5.1 GROUND WATER

Groundwater monitoring is undertaken to identify if there are any impacts on groundwater quality and water levels as a result of the mining operations. WCC monitors approximately 38 groundwater wells/bores and piezometers in the key aquifers surrounding WCC including Werrie Basalt (next to WCC and further afield) and Quipolly Creek Alluvium. Groundwater level surveys were completed between 4 March to 7 April 2021 and also 10-21 May 2021. Groundwater monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 4**.

5.1.1 Monitoring Data Results

A summary of groundwater monitoring results has been provided below.

Site		March-21	
		mbgl	%
Werrie Basalt near WCC	MW1	Dry	
	MW2	52.90	2%
	MW3	20.54	0%
	MW4B	19.91	1%
	MW5	13.25	0%
	MW6	16.47	-1%
	MW27*	55.67	2%
	MW36A	16.26	-7%
	MW36B	16.25	-7%
	Werrie Basalt	MW8*	16.36
MW10		11.90	0%
MW14		11.52	0%
MW17B*		13.04	3%
MW19A*		Pump over bore	
MW20*		22.81	2%
MW38A		8.50	8%
MW38B*		9.29	-2%
MW38C*		23.18	-2%
MW38E*		10.19	0%
MW41		8.94	-1%
MW43		7.71	-3%
# ¹		MW24A*	14.42
	MW29*	11.38	-5%
Quipolly Alluvium	MW12*	9.25	24%
	MW13*	5.29	30%
	MW13B*	3.57	36%
	MW13D*	4.82	8%
	MW15*	No access	
	MW16*	7.24	7%
	MW17A*	6.30	7%
	MW18A*	6.18	8%
	MW21A*	10.44	3%
	MW22A*	7.54	2%
	MW22B*	7.49	7%
	MW23A*	3.74	11%
	MW23B*	4.08	7%
	MW26B*	8.92	3%
	MW28A*	10.95	13%
	MW32*	Pump over bore	
	MW40	8.94	-1%
	MW42	7.62	-3%
	# ²	MW34*	10.19

Site		May-21	
		mbgl	%
Werrie Basalt near WCC	MW1	Dry	
	MW2	52.38	1%
	MW3	20.29	1%
	MW4B	19.73	1%
	MW5	12.71	4%
	MW6	16.45	0%
	MW27*	55.03	1%
	MW36A	16.14	1%
	MW36B	16.14	1%
	Werrie Basalt	MW8*	15.44
MW10		10.53	13%
MW14		12.62	-9%
MW17B*		12.96	1%
MW19A*		Pump over bore	
MW20*		22.35	2%
MW38A		8.68	-2%
MW38B*		9.14	2%
MW38C*		22.43	3%
MW38E*		No access	
MW41		8.17	9%
MW43		6.91	12%
# ¹		MW24A*	13.97
	MW29*	10.62	7%
Quipolly Alluvium	MW12*	8.95	3%
	MW13*	6.30	-16%
	MW13B*	4.38	-18%
	MW13D*	4.81	0%
	MW15*	No access	
	MW16*	6.95	4%
	MW17A*	6.12	3%
	MW18A*	6.03	2%
	MW21A*	9.87	6%
	MW22A*	7.23	4%
	MW22B*	7.55	-1%
	MW23A*	3.84	-3%
	MW23B*	4.25	-4%
	MW26B*	8.62	3%
	MW28A*	9.60	14%
	MW32*	Pump over bore	
	MW40	8.19	9%
	MW42	6.83	12%
	# ²	MW34*	9.90

mbgl – meters below ground level is the distance in meters from top of bore to groundwater surface; **Orange** – Change decrease; **Green** – change increase or no change; * - Indicates bore is used for water extraction unrelated to WCC (i.e. stock and domestic or irrigation). #¹ – Werrie Basalt in the Black Soil Gully valley to east of Werris Creek Mine. #² - Werris Creek Alluvium.

5.1.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non-Compliance

Measured groundwater levels in the Werrie Basalt and Quipolly Alluvium aquifer indicate a general increase in water levels during March and May 2021, although some locations were noted as having a significant decrease.

5.2 SURFACE WATER

Surface water monitoring is undertaken in local creeks offsite as well as from discharge point dirty water dams to monitor for potential water quality issues. Quarterly surface water monitoring was undertaken 10th- 11th February 2021 and 4th and 6th May 2021. Surface water monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 5**.

5.2.1 Monitoring Data Results

Summary of surface water quality monitoring results has been provided below.

10th - 11th February 2021

Site	pH	EC	TSS	O&G	Change from Previous Quarter or General Comments
ONSITE					
SB2	7.17	513	45	<5	Water level remained low
SB9	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Previously wet and now dry
SB10	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Previously no access and dam is now empty (recently desilted)
SB18	6.53	318	200	<5	Previously dam was half full and now wet
OFFSITE					
QCU	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Remained dry
QCD	7.62	911	22	<5	Previously wet and now only pools
WCU	7.70	702	7	<5	Previously flowing and now only pools
WCD	8.25	1210	42	<5	Previously flowing and only pools

pH – measure of acidity/alkalinity; EC – Electrical Conductivity measures salinity; TSS – Total Suspended Solids is a measure of suspended sediment in water (i.e. similar to turbidity); O&G – Oil and Grease measures amount of hydrocarbons (oils and fuels) in water. NA – No Access

4th and 6th May 2021

Site	pH	EC	TSS	O&G	Change from Previous Quarter or General Comments
ONSITE					
SB2	7.90	376	9	<5	Remained wet
SB9	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Remained dry (grassy basin)
SB10	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Remained dry
SB18	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Previously wet and now dry (muddy basin)
OFFSITE					
QCU	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Remained dry
QCD	7.94	955	9	<5	Previously only pools and now flowing (trickle)
WCU	8.35	1090	<5	<5	Previously only pools and now flowing
WCD	8.26	1200	<5	27	Remained flowing

pH – measure of acidity/alkalinity; EC – Electrical Conductivity measures salinity; TSS – Total Suspended Solids is a measure of suspended sediment in water (i.e. similar to turbidity); O&G – Oil and Grease measures amount of hydrocarbons (oils and fuels) in water. NA – No Access

5.2.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non-Compliance

Quarterly surface water monitoring was undertaken on 10th - 11th February 2021 and 4th and 6th May 2021. All water quality results were within long-term averages and the Site Water Management Plan trigger values.

5.3 SURFACE WATER DISCHARGES

5.3.1 Monitoring Data Results

There was one uncontrolled discharge event during March 2021 following above average rainfall during the month. Two controlled discharges also occurred in March 2021.

Sampling conducted within the Quipolly and Werris Creek system during the discharge events was in accordance with licence conditions.

Sample Date	Dam	pH	EC	TSS	O&G	Compliance	Type	5 Day Rain (mm)
19/03/2021	SB3 (EPA10)	8.5	530	30	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
19/03/2021	SB11 (EPA12)	7.6	560	10	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
19/03/2021	SB10 (EPA14)	7.7	730	13	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
19/03/2021	SB18 (EPA32)	8.1	660	24	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
19/03/2021	WCU (WPA23)	8.2	830	20	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
19/03/2021	WCD (WPA24)	8	720	103	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
24/03/2021	SB10 (EPA14)	7.5	130	92	<5	Yes - TSS Ok because rainfall >39.2mm	Wet weather - uncontrolled	83.8
24/03/2021	WCU (WPA23)	8	200	78	<5	Yes	Wet weather - uncontrolled	83.8

24/03/2021	WCD (WPA24)	8.1	210	308	<5	Yes	Wet weather - uncontrolled	83.8
29/03/2021	SB3 (EPA10)	8.2	320	12	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
29/03/2021	SB11 (EPA12)	7.5	490	18	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
29/03/2021	SB10 (EPA14)	7.8	270	9	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
29/03/2021	SB18 (EPA32)	8.3	320	8	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
29/03/2021	QCU (EPA25)	8.6	330	12	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
29/03/2021	QCD (EPA26)	8	400	19	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
29/03/2021	WCU (WPA23)	8.2	560	3	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
29/03/2021	WCD (WPA24)	8.2	560	3	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
Criteria		6.5 - 8.5	N/A	50	10			

pH – measure of acidity/alkalinity; EC – Electrical Conductivity measures salinity; TSS – Total Suspended Solids is a measure of suspended sediment in water (i.e. similar to turbidity); O&G – Oil and Grease measures amount of hydrocarbons (oils and fuels) in water; **Bold** – indicates results outside criteria due to 5 day rain trigger >39.2mm.

5.3.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non-Compliance

Sampling results were in compliance with WCC's Environmental Protection Licence.

5.4 WATER COMPLAINTS

There were no water release complaints during the period.

6.0 COMPLAINTS SUMMARY

There were seven (7) complaints received during the period which are summarised below.

#	Date	Issue	Complaint	Investigation	Action Taken
625	12/02/2021	Blast	Complainant advised they wished to advise the mine that the vibration from the blast could be felt in Werris Creek.	EO confirmed blast was within compliance limits.	No further follow-up actions
626	26/03/2021	Blast	Complainant advised they felt the blast at their residence. Requested results via email.	EO confirmed blast was within compliance limits	EO advised blast was within compliance limits and emailed a copy of the results to the complainant.
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631	4/06/2021	Blast	Complainant advised they wished to advise the mine that the vibration from the blast could be felt in Werris Creek	EO confirmed blast was within compliance limits	No further follow-up actions

7.0 GENERAL

Please feel free to ask any questions in relation to the information contained within this document during Item 7 of the meeting agenda.

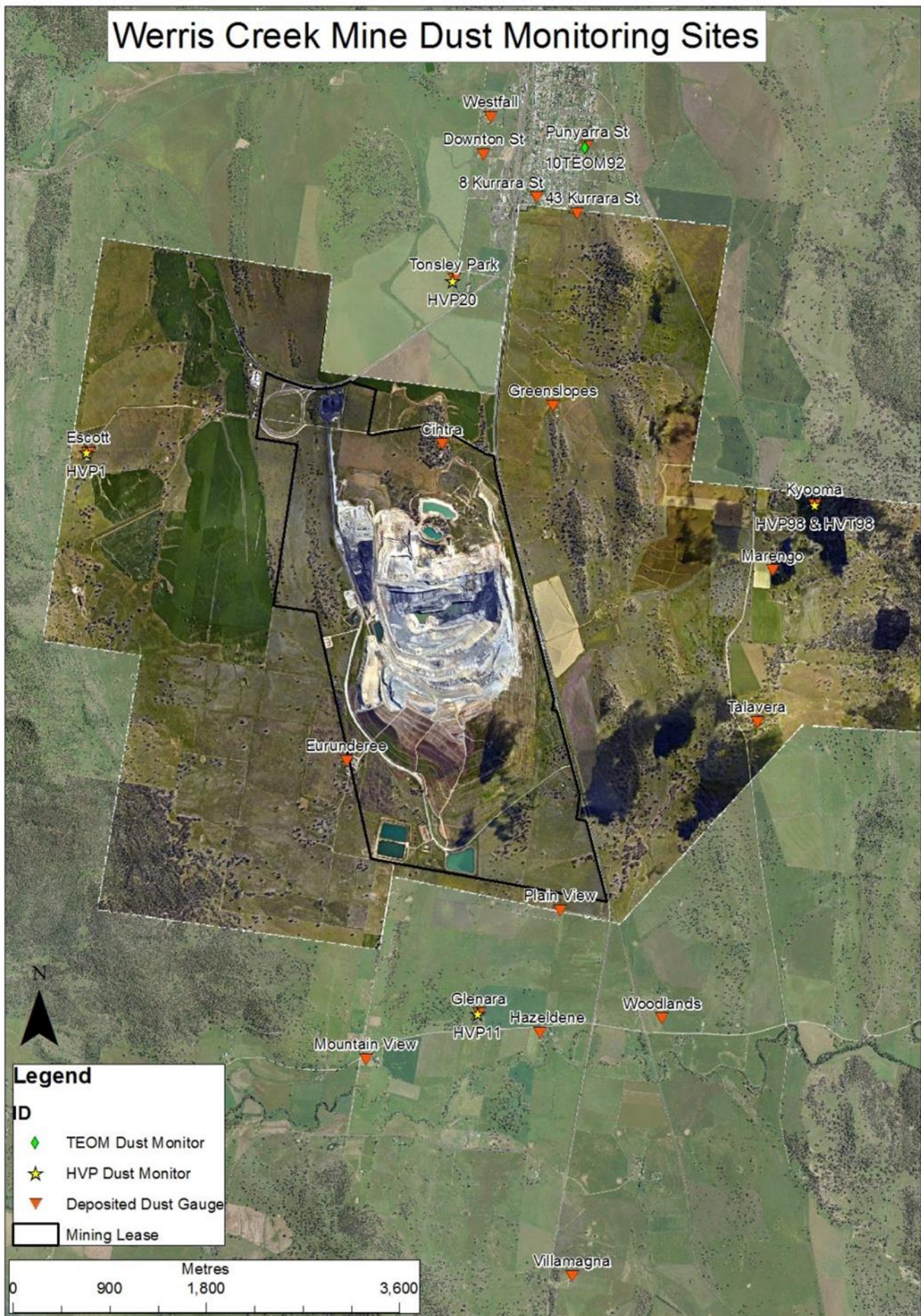


Figure 1 – WCC Dust Monitoring Locations

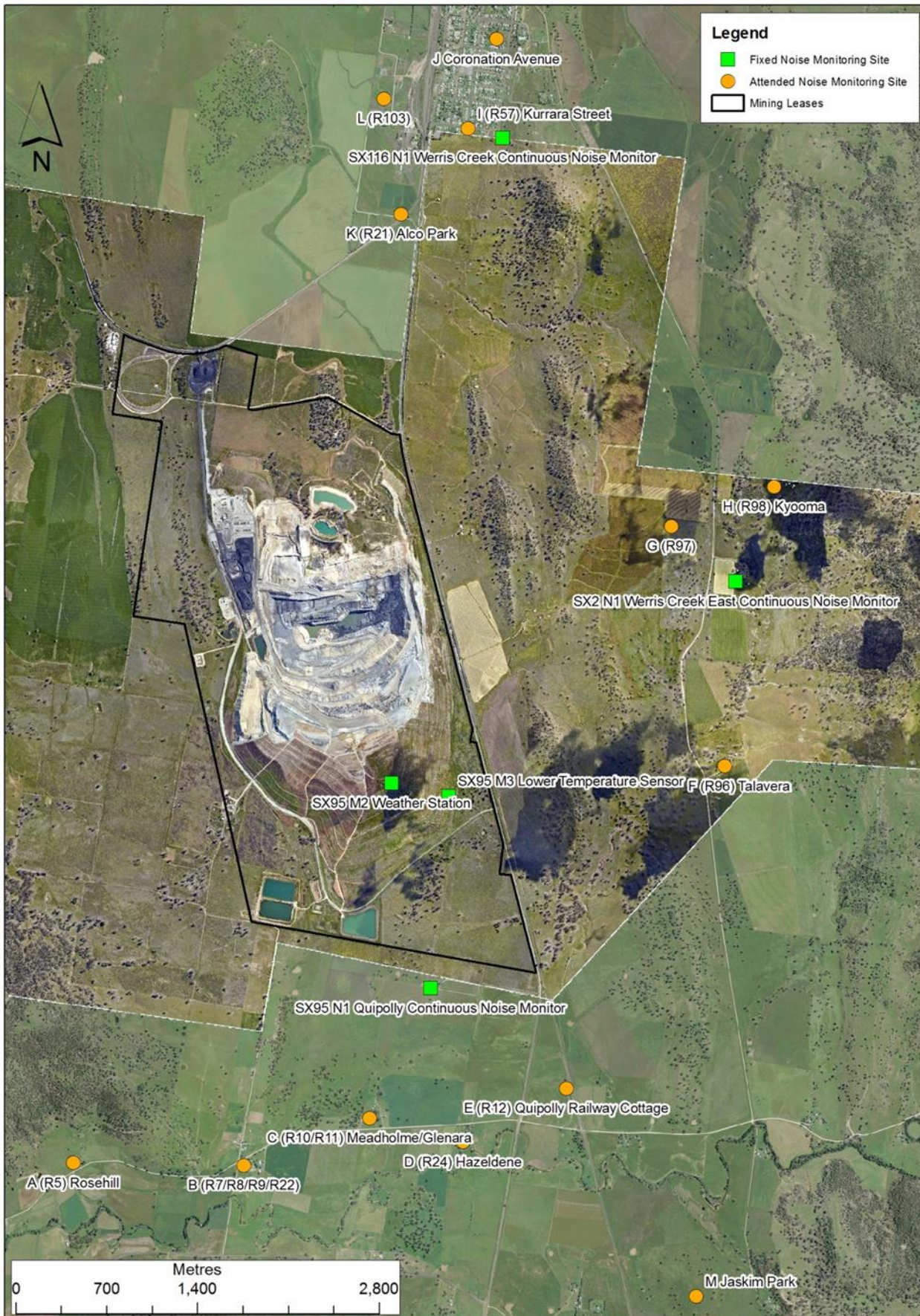


Figure 2– WCC Noise Monitoring Locations

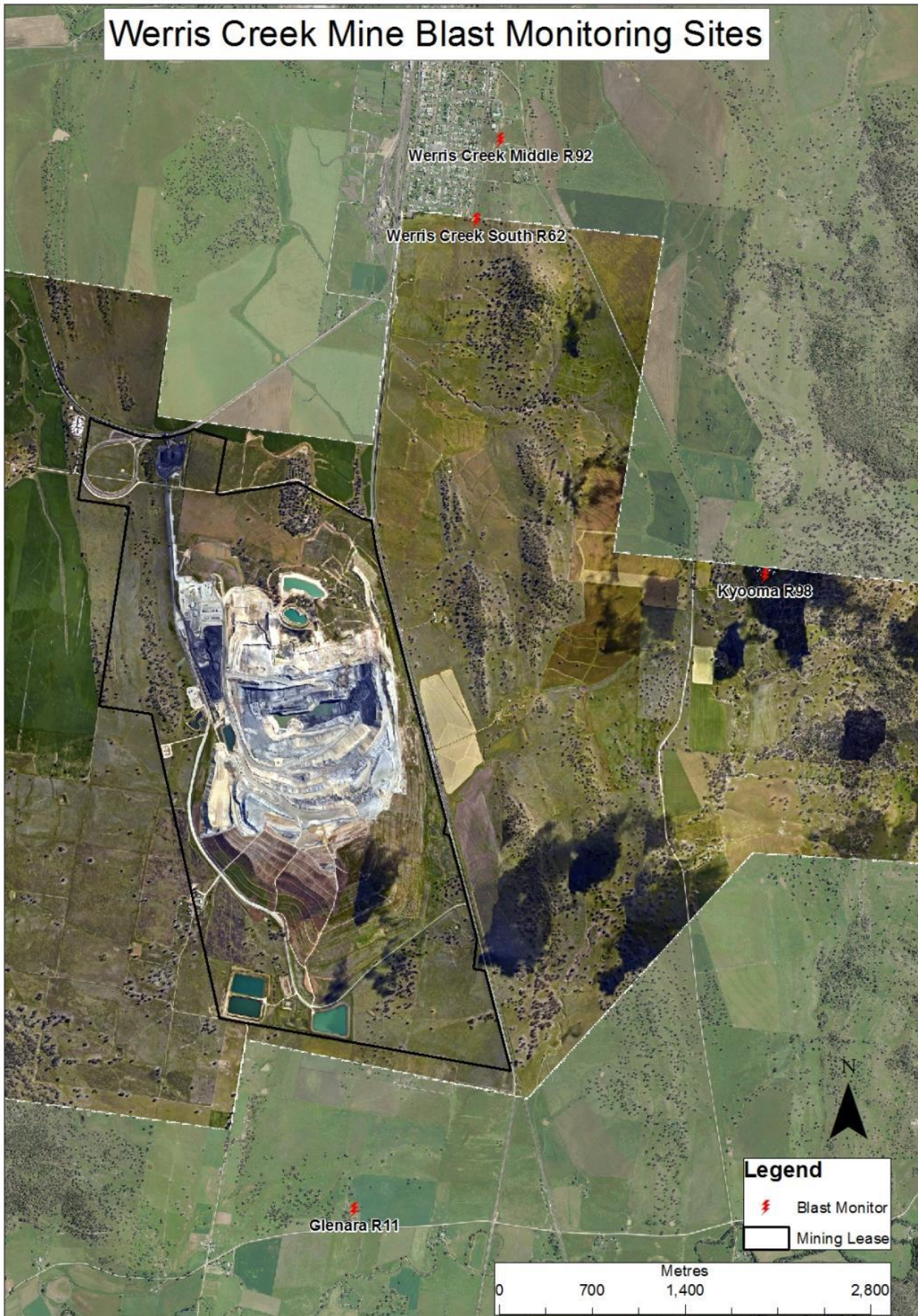


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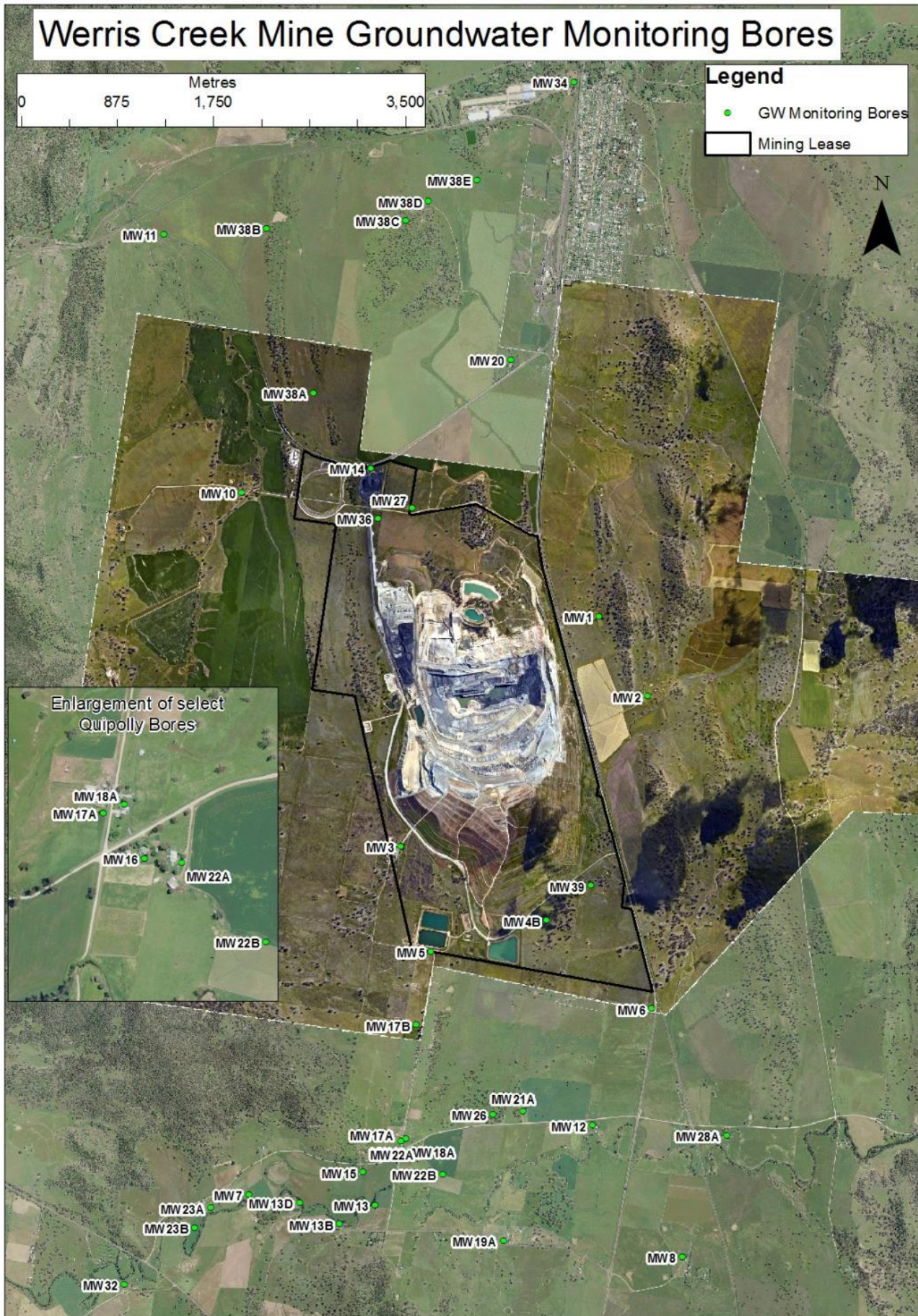


Figure 4 – WCC Groundwater Monitoring Locations



Figure 5 – WCC Surface Water Monitoring Locations

WERRIS CREEK COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
51st Meeting of the Committee held at the Werris Creek Bowling Club
Wednesday, 10 November 2021 at 9:35am

Record of attendance

Michael Silver OAM	Independent Chairperson
Jane Bradford OAM	Independent Minute Taker
Matt Hollis	Werris Creek Coal - Environmental Superintendent
Kelsy Sammons	Whitehaven Coal - Environmental Officer

Clr Ian Lobsey OAM	Councillor – Liverpool Shire Council
Lindsay Bridge	Community Representative
James O’Brien	Community Representative

Apologies

Craig Sullivan	Werris Creek Coal - Operations Manager
Andrew Garrett	Whitehaven Coal – General Manager Community Engagement

Mike Lomax	Community Representative
Noel Taylor	Community Representative
Col Stewart OAM	Community Representative

Moved Matt Hollis, **seconded** Lindsay Bridge, THAT the apologies be accepted.
CARRIED

2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is being held and recognised their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture, paying respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

3 Declaration of Pecuniary or Other Interests

The Chair advised that his meeting expenses are borne by the proponent.
Other members - Nil

4 Minutes of the previous

The meeting noted that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 July 2021 were approved on 11 August 2021.

5 Matters Arising - Nil

6 Environmental Monitoring Report from 1 June to 30 September 2021

Matt Hollis went through the Report with the following comments:

1.0 Meteorology

The prevailing direction was predominantly from the north to north-west over the quarter and the monthly rainfall total for June-August was well above the historical average June to August and about average for September.

2.0 Air Quality

2.1.1 Monitoring Data Results - OK for the period

2.2.2 August had high dust an anomalous deposited dust result for single gauge in Werris Ck (Kurrara St) – considered to be localised dust source and further analysis indicated high organic content (vegetable / insect matter) rather than dust indicating that the reported result was unrelated to activities at the Werris Creek Coal Mine. DG62 site was vandalised during August and therefore no result captured.

4.2 Blast Complaints

There were three (3) blast complaints, but all blast results were compliant during the reporting period.

Question Is there a maximum depth for blasting and does wind come into the reckoning when preparing a blast?

Answer Yes, there is a maximum depth – the aim is to blast to the top of the basal coal seam (G seam). Typical blast depth is 15 - 20m depending on strip geology. Blasting only undertaken with wind not in south westerly direction (blowing towards Werris Ck Town) and below 8.0m/s.

Matt also noted that the company has recently changed blasting product suppliers – new contract is with Anaex. This contract will run through to the end of production at Werris Creek Mine.

5.0 Water

5.1.2 Seasonal normal – Both Werrie Basalt and Quipolly Alluvium groundwater aquifers continue to recover. Currently not pumping out of in pit – Likely to recommence early 2022 calendar year to permit mining of basal coal seams in Strip 20.

7 General Business

7.1 Life of Mine Up-date

Mine has been operating since 2005 – anticipate coal production to end in Mid 2024 plus a further two years (approximately) to rehabilitate the site for final closure.

7.2 Equipment

Production fleet (excavators and Haul trucks) will be progressively shut down over next few years relative to available work area and coal reserves. Extensive workforce management to be undertaken with respect of transfer to other Whitehaven projects or other opportunities dependant on the individual workers preferences.

7.3 WCC Lodgement of Modification to existing approval (MOD5)

Werris Creek Coal are currently preparing an application for a modification to the current project approval (MOD5). Details on the proposed MOD5 include:

- Relates to a change in the final landform and a change in parts of the proposed final land use.

- Whitehaven Coal has submitted the scoping letter to NSW Planning (DPIE) and have had some early engagement with DPIE and certain agencies regarding an approval pathway through the planning system for the proposed Modification.
- Still working through specialist assessments and looking to submit an application / Modification report late 2021, or early 2022.
- Further updates to be provided to CCC chair as they become available.

7.4 WHC Sponsorship and Donations Process

Changes to the process for administering and assessing the WHC community investment fund.

Changes include:

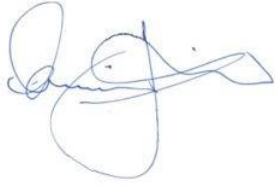
- A community-based Committee has been established to administer the four application rounds. The Committee Members include an Indigenous representative, as well as one community representative and one Council representative each from each LGA Whitehaven operate in:
 - Narrabri Local Government Area
 - Gunnedah Local Government area
 - Liverpool Plains Local Government area.
- A community-based Committee has been established to administer the four application rounds. The Committee Members include an Indigenous representative, as well as one community representative and one Council representative each from:
- The Committee will review requests for sponsorships and donations against the criteria outlined in our guidelines and a statement of our contributions will be published on an annual basis.
- This new approach will continue Whitehaven’s tradition of supporting both longer-term partnership funding and one-off donations in the local community.
- The criteria for funding, information required for the application itself, and total amount of funds available is not changing. With these set timeframes, and greater community involvement, this new process will provide all potential applicants greater certainty and ability to plan.

Dates for Applications

Application Rounds	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Applications open	1 January	1 April	1 July	1 October
Applications close	31 January	30 April	31 July	31 October
Successful applicants contacted	1 March	1 June	1 September	1 December

Next meeting: Wednesday, 9 March 2022 at 9:30am – Venue - Werris Creek Bowling Club

Meeting closed at 10:40AM

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Silver', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**Michael J. Silver OAM
Independent Chairperson**

6 December 2021

Copy to all Committee Members
The Minutes also posted on the Whitehaven Coal Website
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WERRIS CREEK COAL PTY LTD

QUARTERLY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT

June - September 2021

This Environmental Monitoring Report covers the period 1st June to 30th September 2021 for the Werris Creek Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee.

The report includes environmental monitoring results from the on-site Weather Station, Air Quality, Noise, Blasting, Surface Water, Groundwater and Discharge Water Quality together with any community complaints received and general details on site environmental matters.

Note: Elevated monitoring results above the relevant monitoring criteria are highlighted in **yellow**.

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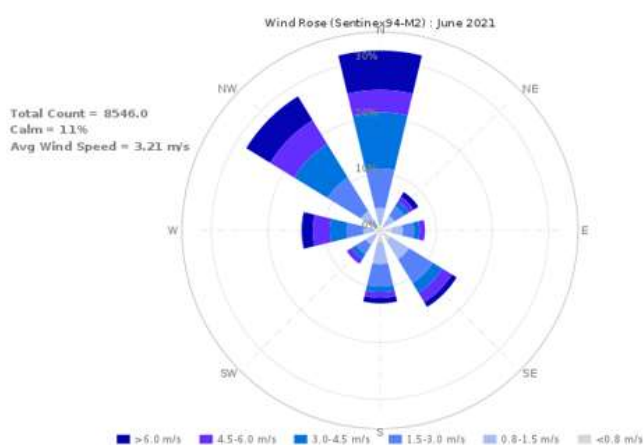
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1.0 METEOROLOGY

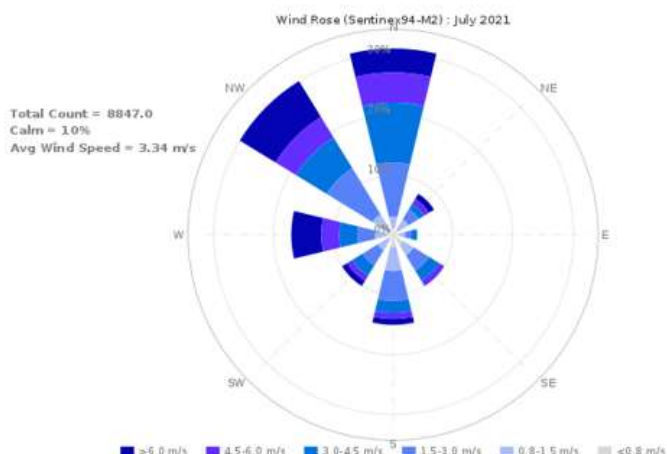
1.1 WEATHER STATION

Werris Creek Coal (WCC) collects meteorological data from the onsite weather station located on the top level of the overburden emplacement. The following table summarises rainfall data for the last four months. The monthly rainfall total in June-August 2021 was above the historical average and just slightly higher in September 2021. Directional wind data, presented in the wind-rose figures below, indicate the prevailing wind direction was predominantly from the north to north-west in June through September 2021.

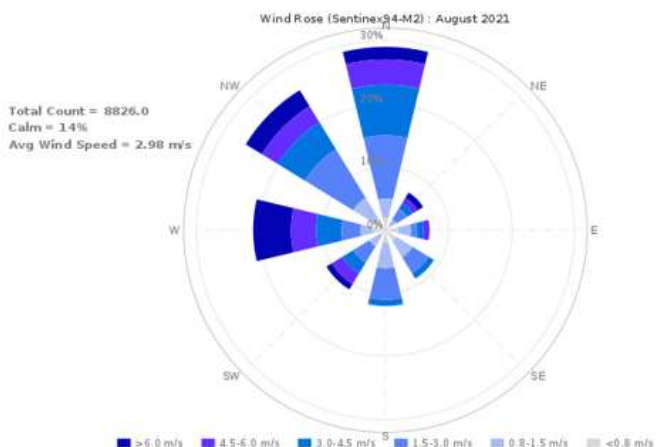
Month	Rainfall (mm)		
	Onsite	Historical Average	2021 Total
June 2021	136.6	64.2	514.2
July 2021	104.4	42.5	618.6
August 2021	41.8	33.7	660.4
September 2021	42.6	42.1	703.0



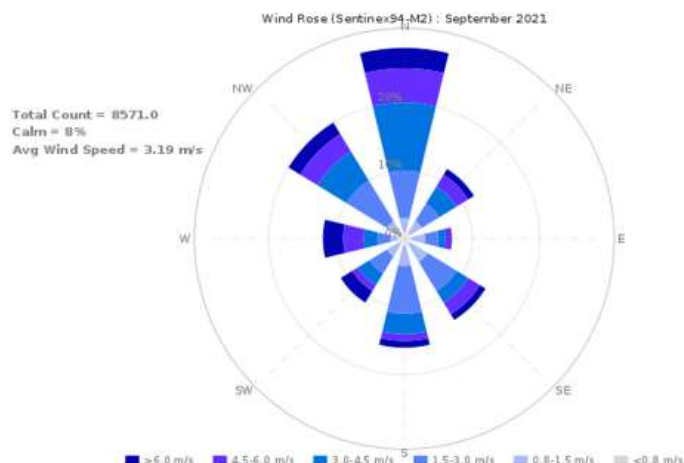
JUNE 2021



JULY 2021



AUGUST 2021



SEPTEMBER 2021

2.0 AIR QUALITY

2.1 HVAS (PM₁₀) and TEOM (PM₁₀ & PM_{2.5})

WCC operates five High Volume Air Samplers (HVAS), four sites measuring particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM₁₀) and one site measuring total suspended particulate (TSP) matter. HVAS sampling is scheduled every 6 days for a 24-hour run period in accordance with Environment Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines. Results are reported in micro grams per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) of air sampled. In addition, WCC operates a Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance (TEOM) monitor in Werris Creek measuring real time PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} (particulate matter less than 2.5 microns) dust levels. Dust monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 1**.

2.1.1 Monitoring Data Results

The average results for the last four months are provided in the table below.

MONITORING LOCATION	24Hr Maximum ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	JUN 2021 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	JUL 2021 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	AUG 2021 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	SEP 2021 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	2021 AVG ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	CRITERIA ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	
							Annual	24hr
PM _{2.5} – TEOM92 “Werris Creek”	18.0	4.0	5.7	6.8	5.7	5.4	-	-
PM ₁₀ – TEOM92 “Werris Creek”	19.7	6.0	10.1	11.0	10.4	9.7	30	50
PM ₁₀ – HVP20 “Tonsley Park”	32.4	3.2	17.9	11.7	13.2	11.7	30	50
PM ₁₀ - HVP1 “Escott”	30.2	2.1	4.2	4.9	10.1	6.6	30	50
PM ₁₀ – HVP11 “Glenara”	40.7	9.9	8.3	8.5	10.4	9.4	30	50
PM ₁₀ – HVP98 “Kyooma”	25.0	3.1	3.9	5.7	9.3	5.9	30	50
TSP – HVT98 “Kyooma”	81.9	7.7	9.9	25.9	29.7	16.4	90	-

Yellow Bold – Elevated dust level.

2.1.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non Compliance

All TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} dust results were within criteria during the period.

2.2 WERRIS CREEK MINE DEPOSITED DUST

Deposited dust monitoring measures particulate matter greater than 30 microns in size that readily settles out of the air related to visual impact. Dust deposition is monitored at 20 locations around WCC. Sampling is scheduled monthly in accordance with EPA guidelines and results are reported as grams per square metre per month ($\text{g}/\text{m}^2\cdot\text{month}$). Dust monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 1**.

2.2.1 Monitoring Data Results

The results for the last four months are provided in the table below.

MONITORING LOCATION	JUN 2021 (g/m ² /month)	JUL 2021 (g/m ² /month)	AUG 2021 (g/m ² /month)	SEP 2021 (g/m ² /month)	2021 AVERAGE (g/m ² /month)	Annual Criteria (g/m ² /month)
DG1 "Escott"	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	4.0
DG2 "Cintra"	4.3	1.5	1.6	5.3	4.5	4.0
DG3 "Eurunderee"	1.6	1.9	0.1	1.0	1.3	4.0
DG5 "Railway View"	1.3	2.0	0.9	2.1	2.4	4.0
DG9 "Marengo"	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.7	4.0
DG11 "Glenara"	0.8	0.7	0.3	2.0	0.9	4.0
DG14 "Greenslopes"	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.6	4.0
DG15 "Plain View"	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.6	4.0
DG17 "Woodlands"	1.6	1.0	0.1	0.8	1.1	4.0
DG20 "Tonsley Park"	2.3	0.5	0.1	2.7	1.3	4.0
DG22 "Mountain View"	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.9	4.0
DG24 "Hazeldene"	2.1	1.0	0.2	0.5	1.0	4.0
DG34 8 Kurrara St	0.7	1.1	16.6	0.6	7.6	4.0
DG62 Werris Creek South	0.4	0.3	DAMAGE	0.4	0.5	4.0
DG92 Werris Creek Centre	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.4	4.0
DG98 "Kyooma"	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	4.0
DG101 "Westfall"	0.4	0.3	1.3	1.0	0.6	4.0
DG103 West Street	2.0	1.6	0.4	1.0	1.2	4.0

* - sample contaminated with excessive organic matter (>50%) from non-mining source (i.e., bird droppings and insects); # - indicates sample is contaminated from a Non-Werris Creek Coal dust source; **Yellow Bold** – Elevated dust level; NS - Not Sampled; Damage – stand and bottle vandalised

2.2.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non-Compliance

All monthly dust deposition gauge results were below the annual criteria of 4.0 g/m²/month throughout the period with the exception of:

- DG2 (Cintra) which had high results in June and September 2021 and a rolling average above criteria. Deposited dust levels remained low at nearby gauges, indicating a localised source of dust, related directly to nearby mining activities at Werris Creek Coal Mine. DG2 (Cintra) deposition gauge is located within the Mining Lease immediately adjacent to an active mining area. Cintra is a Whitehaven owned property.
- DG34 (8 Kurrara St) had an anomalous high result in August 2021 and subsequently a rolling average above criteria. Deposited dust levels remained low at all other nearby gauges, indicating a localised source of dust, unrelated to activities at Werris Creek Coal Mine.

2.3 AIR QUALITY COMPLAINTS

There were no dust complaints recorded during the period.

3.0 NOISE

3.1 OPERATIONAL NOISE

Monthly attended noise monitoring is undertaken representative of the following 16 properties from 13 monitoring points below. Attended noise monitoring was undertaken twice for either 60 minutes at privately owned properties or 15 minutes at properties with private agreements; representative of the day period and the evening/night period.

3.1.1 Monitoring Data Results

The WCC operations only noise level (not ambient noise) results for the last four months are outlined in the tables below. Noise monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 2**.

23rd Wednesday and 24th Thursday, June 2021

Location	Day dB(A) L_{eq}	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq}	Evening/Night	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq}
	15min	15min	dB(A) L_{eq} 15min	15min
A "Rosehill" R5	24#	35	25#	35
B West Quipolly (R7*, R8*, R9* & R22*)	Inaudible#	40	Inaudible#	40
C Central Quipolly (R10*, R11*)	30#	40	30#	40
D "Hazeldene" R24	Inaudible#	37	23#	37
E "Railway Cottage" R12	24#	38	25#	38
F "Talavera" R96	23#	38	25#	37
H "Kyooma" R98*	Inaudible#	40	31#	40
I Kurrara St, WC R57	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible	35
J Coronation Ave, WC	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible#	35
K Alco Park (R21*)	Inaudible	40	24#	40
L West St, WC (R103)	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible#	35

WC – Werris Creek; * - Private agreement in place with resident; **Yellow Bold** – Elevated noise; # Adverse weather with wind >3m/s, temperature inversions >+12°C/100m or >2m/s and >0°C/100m; 1 – R22 criteria is 36 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min while R9 is 37 dB(A) L_{eq} 15min

NM- Denotes Not Measurable. If site only noise is noted as NM, this means some noise from the source of interest was audible at low-levels, but could not be quantified

21st Wednesday, July 2021

Location	Day dB(A) L_{eq} 15min	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq}	Evening/Night	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq}
	15min	15min	dB(A) L_{eq} 15min	15min
A "Rosehill" R5	24	35	Inaudible#	35
B West Quipolly (R7*, R8*, R9* & R22*)	25	40	Inaudible#	40
C Central Quipolly (R10*, R11*)	24	40	Inaudible	40
D "Hazeldene" R24	23	37	Inaudible	37
E "Railway Cottage" R12	27	38	Inaudible	38
F "Talavera" R96	22	38	28	37
H "Kyooma" R98*	Inaudible	40	34	40
I Kurrara St, WC R57	Inaudible#	35	30	35
J Coronation Ave, WC	Inaudible	35	Inaudible	35
K Alco Park (R21*)	28#	40	24	40
L West St, WC (R103)	Inaudible#	35	Inaudible	35

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30th Monday, August 2021

Location	Day dB(A) L_{eq}	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq}	Evening/Night dB(A)	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq}
	15min	15min	L_{eq} 15min	15min
A "Rosehill" R5	22	35	24	35
B West Quipolly (R7*, R8*, R9* & R22*)	Inaudible#	40	26	40
C Central Quipolly (R10*, R11*)	Inaudible#	40	25	40
D "Hazeldene" R24	Inaudible	37	Inaudible	37
E "Railway Cottage" R12	Inaudible	38	Inaudible	38
F "Talavera" R96	21	38	27	37
H "Kyooma" R98*	23#	40	26	40
I Kurrara St, WC R57	Inaudible	35	Inaudible	35
J Coronation Ave, WC	Inaudible	35	Inaudible#	35
K Alco Park (R21*)	Inaudible	40	Inaudible#	40
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16th Thursday, September 2021

Location	Day dB(A) L_{eq}	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq}	Evening/Night dB(A)	Criteria dB(A) L_{eq}
	15min	15min	L_{eq} 15min	15min
A "Rosehill" R5	Inaudible	35	22	35
B West Quipolly (R7*, R8*, R9* & R22*)	Inaudible	40	24	40
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3.1.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non-Compliance

Noise from Werris Creek Coal Mine was inaudible at a high percentage of the monitoring sites during the quarter. Throughout the period, Werris Creek Coal Mine adjusted mining operations and shut down equipment at various times to reduce noise generation potential in response to noise levels measured at the real time noise monitors.

3.2 Noise complaints

There were no noise complaints recorded during the period.

4.0 BLASTING

During the reporting period there was a total of 20 blasts fired by WCC with monitoring of each blast undertaken at "Glenara", "Kyooma", "Werris Creek South" and "Werris Creek Mid". Compliance limits for blasting overpressure is 115dB(L) (and up to 120dB(L) for only 5% of blasts) and vibration is 5mm/s (and up to 10mm/s for only 5% of blasts). Blast monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 3**.

4.1 BLAST MONITORING**4.1.1 Monitoring Data Results**

The summary tables of blasting results over the last four months are provided below.

JUN 2021	"Glenara" R11		"Kyooma" R98		Werris Creek South R62		Werris Creek Mid R92	
	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)
Monthly Average	0.13	100.1	1.06	99.2	0.49	103.1	0.35	101.3
Monthly Maximum	0.23	103.0	1.98	102.4	0.76	111.9	0.79	107.8
Annual Average	0.11	99.6	0.68	99.8	0.45	101.3	0.29	100.3
Criteria	5	115	5	115	5	115	5	115
% >115dB(L) or 5mm/s	0.00%	1.54%	0.00%	0.00%	1.54%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	0.00%	3.33%	0.00%	0.00%	3.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

JUL 2021	"Glenara" R11		"Kyooma" R98		Werris Creek South R62		Werris Creek Mid R92	
	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)
Monthly Average	0.15	100.8	0.85	103.6	0.49	106.0	0.33	102.9
Monthly Maximum	0.22	107.6	1.72	107.9	0.55	115.0	0.35	111.7
Annual Average	0.12	99.7	0.71	100.3	0.45	102.0	0.30	100.7
Criteria	5	115	5	115	5	115	5	115
% >115dB(L) or 5mm/s	0.00%	1.59%	0.00%	0.00%	1.59%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	0.00%	2.94%	0.00%	0.00%	2.94%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

AUG 2021		"Glenara" R11		"Kyooma" R98		Werris Creek South R62		Werris Creek Mid R92	
		mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)
Monthly Average		0.13	98.3	1.05	100.0	0.63	100.0	0.50	99.7
Monthly Maximum		0.16	106.3	1.45	105.7	1.14	105.8	1.13	100.9
Annual Average		0.12	99.6	0.75	100.3	0.47	101.8	0.32	100.6
Criteria		5	115	5	115	5	115	5	115
% >115dB(L) or 5mm/s	0.00%	1.61%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.61%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	0.00%	2.56%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.56%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

SEP 2021		"Glenara" R11		"Kyooma" R98		Werris Creek South R62		Werris Creek Mid R92	
		mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)	mm/s	dB(L)
Monthly Average		0.13	101.8	1.18	103.1	0.52	102.9	0.33	99.5
Monthly Maximum		0.15	106.9	2.72	106.4	0.72	107.2	0.44	104.2
Annual Average		0.12	99.8	0.80	100.6	0.48	101.9	0.32	100.5
Criteria		5	115	5	115	5	115	5	115
% >115dB(L) or 5mm/s	0.00%	1.61%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.61%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	0.00%	2.22%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.22%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Yellow – overpressure >115dB(L) or Werris Creek vibration >5.0mm/s.

4.1.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non-Compliance

All blasts over the period complied with maximum licence limits (120dB(L) and 10mm/s) as well as the 95th percentile limits (115dB(L) and 5mm/s).

4.2 BLAST COMPLAINTS

There were two (2) blast complaints during the period regarding blast vibration or overpressure.

5.0 WATER

The groundwater monitoring program monitors groundwater levels bi-monthly and groundwater quality six monthly. Surface water monitoring is undertaken quarterly.

5.1 GROUND WATER

Groundwater monitoring is undertaken to identify if there are any impacts on groundwater quality and water levels as a result of the mining operations. WCC monitors approximately 38 groundwater wells/bores and piezometers in the key aquifers surrounding WCC including Werrie Basalt (next to WCC and further afield) and Quipolly Creek Alluvium. Groundwater level surveys were completed between 8-27 July 2021 and also 20-28 September 2021. Groundwater monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 4**.

5.1.1 Monitoring Data Results

A summary of groundwater monitoring results has been provided below.

Site		July-21	
		mbgl	%
Werrie Basalt near WCC	MW1	Dry	
	MW2	50.88	3%
	MW3	19.73	3%
	MW4B	19.36	2%
	MW5	11.78	8%
	MW6	16.35	1%
	MW27*	55.25	0%
	MW36A	15.93	1%
	MW36B	15.92	1%
Werrie Basalt	MW8*	14.37	7%
	MW10	10.05	5%
	MW14	12.63	0%
	MW17B*	12.03	8%
	MW19A*	Pump over bore	
	MW20*	21.64	3%
	MW38A	No access	
	MW38B*	No access	
	MW38C*	21.75	3%
	MW38E*	No access	
# ¹	MW41	6.91	18%
	MW43	5.38	28%
Quipolly Alluvium	MW24A*	13.11	7%
	MW29*	10.15	5%
	MW12*	8.43	6%
	MW13*	4.60	37%
	MW13B*	3.48	26%
	MW13D*	3.99	21%
	MW15*	No access	
	MW16*	5.25	32%
	MW17A*	4.97	23%
	MW18A*	4.93	22%
	MW21A*	9.24	7%
	MW22A*	4.86	49%
	MW22B*	4.80	57%
	MW23A*	3.33	15%
	MW23B*	3.76	13%
	MW26B*	7.76	11%
	MW28A*	8.10	19%
	MW32*	Pump over bore	
	MW40	6.92	18%
MW42	5.31	29%	
# ²	MW34*	9.25	7%

Site		September-21	
		mbgl	%
Werrie Basalt near WCC	MW1	Dry	
	MW2	49.26	3%
	MW3	19.18	3%
	MW4B	18.62	4%
	MW5	11.40	3%
	MW6	16.21	1%
	MW27*	56.45	-2%
	MW36A	16.80	-5%
	MW36B	16.79	-5%
Werrie Basalt	MW8*	12.05	19%
	MW10	8.87	13%
	MW14	13.03	-3%
	MW17B*	10.60	13%
	MW19A*	Pump over bore	
	MW20*	20.70	5%
	MW38A	8.55	2%
	MW38B*	8.92	2%
	MW38C*	21.68	0%
	MW38E*	8.47	20%
# ¹	MW41	5.57	24%
	MW43	4.76	13%
Quipolly Alluvium	MW24A*	12.25	7%
	MW29*	10.03	1%
	MW12*	7.68	10%
	MW13*	4.60	0%
	MW13B*	3.14	11%
	MW13D*	4.46	-11%
	MW15*	No access	
	MW16*	4.55	15%
	MW17A*	3.84	29%
	MW18A*	3.80	30%
	MW21A*	6.47	43%
	MW22A*	4.58	6%
	MW22B*	4.71	2%
	MW23A*	3.55	-6%
	MW23B*	3.87	-3%
	MW26B*	5.61	38%
	MW28A*	6.05	34%
	MW32*	Pump over bore	
	MW40	5.58	24%
MW42	4.69	13%	
# ²	MW34*	9.26	0%

mbgl – meters below ground level is the distance in meters from top of bore to groundwater surface; Orange – Change decrease; Green – change increase or no change; * - Indicates bore is used for water extraction unrelated to WCC (i.e. stock and domestic or irrigation). #¹ – Werrie Basalt in the Black Soil Gully valley to east of Werris Creek Mine. #² - Werris Creek Alluvium.

5.1.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non-Compliance

Measured groundwater levels in the Werrie Basalt and Quipolly Alluvium aquifer indicate an overall increase in water levels during July and September 2021, although some locations were noted as having a slight decrease.

5.2 SURFACE WATER

Surface water monitoring is undertaken in local creeks offsite as well as from discharge point dirty water dams to monitor for potential water quality issues. Quarterly surface water monitoring was undertaken 24th and 30th August 2021. Surface water monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 5**.

5.2.1 Monitoring Data Results

Summary of surface water quality monitoring results has been provided below.

24th & 30th August 2021

Site	pH	EC	TSS	O&G	Change from Previous Quarter or General Comments
ONSITE					
SB2	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Previously wet and now dry
SB9	6.62	326	32	<5	Previously dry and now wet (low level)
SB10	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Remained dry
SB18	8.38	367	103	<5	Previously dry and now wet (low level)
OFFSITE					
QCU	7.51	658	44	<5	Previously dry and now flowing
QCD	7.93	924	7	<5	Previously only a trickle and now flowing
WCU	8.17	850	246	<5	Remained flowing
WCD	8.19	1140	62	<5	Remained flowing

pH – measure of acidity/alkalinity; EC – Electrical Conductivity measures salinity; TSS – Total Suspended Solids is a measure of suspended sediment in water (i.e. similar to turbidity); O&G – Oil and Grease measures amount of hydrocarbons (oils and fuels) in water. NA – No Access

5.2.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non-Compliance

Quarterly surface water monitoring was undertaken on 24th and 30th August 2021. All water quality results were within long-term averages and the Site Water Management Plan trigger values.

5.3 SURFACE WATER DISCHARGES

5.3.1 Monitoring Data Results

There was one uncontrolled discharge event during June 2021 following above average rainfall during the month. One controlled discharge also occurred in June 2021.

Sampling conducted within the Quipolly and Werris Creek system during the discharge events was in accordance with licence conditions.

Sample Date	Dam	pH	EC	TSS	O&G	Compliance	Type	5 Day Rain (mm)
11/06/2021	SB10 (EPA14)	7.5	220	76	<5	Yes - TSS Ok because rainfall >39.2mm	Wet weather - uncontrolled	76.7
11/06/2021	WCU (WPA23)	8.0	260	70	<5	N/A	Werris Creek	76.7
11/06/2021	WCD (WPA24)	8.0	220	43	<5	N/A	Werris Creek	76.7
15/06/2021	SB3 (EPA10)	8.2	390	4	9	Yes	Controlled	N/A
15/06/2021	SB11 (EPA12)	7.9	600	10	6	Yes	Controlled	N/A
16/06/2021	SB10 (EPA14)	8.0	420	6	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
16/06/2021	SB18 (EPA32)	8.2	460	11	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
15/06/2021	QCU (EPA25)	8.2	300	7	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
15/06/2021	QCD (EPA26)	8.0	330	8	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
16/06/2021	WCU (WPA23)	8.1	460	9	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
16/06/2021	WCD (WPA24)	8.1	700	9	<5	Yes	Controlled	N/A
Criteria		6.5 - 8.5	N/A	50	10			

pH – measure of acidity/alkalinity; EC – Electrical Conductivity measures salinity; TSS – Total Suspended Solids is a measure of suspended sediment in water (i.e. similar to turbidity); O&G – Oil and Grease measures amount of hydrocarbons (oils and fuels) in water; **Bold** – indicates results outside criteria due to 5 day rain trigger >39.2mm.

5.3.2 Discussion - Compliance / Non-Compliance

Sampling results were in compliance with WCC's Environmental Protection Licence.

5.4 WATER COMPLAINTS

There were no water release complaints during the period.

6.0 COMPLAINTS SUMMARY

There were three (3) complaints received during the period which are summarised below.

#	Date	Issue	Complaint	Investigation	Action Taken
631	4/06/2021	Blast	Complainant advised they wished to advise the mine that the vibration from the blast could be felt in Werris Creek	EO confirmed blast was within compliance limits	No further follow-up actions
632	26/07/2021	Blast	Phone to EO	Complainant advised they felt the blast at their residence. Doors and windows rattled. Requested results via email.	EO confirmed blast was within compliance limits
633	26/07/2021	Blast	Phone to EO	Complainant advised they wished to advise the mine that the vibration from the blast could be felt in at their premises. Noted indoor wind chime moved.	EO confirmed blast was within compliance limits

7.0 GENERAL

Please feel free to ask any questions in relation to the information contained within this document during Item 7 of the meeting agenda.

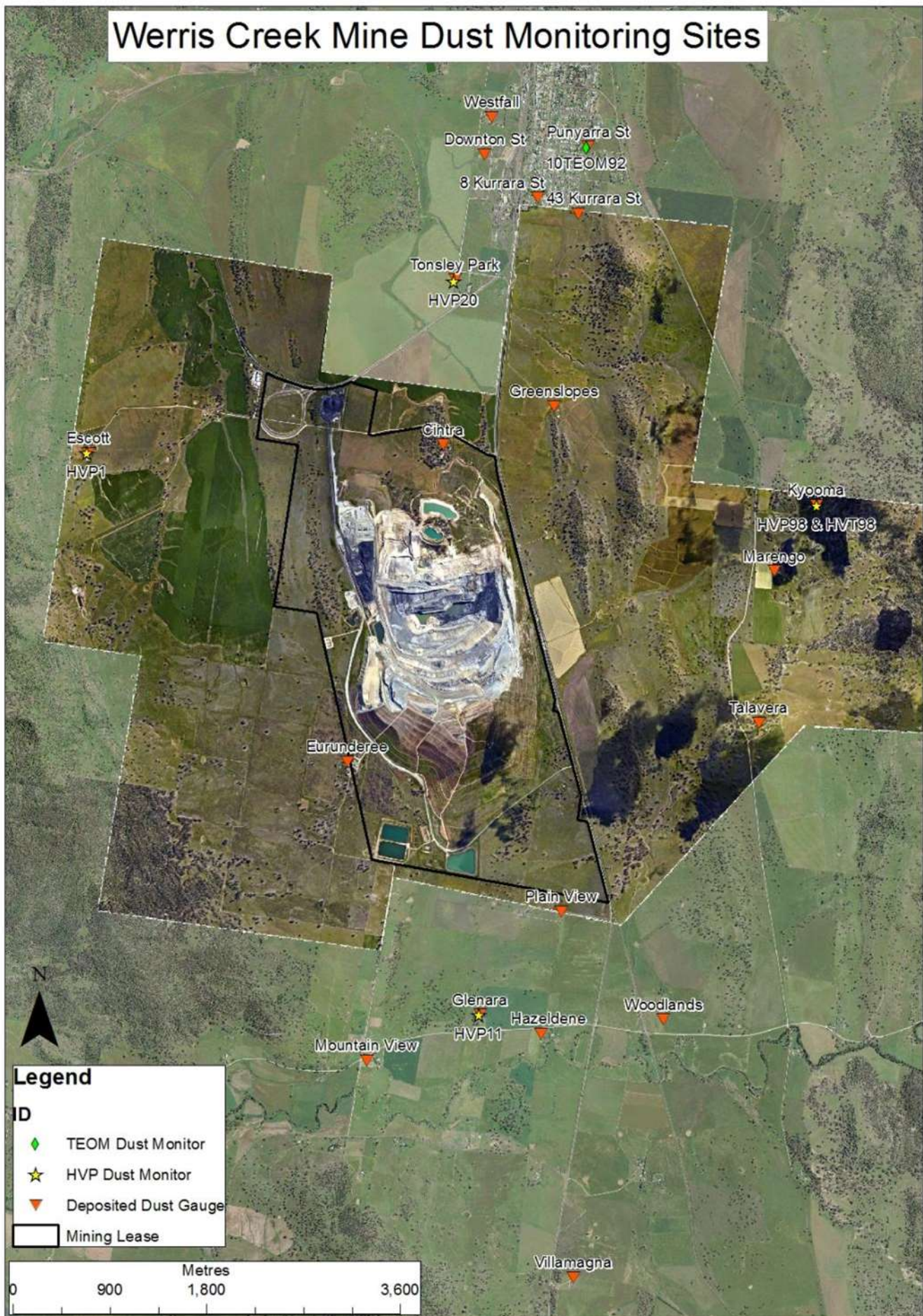


Figure 1 – WCC Dust Monitoring Locations



Figure 2– WCC Noise Monitoring Locations

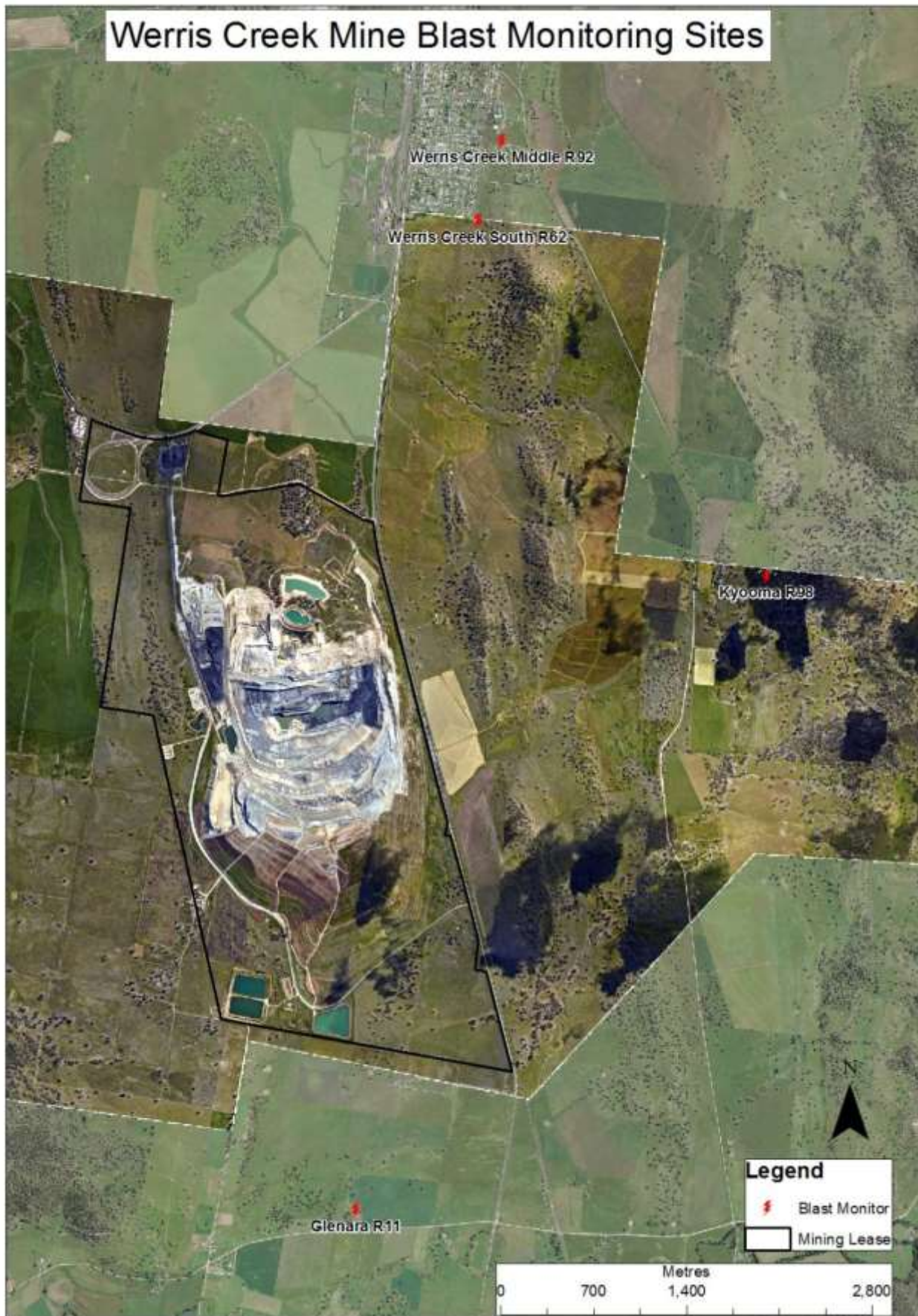


Figure 3 – WCC Blast Monitoring Locations



Figure 4 – WCC Groundwater Monitoring Locations



Figure 5 – WCC Surface Water Monitoring Locations