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Blackwater Mine

Community Consultation Plan

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1.0 Introduction

This Community Consultation Plan (CCP) has been prepared to support the Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure Plan (PRC Plan) for the Blackwater Mine (BWM), operated by Whitehaven Coal (WHC). The CCP outlines the framework for engaging stakeholders with a genuine interest in rehabilitation and closure planning, in accordance with the requirements of section 126C of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act).

The CCP includes:

- Consultation requirements as part of PRC planning;
- The objectives and desired outcomes for community consultation in PRC planning for BWM;
- The consultation process and program, including proposed frequency of consultation;
- Information to be released for community consultation; and
- How community feedback will be considered in PRC Plan updates.

This CCP has been compiled by Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Limited (ERM), with consultation support from BWM team members. Its implementation will be led by the BWM Community Relations team, with strategic input from the BWM Closure Planning team.

The CCP is designed to ensure that consultation is inclusive, transparent, and responsive to stakeholder concerns. It reflects WHC's commitment to progressive rehabilitation and responsible mine closure, and aims to align Post-Mining Land Use (PMLU) outcomes with community aspirations and regional development goals.

2.0 PRC Plan Community Consultation Context

2.1 Blackwater Mine Context

BWM is a large-scale open-cut coal operation located in the Bowen Basin, Central Queensland, located approximately 4.5 km southwest of Blackwater, within the Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC) Local Government Area (LGA). The mine is operated by WHC and includes multiple open-cut pits, waste rock dumps, haul roads, a coal handling and preparation plant, and associated infrastructure. Mining commenced in 1967 and has continued through multiple phases of expansion.

The operation spans 21 mining leases (MLs) and is authorised under Environmental Authority (EA) EPML00717813. In April 2024, Whitehaven Blackwater Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Whitehaven Coal, acquired the mine from BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) and is now the holder of the resource authorities.

Mining activities at BMW utilise draglines and supporting pre-strip and coal mining fleets to produce approximately 16 million tonnes per annum of product coal. Operations involve topsoil removal and stockpiling, drilling and blasting of overburden and interburden, and truck-and-shovel mining of both overburden and coal.

The site includes a Coal Handling and Preparation Plant, Thermal Coal Plant, train load-out facilities, Mine Infrastructure Area, and other supporting infrastructure. Currently approved areas are expected to be mined for several decades, with progressive rehabilitation occurring as land becomes available. Final decommissioning and infrastructure removal will occur after mining ceases.

The Gaangalu Nation People have a registered Native Title Claim (QC2012/009) that includes the Blackwater Mine area. Most of the land within the EA boundary is owned by WHC. Other landholders have been detailed in Section 5.

Land ownership maps are provided in Figure 1 and Figure 2.

Ongoing refinement of mining and rehabilitation planning, as reflected in the updated PRC Plan, continues to inform consultation with stakeholders regarding final landform outcomes, PMLUs and Non-use Management Areas (NUMAs).

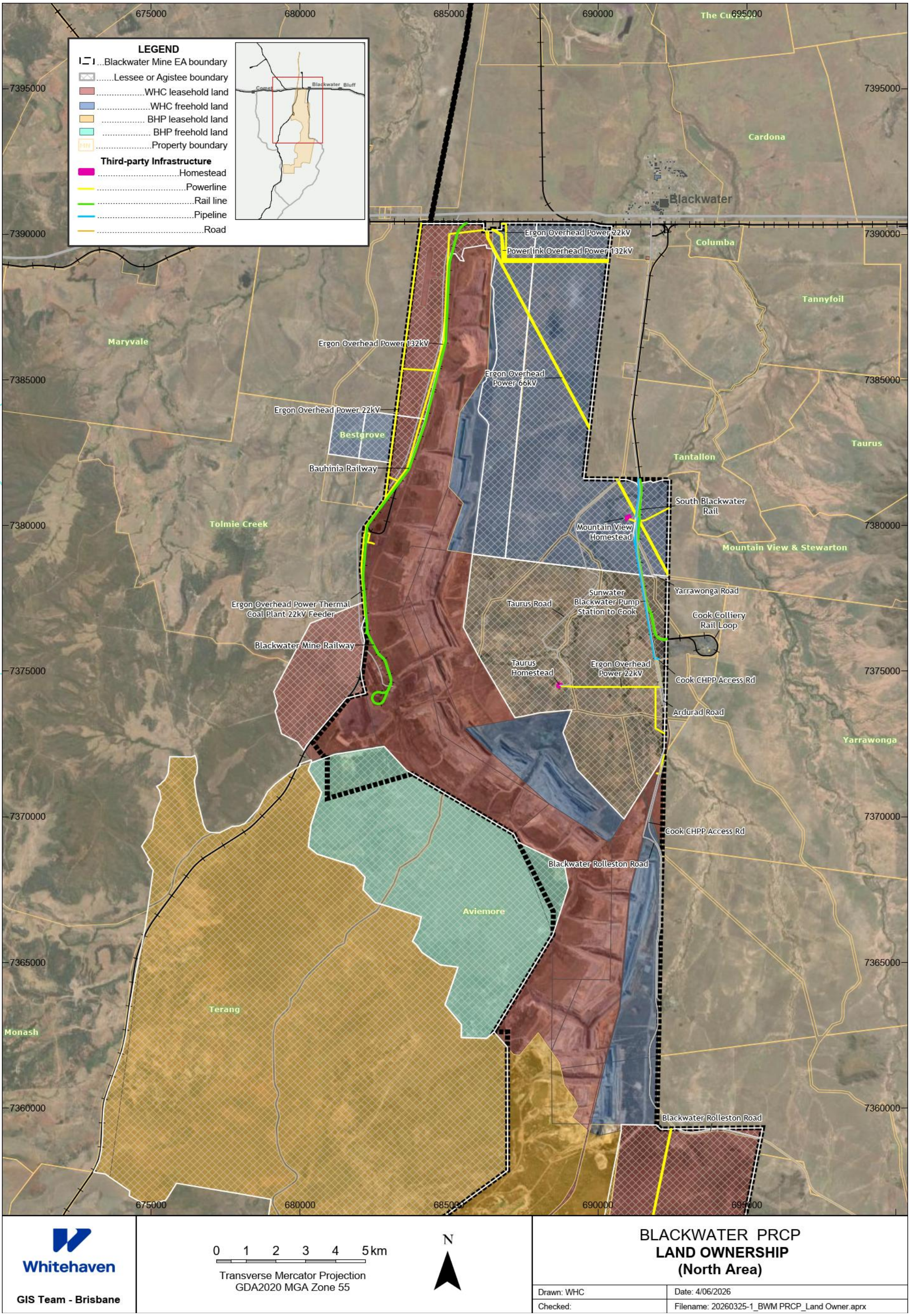


Figure 1 Land Ownership Part 1 (BWM North and Central)

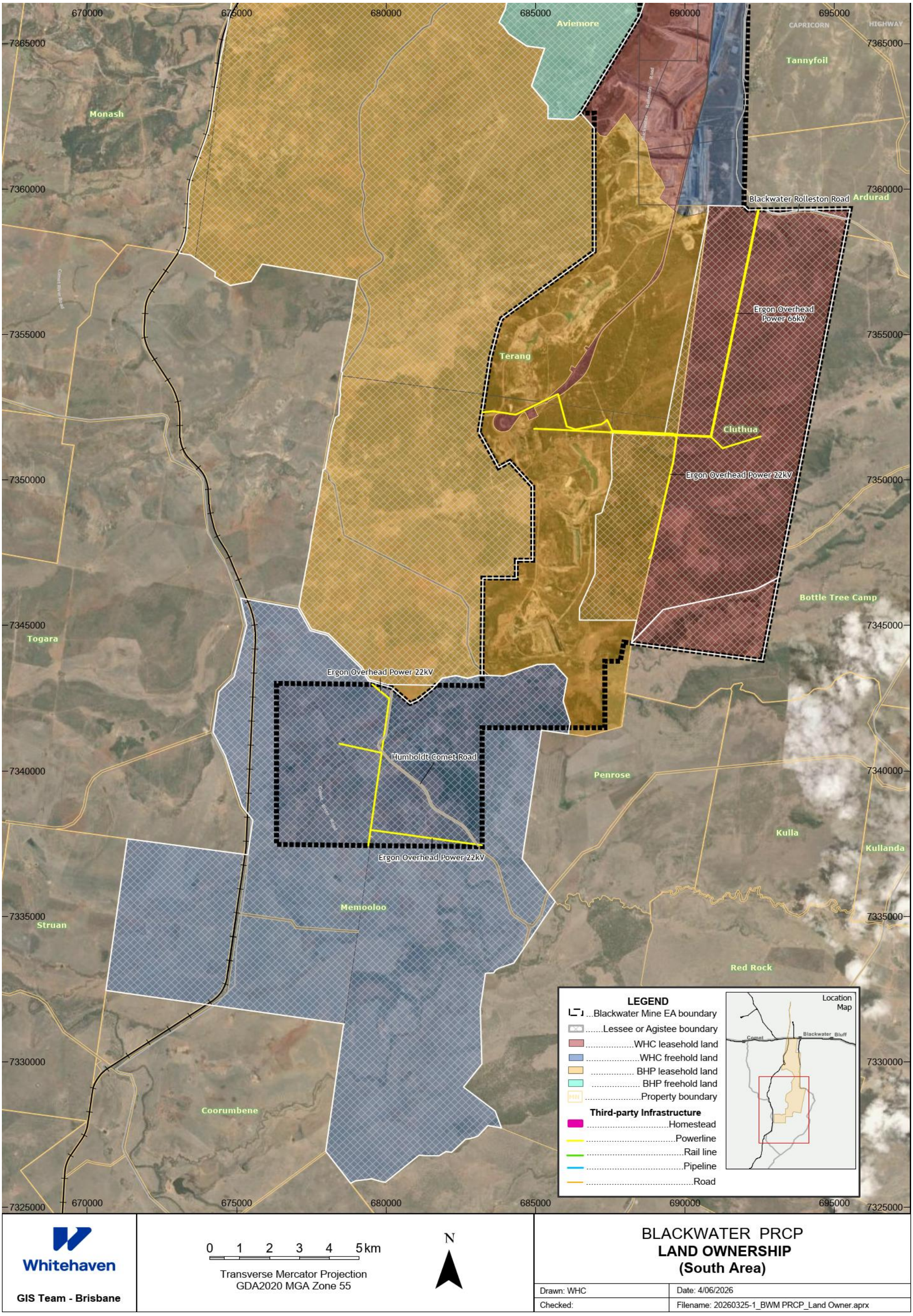


Figure 2 Land Ownership Part 2 (BWM Central and South)

3.0 Regulatory Requirements

3.1 PRC Plan

The BWM PRC Plan and this associated CCP were prepared under the transitional provisions of the *Mineral and Energy Resources (Financial Provisioning) Act 2018* (MERFP Act). Under the MERFP Act, a PRC Plan must be submitted:

- as part of an application for an EA for a new mining activity associated with a mining lease; or
- when submitting an application for a major EA amendment.

Transitional arrangements under the MERFP Act applied to existing operations, including BWM. These arrangements specified a deadline by which a PRC Plan was required to be submitted to the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) for assessment and approval. Under these provisions, BMA (former owners of Blackwater Mine) was a 'mining Environmental Authority holder' at the commencement of the MERFP Act and therefore was required a prepare a transitional PRC Plan. A Transition Notice for Blackwater Mine was issued to BMA by the administrating authority on 13 December 2021. The Transitional Notice required submission of the BWM PRCP and PRCP schedule by 15 November 2024.

On 2 April 2024, Whitehaven Blackwater Pty Ltd (Whitehaven) acquired BWM from BMA, and on 29 January 2025 the EA was successfully transferred by the administering authority from BMA to Whitehaven Blackwater Pty Ltd, NS Blackwater Pty Limited and JFE Steel Australia (BW) Pty Ltd.

On 11 November 2024 Whitehaven submitted the Blackwater Mine PRC Plan and PRCP Schedule to DETSI. On 13 June 2025, DETSI issued an *Information Request Notice* to Whitehaven seeking additional information required to complete its assessment of the PRCP application. A response to the information request was due by 19 December 2025.

On 19 December 2025, WHC submitted a Change Application together with an updated PRC Plan and PRCP Schedule to reflect changes to the mine and rehabilitation design approach compared to that proposed by BMA.

Following assessment and ongoing engagement with the administering authority, the PRCP Schedule was approved on 19 May 2026. The PRC Plan has subsequently been updated to align with the approved PRCP Schedule, including refinement of rehabilitation areas, PMLUs and NUMAs, and to reflect changes associated with the Blackwater North Extension Project.

Following approval, the transitional provisions no longer apply, and the approved PRCP Schedule provides the basis for ongoing rehabilitation and closure planning at BWM.A PRC plan consists of two parts:

- a rehabilitation planning part which includes information about the site and its operations, community engagement activities, proposed PMLUs and NUMAs, methodologies and techniques to rehabilitate the land, and it provides timeframes and reasoning for when land becomes available for rehabilitation; and
- a PRC Schedule which includes maps showing final rehabilitation and closure outcomes for the site, and it sets out time-based milestones for achieving PMLUs and/or NUMA outcomes.

The intent of the PRC plan is to specify:

- site rehabilitation commitments, including the amount, type, location, and timing of rehabilitation activities; and
- mining activities, including duration, PMLUs, and how rehabilitation will be carried out.

4.0 Legislative Requirements for Consultation

The EP Act requires site-specific applications for an EA for a mining activity relating to a mining lease to submit a PRC Plan. Existing EA holders were required to submit a PRC Plan under the transitional provisions of the EP Act following commencement of the MERFP Act.

Community consultation must be undertaken when developing and implementing a PRC Plan.

The PRC Plan must include:

- details of the consultation undertaken by the applicant in developing the proposed PRC Plan;
- details of how the applicant will undertake ongoing consultation in relation to the rehabilitation to be carried out under the plan; and
- the extent to which each proposed PMLU or NUMA is consistent with the outcome of consultation with the community in developing the plan.

The community consultation process for the development of the PRC Plan differs from the public notification process for the EA application or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

In accordance with section 126C(1)(c)(iii) and (iv) of the EP Act, the rehabilitation planning part of the PRC Plan must include:

- details of the consultation undertaken by the applicant in developing the proposed PRC Plan, and
- details of how the applicant will undertake ongoing consultation in relation to the rehabilitation to be carried out under the plan.

To comply with section 126C(1)(d) of the EP Act, the rehabilitation planning part of the PRC plan must state the extent to which each PMLU for land identified in the PRC Plan Schedule for the plan is consistent with:

- the outcome of consultation with the community in developing the plan, and
- any strategies or plans for the land of a local government, the State or the Commonwealth.

To comply with section 126C(1)(e), (f), (g) and (h) of the EP Act, the PRC Plan must:

- for each proposed PMLU for land, state the applicant's proposed methods or techniques for rehabilitating the land to a stable condition in a way that supports the rehabilitation milestones under the proposed PRC Schedule.
- identify the risks of a stable condition for land mentioned above not being achieved, and how the applicant intends to manage or minimise the risks.
- for each proposed NUMA, state the reasons the applicant considers the area cannot be rehabilitated to a stable condition.
- for each matter mentioned above include copies of reports or other evidence relied on by the applicant for each proposed NUMA.

4.1 Genuine Interest

The Queensland Government's Information Sheet on Community consultation for Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure Plan (ESR/2019/5101) (updated 24 June 2025) further clarifies that it is the responsibility of the applicant to identify, notify and engage the community regarding the rehabilitation and closure of the site and provide them the opportunity to comment.

When selecting members of the community to engage with, applicants must consider who in the broader community is directly influenced by the rehabilitation process or final land outcomes.

To be included in this consultation stage, members of the community must have a genuine interest in:

- the land where the activity will occur
- the land adjacent to where the activity will occur
- the land/amenities surrounding where the activity will occur that are likely to be impacted by the activity (e.g. groundwater/drinking water users within the surrounding area or community located upstream or downstream of the activity).

A genuine interest in the land must be demonstrable and legitimate. It may include, but is not limited to:

- direct impact interest (e.g. underlying and adjacent land holders);
- cultural interest (e.g. Indigenous communities, Traditional Owners including Native Title holders);

- heritage interest (e.g. state or local government or relevant community groups where heritage value is identified on the land the activity is to occur);
- environmental interest (e.g. state or local government or relevant community groups where environmental value is identified on the land the activity is to occur);
- recreational interest (e.g. relevant community groups who use the immediate, adjacent, upstream or downstream land for recreational purposes);
- land use interest (e.g. overlapping tenure holders, agricultural entities or local government where a planning scheme for the land is in place); and or
- health interest (e.g. state or local government or relevant community groups who have health concerns relating to the rehabilitation processes and final land outcomes for the project).

The administering authority must be satisfied that the applicant has attempted to consult with all community members with a genuine interest in the rehabilitation and closure of the project. If the administering authority is not satisfied, it has the ability to request further information from the applicant.

4.2 Community Consultation Plan

To comply with section 126C(1)(c)(iv) of the EP Act, the rehabilitation planning part must include a CCP detailing how ongoing consultation will be carried out in relation to the rehabilitation to be carried out under the PRC Plan.

The CCP must include details of:

- Consultation requirements as part of PRC planning
- The objectives and desired outcomes for community consultation in PRC planning
- The consultation process and program, including proposed frequency of consultation
- Information to be released for community consultation; and
- How community feedback will be considered in PRC Plan updates.

In developing the proposed PRC Plan, the community should at least be engaged on the plan for the mine, PMLUs or NUMAs, areas of disturbance, rehabilitation and management methods, progressive rehabilitation and closure timeframes.

Ongoing community consultation should continue throughout the stages of the mine life so that progressive rehabilitation and the socio-economic and environmental impacts related to mine closure can be discussed with the community.

Community consultation carried out through different processes (such as an EIS) may be used to address the requirements in section 126C(1)(c) of the EP Act. The details of this consultation must be provided in the rehabilitation planning part of the proposed PRC Plan.

PRC Plans prepared under the former transitional provisions were required to meet the legislative requirements in section 126C(1)(c) of the EP Act.

All proposed PRC Plans must contain a CCP regardless of whether the site has an existing EA.

4.3 Community Consultation Register

To comply with section 126C(1)(c)(iii) of the EP Act, the rehabilitation planning part must include a community consultation register identifying the consultation carried out in developing the PRC Plan. The community consultation register must include:

- Consultation date(s)
- Identification of each community member
- Description of consultation type (workshop, quarterly meetings, etc.)
- Information provided to the community

- Issues raised/discussed by the community
- How issues have been considered
- Decisions/outcomes of engagement
- Commitments made by the applicant.

Consultation should occur prior to any PRC Schedule amendments that are likely to impact the community and the community consultation register should be updated when this consultation is undertaken. The community consultation register serves as a formal record of how stakeholder input has influenced rehabilitation planning and closure outcomes.

The community consultation register for PRC Plans should include all recorded previous engagements with the community. Where there are land outcomes identified in a land outcome document, the applicant must include the details of any previous community consultation undertaken. If previous consultation has not been recorded or is unknown, the applicant must record this in the proposed PRC Plan. Where there are no land outcomes identified in a land outcome document or previous consultation cannot be demonstrated, the applicant is required to comply with the requirements above as if it was a new application. It is recommended that applicants discuss the level of consultation expected in a pre-lodgement meeting prior to developing the PRC Plan.

5.0 Consultation Undertaken for Development of BWM's PRC Plan

5.1 Objectives for Community Consultation

The following objectives guided community consultation undertaken during the development of the BWM PRC Plan and continue to inform ongoing engagement in relation to rehabilitation and closure planning:

1. To engage stakeholders with a genuine interest in developing objectives and aspirations for PMLU and landform, and social value opportunities to be considered in PRC planning.
2. To support transparent access to information about BWM's PRC planning and implementation, enabling opportunities for the Blackwater community, BWM suppliers and government agencies and representatives to provide inputs, and feedback on rehabilitation and closure outcomes.
3. To engage with utility owners and operators, and adjacent mining and energy tenement holders, to provide information about BWM's closure planning that supports them to manage their assets and interests.

5.2 Stakeholder Identification and Analysis

This section identifies the stakeholders with a genuine interest in the rehabilitation and closure of the BWM, in accordance with section 126C(1)(c) of the EP Act.

Stakeholders were identified through the following process and have been engaged during development of the PRC Plan and subsequent updates:

- Review of land tenure and ownership records;
- Analysis of overlapping and adjacent land uses;
- Consultation with Traditional Owner groups and Native Title representatives;
- Engagement with local and state government agencies;
- Review of previous consultation records and community submissions; and
- Internal knowledge from site personnel and community relations teams.

The stakeholders considered to have a genuine interest in BWM's PRC Plan, and who have been consulted during PRC Plan development and updates, include:

- **Traditional Owners:** Gaangalu Nation People as the registered native title applicants and as a party to the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA)

- **Underlying and Adjacent Landholders:** GH Mackenzie (Taurus and Stewarton Stations), and BMA retains ownership of two properties within the EA area
- **Licensees of Land within BWM EA area:** Includes nine private grazing businesses (TN & FL Richardson and AJ & DI Vipen, BK, DA & GK McKenzie and CD & LE Stewart, Thomas and Christine Maree Boag, Comet Downs Cattle Company Pty Ltd, Trevor & Fenella Neilson, IK & K McCamley, Bruce Robert Black, Jem Family Trust (Jack Mayne), and JM & LA Engwicht), and one registered native title claimant (Gaangalu Nation People)
- **BWM:** General Manager and Mine Personnel
- **Local Government:** CHRC
- **Nearby Landowners (within 5km):** There are 50 private owners of rural properties located within 5 km of BWM's EA area
- **Blackwater Community:** Includes Blackwater residents, business owners, and community organisations and groups
- **Central Highlands Community Groups and Businesses:** Includes Community Groups and Businesses in the Central Highlands Region such as Central Highlands Development Corporation (CHDC)
- **Utilities:** including Sunwater, Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR), CHRC, Queensland Rail (QR), Aurizon Network, Ergon Energy Corporation Ltd, Powerlink, Telstra Amplitel, Telstra Vocus, Total Energies
- **Adjacent and Nearby Mining Interests:** Including QCoal Services Pty Ltd (Koorilgah Mine Balloon Railway land) and Coronado Global Resources Inc
- **Petroleum Tenement Holders:** Including Bow CSG Pty. Ltd, Comet Ridge Mahalo North Pty Ltd, Comet Ridge Mahalo Far East Pty Ltd, Comet Ridge Mahalo East Pty Ltd hold, Bronco Energy Pty Limited, and Santos QNT. Pty. Ltd
- **Queensland Government:** DETSI, Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development and Department of Primary Industries (DNRMMRRD), and Department of Primary Industries
- **Queensland Ministerial Representatives:** Queensland Parliament - Member for Gregory
- **Federal Government:** Office of the Minister and Deputy Secretary for Environment Protection, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)

Table 1 documents the stakeholders identified as having a genuine interest and outlines the nature of BWM's relationships with each. It also highlights stakeholders' potential areas of interest with respect to BWM's PRC Plan. Further details are provided in the BWM PRC Plan Community Consultation Register.

Table 1 Stakeholders identified as having a Genuine Interest in the BWM PRC Plan

Stakeholder	Existing relationship	Potential areas of interest
Traditional Owners		
Gaangalu Nation People (registered Native Title Claimants)	Former owners, BMA, had regular engagement with Gaangalu Nation People on a range of issues including cultural heritage and community and economic development. This included meetings and correspondence with the Native Title Applicants Group and meetings of the Coordinating Committee, which has been ongoing with respect to ILUA matters since 2002. BMA developed a consultation protocol with Gaangalu Nation People, which was implemented by WHC. BMA developed an ILUA with the Ghungalu People and Kangoulu People (the previous native title applicants) which is dated 31 May 2002. BMA met with the ILUA Coordinating Committee over time as required to address current and future planning issues. The commitments made as part of the ILUA continued to stand after ownership of BWM was transferred to WHC and are assigned to WHC. BMA also engaged with the Gaangalu Nation People Applicants Group to develop a consultation protocol (Ground Rules document) which commits WHC to negotiating a new partnership agreement and a Cultural Heritage Management Plan with the Gaangalu Nation People. WHC continues to engage with Gaangalu Nations People in accordance with the consultation protocol. Ongoing engagement includes discussion of the BWM PRC Plan, including the progressive rehabilitation schedule and NUMA.	• Aspirations around rehabilitation and potential commercial opportunities as a PMLU • How operational management and/or rehabilitation could contribute to future use of the areas • Recognition and management of cultural heritage impacts • Native Title and land acquisition interests • PMLUs, NUMAs and landform/landscape • Future access to and ownership of land • Environmental management/stewardship • Employment and business opportunities in rehabilitation, environmental management and monitoring

Stakeholder	Existing relationship	Potential areas of interest
Underlying Private Landowners		
One private landowner owns land within the EA area. WHC holds this land as lands lease. BMA retains ownership of two properties within the EA area.	WHC is engaging with the underlying landowner in support of a constructive working relationship. WHC has engaged with the private landowner in relation to the PRC Plan. This included discussion of progressive rehabilitation timeframes and NUMA. WHC and former owners BMA have engaged regarding the land lease agreement, management and use of land within the BWM EA area, an agistment licence held by the landowner for use of BMA-owned land for grazing, and the future use and management of land that BMA has retained within the EA area.	• Environmental management and stewardship • PMLUs, NUMAs and landform/land scape • PRC Plan and PRC Schedule • Future access to and ownership of land • Water usage, quality and access to groundwater and surface water (e.g. water allocations, water pipelines, etc.) • Potential impacts on land, property and future business value relating to PMLUs, NUMAs and timing of impacts
Licensees of Land within BWM EA Area		
Nine private grazing businesses and one registered Native Title Claimant as Traditional Owners and cattle grazers.	These private grazing businesses include the following licensees: • TN & FL Richardson and AJ & DI Vipen; • BK, DA & GK McKenzie and CD & LE Stewart; • Thomas and Christine Maree Boag; • Comet Downs Cattle Company Pty Ltd; • Trevor & Fenella Neilson; • IK & K McCamley; • Bruce Robert Black; • Jem Family Trust (Jack Mayne); and • JM & LA Engwicht); The registered Native Title Claimant is the Gaangalu Nation People. The former owners, BMA, engaged with these licensees regarding licence terms and conditions, and matters relating to land use management. WHC has continued to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities and will keep licensees updated on PRC Plan implementation.	• Environmental management/stewardship • PMLU, NUMAs and closure landforms • PRC Schedule • Future access to and ownership of land • Water usage, quality and access to groundwater and surface water (e.g. water allocations, water pipelines, etc.) • Potential impacts on land, water, property and future business value relating to PMLUs, NUMAs and timing of impacts

Stakeholder	Existing relationship	Potential areas of interest
BWM Operations		
General Manager	WHC's Community Relations and Closure Team are in regular consultation with BWM's General Manager.	• Closure timing and planning • Rehabilitation strategy • Workforce transition • Community and economic impact • Local employment and business opportunities in rehabilitation • Legacy and post-closure vision
Mine Personnel	WHC maintains ongoing communication with its personnel on a continual basis through toolbox talks, emails and safety meetings.	• Timing of closure • Rehabilitation obligations • Employment continuity • Management of closure impacts on employment and businesses • Economic and community sustainability • Local employment and business opportunities in rehabilitation
Local Government		
CHRC	CHRC owns land within the EA area and is a party to agreements relating to roads and road reserves. Former owners, BMA, had regular meetings with CHRC as well as meeting with Councillors and officers as-needed on specific issues. BMA provided a preliminary briefing to Council on PRC Plan requirements in 2023. WHC has continued engagement with CHRC. In addition to updates on rehabilitation progress and management of closure impacts on local communities, PRC Plan engagement with CHRC has included specific issues associated with Council-owned land, roads and road reserves within the EA area.	• Local employment • Effects on Council services and infrastructure • Environmental management/stewardship • Rehabilitation progress and PRC Schedule • PMLUs, NUMAs and closure landforms • Management of closure impacts on employment and businesses • Alignment of rehabilitation plans with local and regional planning goals, and regional transformation/diversification • Economic transformation (towards post-mining) and community sustainability

Stakeholder	Existing relationship	Potential areas of interest
		• Cumulative impacts of closure of multiple mining assets in a similar timeframe (e.g. job and population losses)
Adjacent and Nearby Landholders		
Licenses of land within BWM EA area	WHC has undertaken a process of engagement with licensees regarding licence terms and conditions and will meet with them as and when required. All current licences for WHC-owned land will be transitioned (i.e. continued when their current terms are complete).	• Environmental management/stewardship • PMLU, NUMAs and closure landforms • PRC Schedule • Future access to and ownership of land • Water usage, quality and access to groundwater and surface water (e.g. water allocations, water pipelines, etc.) • Potential impacts on land, water, property and future business value relating to PMLUs, NUMAs and timing of impacts
Private landowners within 5 km of EA area, including owners of properties in Blackwater, and owners of nearby homesteads, grazing and dryland cropping properties, and smaller rural lots.	There are 50 private owners of rural properties located within 5 km of BWM's EA area. Properties include large private landholdings (primarily grazing and dryland cropping) and smaller hobby farms/rural living lots. Nearby landowners include licensees of BMA-owned land. BMA engaged with nearby landowners through letters, emails and letter box drops, on an as-needed basis. WHC is commencing engagement with nearby landowners via letters and meetings, and will continue to engage with landowners via letters, meetings, emails and letter box drops, on an as-needed basis.	• Environmental management/stewardship • PMLU, NUMAs and closure landforms • PRC Schedule • Future access to and ownership of land • Water usage, quality and access to groundwater and surface water (e.g. water allocations, water pipelines, etc.) • Potential impacts on land, water, property and future business value relating to PMLUs, NUMAs and timing of impacts
Blackwater Community		
Blackwater residents, business owners, and community organisations and groups.	BMA conducted a range of engagement activities with community members, from one-off responses to enquiries, to community events and forums, and ongoing engagement processes such as partnerships with community organisations and industry bodies. WHC has engaged with the Blackwater communities via media releases, newspapers advertisements, and social media. WHC has	• Timing of closure • Rehabilitation obligations and progress • Environmental management / stewardship • Employment continuity

Stakeholder	Existing relationship	Potential areas of interest
	committed to engage with Blackwater residents, businesses and community groups to develop a mutually supportive relationship. Engagement activities with community members have and will include community events and forums, and ongoing engagement processes such as partnerships with community organisations and industry bodies. BWM personnel and their families are an important part of the Blackwater community. Engagement with personnel is via toolbox talks and the Blackwater Mine site newsletter.	• Post-mining landforms, and NUMAs • Management of closure impacts on employment and businesses • Economic and community sustainability • Local employment and business opportunities in rehabilitation works
Central Highlands Community Groups and Businesses		
Community Groups and Businesses in the Central Highlands Region	Former owners, BMA, engaged regularly with CHDC over the years, on a broad range of topics. BMA provided a preliminary overview of PRC planning requirements to CHDC in 2023. WHC has engaged with the Central Highlands communities via media releases, newspapers advertisements, and social media. Engagement activities with community members have/will include community events and forums, and ongoing engagement processes such as partnerships with community organisations and industry bodies.	• Local employment and business opportunities, and future jobs • Opportunities to participate in supply chain (e.g. environmental management, rehabilitation) • With closure, loss of jobs and supply opportunities, and changes to demands for services (e.g. childcare and schools) • Potential for cumulative job losses if other mines close in a similar timeframe • Economic transformation (towards post-mining), and industry diversification • Educational and childcare opportunities • Wellbeing and health/healthcare provision • Economic and community sustainability • Environmental management • PMLUs and NUMAs • Community and economic transformation

Stakeholder	Existing relationship	Potential areas of interest

Central Highlands Development Corporation (CHDC)	CHDC is the lead economic and business development agency for the Central Highlands LGA. CHDC's key interests include driving investment, attracting businesses and the sustainability of farms, agribusiness and tourism.
	
	Former owners, BMA, engaged regularly with CHDC over the years, on a broad range of topics. BMA provided a preliminary overview of PRC planning requirements to CHDC in 2023.
	
	WHC has commenced engagement with CHDC, and is seeking to develop a constructive relationship that enables meaningful engagement with CHDC to inform PRC planning over the longer term.
		• As above, with a particular focus on:
		  ○ community and economic sustainability/transition
		  ○ business and economic development opportunities

Utilities		
Utility owners and easement holders with assets within the EA area which include: • Sunwater • DTMR • CHRC • QR • Aurizon Network • Ergon Energy Corporation Ltd • Powerlink • Telstra Vocus • Telstra Amplitel Adjacent land approved for solar farm includes: • Total Energies	WHC is developing working relationships with utility owners and easement holders and will continue issue-specific and transactional engagement with them. • Sunwater is a landowner and easement holder within the EA area and owns and operates the Blackwater Water Pipeline. • DTMR owns and manages the Capricorn Highway and Ardurad (Blackwater -Rolleston) Road. Engagement with DTMR will be on an as-needed basis with respect to road interface and usage arrangements. DNRMMRRD is the administrative authority for a stock route within the EA area. • CHRC owns roads and road reserves that intersect or are directly abutting the BWM EA area, including Yarrawonga Road, Tannyfoil Road, Taura's Road, Ardurad Road, Barlow Road, Humboldt Road and Un-named Roads. • QR owns four railways (Central, South Blackwater Mine, Blackwater Mine and Bauhinia), as well as two loops and two sidings, in the vicinity of the BWM EA area. Aurizon Network operates the rail infrastructure. • Ergon Energy Corporation Ltd owns land within the EA area and holds easements within EA for the purpose of power transmission infrastructure. Powerlink also holds an easement for power supply (22 kV Feeders, 66 kV Transmission Lines, substations and the Rolleston 132 kV Transmission Line). Powerlink also	• Impact on assets/asset value • Remediation of impacts on assets • Any service disruptions and mitigations • Crossing/interface agreements • Timeline for decommissioning utilities • Cost of decommissioning utilities

Stakeholder	Existing relationship	Potential areas of interest
	holds an easement for power supply. • Telstra Amplitel and Telstra Vocus own and operate telecommunications infrastructure, on land owned by State of Queensland. • Total Energies hold a development approval on land that is adjacent to the EA area, for the development and operation of a solar farm. The solar farm is yet to be developed.	
Adjacent and Nearby Mining Interests		
Nearby mining interests: • Curragh Mine to the north of Capricorn Highway (Coronado Curragh Pty Ltd) • Cook's Colliery to the east (QCoal)	WHC liaises with adjoining and nearby mining and resource interests on an as-needed basis. Cook's Colliery has an agreement with WHC to use BWM MLs to access their mine and owns land within the BWM EA area. WHC has a good neighbour agreement with Coronado Curragh Pty Ltd with respect to Curragh Mine, including the accommodation of the East Bedford water pipeline.	• Future land use and ownership • Collaboration on good industry rehabilitation and closure practices • Cumulative impacts and opportunities of mine closures
Petroleum Tenement Holders		
Adjacent and nearby petroleum (gas) tenements: • Bow CSG Pty Ltd • Bronco Energy Pty. Ltd • Santos QNT Pty. Ltd • Comet Ridge Mahalo North Pty Ltd • Comet Ridge Mahalo Far East Pty Ltd • Comet Ridge Mahalo East Pty Ltd	WHC engages with nearby petroleum resource holders in accordance with *Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014* requirements for overlap activities, and as part of industry associations and research partnerships.	• Future land use and ownership • Collaboration on good industry rehabilitation and closure practices • Cumulative impacts and opportunities of mine closures

Stakeholder	Existing relationship	Potential areas of interest
State Government		
Queensland government departments include: • DETSI • DNRMMRRD • Department of Primary Industries • Queensland Parks and Wildlife	Former owners, BMA, provided briefings to the Deputy Director-General Georesources on an as-needed basis, and met and corresponded with (former) Department of Resources regarding resource development commitments. The (former) Department of Resources is the owner of a stock route (416CENT, 348CENT, 413CENT, 353CENT) within the EA area. BMA provided briefings to the Acting Director Native Title Services and Coal Hub on an as-needed basis, and met and corresponded with (former) Department of Resources regarding resource development commitments. The Deputy Director-General Georesources has asked to be kept informed on PRC planning. Amaroo State Forest is in close proximity to BWM, which may be of interest to Department of Primary Industries. Blackwater Conservation Park is located to the near north of BWM, which may be of interest to Queensland Parks and Wildlife and Partnerships.	• Legislative compliance • Resource development • Employment and growth opportunities • Public interest • Environmental management • Economic transformation (towards post-mining) • Financial assurance • Environmental risk management • Future PMLUs, NUMAs and closure landforms • Company responses to stakeholder views Industry best practice, and innovative future-looking approaches
Queensland Ministerial Representatives		
• Queensland Parliament - Member for Gregory	WHC provides briefings to the Member for Gregory's Office on an as-needed basis.	• Closure planning • Workforce transition strategies • Community engagement efforts • Economic sustainability initiatives • Opportunities for collaboration
Federal Government		
Office of the Minister and Deputy Secretary for Environment Protection, DCCEEW	WHC provides briefings to the Minister's Office on an as-needed basis.	• Closure planning • Workforce transition strategies • Community engagement efforts • Economic sustainability initiatives • Opportunities for collaboration

6.0 PRC Plan Consultation

6.1 Pre-PRC Plan Development

BWM commenced operations in 1967. An EIS was not required to support provision of an EA for BWM at the time, and there was no requirement for consultation on rehabilitation.

The following rehabilitation and closure-related engagement was undertaken for BWM prior to development of the PRC Plan:

- During 2018, BMA engaged with the former Department of Environment and Science to implement the current EA conditions in relation to post mining land uses and the required acceptance criteria for those PLMUs, which were included in the EA, reflected as Table E1 (Rehabilitation Requirements);
- During 2020 to 2022, ongoing engagement with the former Department of Environment, Science, and Innovation in relation to the application of PRC Guideline elements (including transitional arrangements at the time) and the current EA conditions related to rehabilitation and closure would transition to BMA's PRC Plans;
- During 2023, high level information about the BWM PRC Plan process was provided by BMA to CHRC and CDHC; and
- On an ongoing basis, BMA engaged with nearby landholders on land management and lease/license conditions, and on operational, environmental management and/or water matters, as required, with aspects of this engagement informing the development of the PRC Plan.

Agreements which are in place with respect to BWM include:

- Various Compensation Agreements in place for surface rights, public road access, a homestead, as well as an agistment licences for grazing
- Various crossing/interface access agreements with third-party utility owners and easement holders
- An agreement with Cook Colliery to use BWM MLs to access their mine
- A Compensation Agreement with underlying landowners GH Mackenzie (Taurus and Stewarton Stations) relating to a land lease agreement, management and use of land within the BWM EA area (on ML1759 and ML1762), and an agistment licence held by the landowner for use of BMA-owned land for grazing.

This early engagement provided context for subsequent consultation undertaken during preparation of the PRC Plan and informed the development of proposed rehabilitation strategies, PMLUs and NUMAs presented in the PRC Plan.

6.2 Part of PRC Plan Development

BMA Consultation

Community consultation as part of initial PRC Plan development was undertaken by former owners BMA between February and March 2024. This consultation informed early development of the PRC Plan, which has subsequently been refined and updated through the PRCP Schedule assessment process.

Consultation included letters sent via post, email and a letter drop to all premises in the Blackwater postal area, with stakeholders including:

- Gaangalu Nation People as the registered native title applicants and as a party to the ILUA;
- The owners of underlying freehold land within the BWM EA area;
- Licensees of Land within BWM EA area;
- BWM General Manager and mine personnel;
- CHRC;
- Landowners whose properties are within 5 km of the BWM EA area, including private landowners and licensees of WHC land;

- The Blackwater community;
- Central Highlands Community Groups and Businesses;
- Owners of utility assets within and adjacent to BWM (Sunwater, DTMR, CHRC, QR, Aurizon Network, Ergon Energy Corporation Ltd, Powerlink, Telstra Amplitel, and Telstra Vocus);
- The owner of an adjacent approved but not yet built solar farm (Total Energies);
- Owners of adjacent and nearby mining interests;
- Adjacent petroleum tenement holders;
- Queensland Government: DETSI, DNRMMRRD, and the Department of Primary Industries;
- Queensland Member for Gregory; and
- Office of the Minister and Deputy Secretary for Environment Protection, DCCEEW.

The following information was provided in letters issued by BMA to stakeholders:

- BWM's location and approved activities;
- Queensland Government requirements for mine rehabilitation and closure planning;
- The scope and purpose of the PRC Plan;
- BMA's commitment to progressive rehabilitation;
- Rehabilitation objective for BWM;
- EP Act requirements for rehabilitation;
- PRC Plan requirements;
- Progressive rehabilitation, with disturbed areas rehabilitated as soon as practical;
- Approved post mining land use options;
- Inclusion of residual voids as NUMA;
- Timeframe for BMA's divestment of BWM;
- Transfer of mine operations and rehabilitation to BWM's new owner (i.e. WHC); and
- Responsibility for future engagement on PRC Plan.

The letter included an invitation to engage in further discussions about the PRC Plan. There were no enquiries or feedback received from stakeholders in response to the letter, with the exception of the Gaangalu Nation People who sought additional detail in relation to the timing of BWM's closure, the reasons for PRC planning, the timing of BWM's divestment to WHC, and the progress on the consultation protocol, with this feedback informing subsequent engagement and refinement of PRC planning.

In addition to the letter box drop to Blackwater residents, businesses and community groups, information regarding the PRC Plans progressive rehabilitation, requirements and purpose, timing for plan development, contact details and ongoing engagement commitments was distributed to BWM's workforce, Blackwater community members and BWM suppliers via:

- Coal Connect (an online weekly newsletter to all internal coal personnel);
- Community Connect (a bi-monthly newsletter distributed to more than 15,000 community members throughout the Bowen Basin); and
- BWM's site newsletter.

There were no enquiries or feedback in response to communication via Coal Connect, Community Connect and the BWM site newsletter.

BMA also met with the Gaangalu Nation People Applicants Group on 14 March 2024 to discuss the PRC Plan, among other issues related to BWM. Aspects discussed included the timing for BWM's closure, the reasons for doing PRC planning, the timing for BWM's divestment to WHC, and the progress of consultation protocol. Information was provided to Gaangalu Nation People about PRC Plan requirements, BWM's closure timeframe, the timing for divestment, and progress with the

consultation protocol. The methods and outcomes of engagement are shown in the Community Consultation Register submitted as part of the PRC Plan.

Following acquisition of BWM, Whitehaven undertook further consultation to support refinement of the PRC Plan and PRCP Schedule, including incorporation of updated mine planning and rehabilitation design.

Further engagement occurred during subsequent revisions to the PRC Plan and PRCP Schedule, including in response to the administering authority Information Request and Change Application processes, with consultation focusing on refinement of rehabilitation strategies, PMLUs and NUMAs.

WHC Consultation

Consultation undertaken by WHC in July-September 2025 included in-person meetings, letters, newsletter articles, emails, and phone calls to stakeholders in support of refining the PRC Plan and PRCP Schedule for assessment by the administering authority:

- Gaangalu Nation People;
- BWM: General Manager and mine personnel;
- CHRC;
- Landowners whose properties are within 5 km of the BWM EA area, including private landowners and licensees of BMA land;
- The Blackwater community;
- Central Highlands Community Groups and Businesses;
- Queensland and Federal Ministerial Representatives - Member for Gregory (State Government) and Member for Flynn (Federal Government)

The following information was provided to stakeholders:

- BWM location, approved activities and production;
- Requirements and timing for PRC Plan development, including information requirements;
- The plan for the mine (proposed site design);
- PMLUs and NUMAs, and the progressive rehabilitation schedule;
- Overview of consultation conducted to-date for the PRC Plan, and the requirement for consultation to inform the PRC Plan;
- Commitment to future engagement and participation in the process; and
- Contact details for the relevant WHC team (e.g. for landholders, the Land Management team) for further information, discussion or feedback.

The results of engagement are shown in the BWM Community Consultation Register submitted as part of the PRC Plan, as outlined in Appendix 1 and have informed refinement of PMLUs and NUMAs reflected in the approved PRCP Schedule and updated PRC Plan.

Consultation undertaken by both BMA and Whitehaven informed the development and subsequent refinement of the PRC Plan and PRCP Schedule. These inputs have been considered in establishing the final rehabilitation framework, including PMLUs, NUMAs and closure strategies, which are now reflected in the approved PRCP Schedule and supporting PRC Plan.

7.0 Future, Ongoing PRC Plan-Related Community Consultation

Following approval of the PRCP Schedule and ongoing implementation of the PRC Plan, consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the program documented in Table 2, which includes:

- Consultation objectives;

- Stakeholders addressed by each objective;
- Engagement type; and
- Proposed frequency of consultation.

WHC will monitor progress against these objectives as part of its regular reviews of consultation commitments and outcomes and ongoing implementation of the PRC Plan.

Section 8 describes the information to be released to the community, and Section 9 describes how feedback or comments will be considered.

Table 2 Consultation Program for PRC Plan Implementation

Consultation Objective #1:	*To engage stakeholders with a genuine interest in developing objectives and aspirations for PMLU and landform, and social value opportunities to be considered in PRC planning*	
Stakeholders	**Engagement Type**	**Proposed Consultation Frequency**
Gaangalu Nation People	Meet with the Gaangalu Nation People to provide an update on the PRC Plan and progress with rehabilitation, and invite inputs and feedback on: • PMLUs, NUMAs and post-mining landforms, including any particular values or opportunities in specific disturbed areas; • Rehabilitation methods which would optimise future woodland habitat and/or grazing opportunities, and potential land management requirements; • Access to land within the EA area as provided in the ILUA and as agreed with the Coordinating Committee; • Rehabilitation methods, schedule and progress towards milestones • Involvement of businesses owned by Gaangalu Nation People in rehabilitation works • The pipeline of opportunities relating to rehabilitation work and land management • The need for an Indigenous business capability development program to match rehabilitation opportunities, if this is required	As requested, or as agreed with representatives
Underlying Landowners	Advise the landowner in writing when the PRC Plan is approved, including how to access the PRC Plan.	Once-off
	Meet with the landowner to discuss any proposed changes to the PRC Plan (as and when amended) that affect the landowners' interests in freehold land within the EA, and/or other areas within the EA area that are of interest to the landowner, such as: • PMLUs, NUMAs and post-mining landforms, including any particular values or opportunities in specific disturbed areas; • Land that may be available for grazing or other purposes after rehabilitation; • Access to water resources; • Rehabilitation methods which would optimise future woodland habitat and/or grazing opportunities, and potential land management requirements; • Shared value initiatives (e.g. infrastructure retention, capacity building, environmental management, or research); and/or • Rehabilitation methods, schedule and progress towards milestones.	As required to address PRC Plan consultation requirements for amendment of the BWM PRC Plan

Consultation Objective #1:	*To engage stakeholders with a genuine interest in developing objectives and aspirations for PMLU and landform, and social value opportunities to be considered in PRC planning*	
Stakeholders	**Engagement Type**	**Proposed Consultation Frequency**
	Correspond and meet with the landowner commencing five years prior to the forecast cessation of mining and as agreed with the landowner, to discuss: rehabilitation objectives and timeframes, PMLUs and NUMAs, land access and tenure arrangements, and other land use/management/rehabilitation issues as relevant to the private freehold land.	Five years prior to the forecast cessation of mining, and as agreed during pre-closure period
	Correspond with the landowner to initiate the legal/statutory and consultation processes required to enable relinquishment of rights and interest in the freehold land within the EA area.	One year prior to the forecast cessation of mining
Licensees of Land within BWM EA area Nearby Landowners (within 5 km)	Advise adjacent and nearby landholders, including licensees, in writing when the PRC Plan is approved, including how to access the PRC Plan.	Once-off
	Advise in writing, and meet if requested, regarding any proposed changes to the BWM PRC Plan (as and when amended) that have potential to affect landowners or licensees' interests in freehold land within or adjacent to the EA area.	As required to address PRC Plan consultation requirements for amendment of the BWM PRC Plan
	Communicate with licensees of land that is within or adjacent to the EA area during the terms of their licence and seek their inputs the PRC Plan schedule, PMLUs and NUMAs during PRC Plan revisions and amendments.	As required to address PRC Plan consultation requirements for amendment of the BWM PRC Plan
	Correspond and if requested meet with adjacent landholders to the EA area (landowners and licensees of land owned by BWM's owner) during the pre-closure, closure/decommissioning and rehabilitation periods, to reduce the potential for works to impact on their amenity, land use, property access or access to water.	Five years prior to the forecast cessation of mining, at least annually, or as agreed with the landowner

Consultation Objective #2:	*To support transparent access to information about BWM's PRC planning and implementation, enabling opportunities for the Blackwater community, BWM suppliers and government agencies and representatives to provide inputs and feedback on rehabilitation and closure outcomes*	
Stakeholders	**Engagement Type**	**Proposed Consultation Frequency**
BWM: General Manager and Mine Personnel	Keep the BWM workforce updated if there are changes to the PRC Plan.	Ongoing engagement process
Blackwater Community	Using community forums such as interagency meetings, partnership meetings and community and business networks, provide community updates on PRC planning (BWM-specific as relevant, and portfolio wide).	Ongoing engagement process
Blackwater Businesses	Provide information about the pending closure of BWM and potential future supply opportunities as part of closure and rehabilitation to local businesses, Traditional Owner businesses and WHC suppliers.	Five years prior to decommissioning; subsequent consultation to be agreed
Local Government State Government Queensland Ministerial Representatives	Provide updates via letters and/or meetings on PRC planning to: • Office of the Minister for Resources (Queensland) • Office of the Minister for Environment, Great Barrier Reef, Science and Youth Affairs (Queensland) • Shadow Minister for Resources • Shadow Minister for Environment, Great Barrier Reef, Science and Youth Affairs Resources • Member for Gregory (Queensland Parliament) • PRC Plan Team and Regional Director Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and Partnerships - Mackay (DETSI) • Deputy Director-General, Fisheries and Forestry (Department of Primary Industries) • Director, Native Title Services and Coal Hub (DNRMMRRD) • Deputy Director-General of Georesources (DNRMMRRD) • Executive Director, Minerals and Coal (DNRMMRRD) • Assistant Secretary Assessments and Governance Branch, DCCEEW	As requested, or as agreed with representatives

Consultation Objective #3:	*To engage with utility owners and operators, and adjacent mining and energy tenement holders, to provide information about BWM's closure planning that supports them to manage their assets and interests*	
Stakeholders	**Engagement type**	**Proposed consultation frequency**
BWM: General Manager and Mine Personnel	Involve internal WHC stakeholders in PRC Plan processes to build capacity for community consultation on PRC Plan issues and support effective delivery of PRC Plans.	Ongoing
Utility Owners: Sunwater, DTMR, CHRC, QR, Aurizon Network, Ergon Energy Corporation Ltd, Powerlink, Telstra Amplitel, Telstra Vocus, Total Energies	Engage with relevant utility owners to inform them of closure timelines and rehabilitation activities relevant to the land.	Initiated three years prior to decommissioning
	Maintain correspondence regarding progressive rehabilitation and undertake consultation regarding interface agreements, as required if rehabilitation will affect utilities.	During the three years prior to decommissioning
Adjacent and Nearby Mining Interests: Including QCoal Services Pty Ltd (Koorilgah Mine Balloon Railway land) and Coronado Global Resources Inc Petroleum Tenement Holders: Including Bow CSG Pty. Ltd, Comet Ridge Mahalo North Pty Ltd, Comet Ridge Mahalo Far East Pty Ltd, Comet Ridge Mahalo East Pty Ltd hold, Bronco Energy Pty Limited, and Santos QNT. Pty. Ltd	Write to advise adjacent and nearby resource interests if there are any substantive changes to the closure and rehabilitation schedule in the PRC Plan. At a business level, WHC will participate in industry and research partnerships of relevance to PRC Plan and rehabilitation.	As requested, or as agreed with representatives/mining operations
State Government	Provide updates on PRC Plan to the Director Native Title Services and the Deputy Director General (DNRMMRRD) in writing or through regular meetings.	As requested, or as agreed with DNRMMRRD representatives

8.0 Information to be Released for Community Consultation

Whilst many stakeholders in the Central Highlands region are well-educated about mining operations, there is less understanding of planning for life-of-mine, rehabilitation and closure planning. The CCP recognises the following social context:

- Talk of closure planning leads to community concerns, requiring careful and consistent messaging;
- A range of companies are engaging with local stakeholders about PRC Plans and other issues, representing considerable cumulative demands on stakeholders, and a coordinated, strategic approach will be required to manage consultation fatigue; and
- Community members are becoming increasingly aware of climate change and the impacts of resource activities and energy policies on the environment. Accordingly, community and stakeholder expectations with regards to mine rehabilitation are expected to increase over time and need to be continuously understood.

Information to be released for community consultation, as part of future, ongoing BWM PRC planning and implementation will include:

- The rationale and scope for PRC planning;
- The approved activities, PMLUs and NUMAs for BWM;
- On-site activities and areas of disturbance;
- Proposed rehabilitation methods, schedule and milestones;
- Updates to the PRC Plan and PRCP Schedule, including changes to rehabilitation areas, PMLUs and NUMAs arising from ongoing mine planning and consultation;
- Alignment with long-term transformation planning occurring through CHRC, Regional Development Australia (RDA) and others; and
- Opportunities for community consultation as part of the PRC Plan's implementation.

Communication tools could include:

- A holding statement for general enquiries;
- Frequently asked questions and answers and a PRC planning fact sheet available to support consultation activities;
- Face to face and virtual meetings; and
- Updates and fact sheets about PRC planning for WHC assets.

9.0 How Feedback/Comments will be Considered

As noted in the DETSI PRC Plan Guidelines, in addition to the annual return requirements that relate to EAs, if a PRC Schedule applies to the activities, then the annual return must also include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the PRC Schedule, including the environmental management carried out under the schedule, for the year to which the annual return relates.

WHC will internally monitor and report on the progress and outcomes of progressive rehabilitation activities against rehabilitation milestones provided in the PRC Schedule. This monitoring will aim to demonstrate a successful rehabilitation trajectory towards achievement of the approved PMLU, and/or to inform corrective action where required.

As required, PRC Schedule progress will be reported as part of annual return submissions to DETSI.

Information about rehabilitation progress will also be delivered as part of the consultation methods detailed in Table 2, and feedback will be documented in BWM PRC Plan updates or amendments.

The PRC Plan Community Consultation Register will also be updated as community consultation activities outlined in Table 2 are completed. All stakeholder feedback recorded in the Community Consultation Register will be considered in framing and detailing future PRC Plan amendments for BWM.

This may include feedback on, for example:

- Vegetation species most suitable to the approved PMLUs;
- Rehabilitation methods to protect cultural heritage and achieve optimal use for the PMLUs;
- The PRC Plan (rehabilitation) schedule;
- Water management (e.g. availability for beneficial use as part of the PMLUs, or adjacent uses); and/or
- Development of business capacity programs to equip local and Indigenous businesses for rehabilitation works.

WHC has sought CHRC's views on consultation options to involve Council in future PRC Plan consultation for WHC assets. WHC will utilise Council's preferred options to seek inputs on, for example, community aspirations for PMLU and social value opportunities.

10.0 PRC Plan CCP Review

Review of the BWM PRC Plan will be undertaken as legislatively required. Review and update of the CCP, incorporating community feedback to date, will be aligned to any PRC Plan updates or amendments.

11.0 BWM PRC Plan Community Consultation Register

Details of community members and previous engagement, PRC Plan development engagement and engagement outcomes are included in the BWM PRC Plan Community Consultation Register in Appendix 1.

12.0 Definitions

Term	Definition
BMA	BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance
BWM	Blackwater Mine
CCP	Community Consultation Plan
CHRC	Central Highlands Regional Council
CHDC	Central Highlands Development Corporation
DCCEEW	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
DETSI	Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (Queensland, formerly the Department of Environment and Science / the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation) *DETSI is the Queensland Authority responsible for assessing and approving PRC Plans and schedules.*
DNRMMRRD	Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (Queensland, formerly the Department of Resources)
DTMR	Department of Transport and Main Roads (Queensland)
EA	Environmental Authority
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement – primary approval document for major projects under the *State Development and Public Organisations Act 1971* and EP Act
EP Act	*Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Queensland)
ERM	Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Limited

Term	Definition
ILUA	Indigenous Land Use Agreement
LGA	Local Government Area
MERFP Act	*Mineral and Energy Resources (Financial Provisioning) Act 2018* (Queensland)
ML	Mining Lease
NUMA	Non-Use Management Area – *'means an area of land the subject of a PRC plan that can not be rehabilitated to a stable condition after all relevant activities for the PRC plan carried out on the land have ended'* (EP Act, Section 112)
PMLU	Post-Mining Land Use – *'for land the subject of a PRC plan, means the purpose for which the land will be used after all relevant activities for the PRC plan carried out on the land have ended'* (EP Act, Section 112)
PRC Plan	Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure Plan
QR	Queensland Rail
WHC	Whitehaven Coal

APPENDIX 1 BWM PRC Plan Community Consultation Register

Blackwater Mine PRCP - Community Consultation Register

KEY STAKEHOLDERS WITH GENUINE INTEREST AND PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT					COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REGISTER						
Priority	**Stakeholder Group**	**Stakeholder Title**	**Organisation**	**Previous Engagement / Stakeholder Context**	**Actual Consultation Date / Place**	**Consultation Type / Meeting Attendance (e.g. Community Member / Government rep., etc)**	**Information Provided**	**Issues Raised / Discussed (e.g. PMLU / NUMA)**	**How Issues were Considered**	**Decisions / Outcomes of Engagement (e.g. PLMU / NUMA Commitments)**	**Commitments (including Revised Design)**
1	**Traditional Owners**	Gaangalu Nation People (Registered Native Title Claimants)	Gaangalu Nation People Applicants Group	BMA had regular engagement with Gaangalu Nation People on a range of issues including cultural heritage and community and economic development. This included meetings and correspondence with the Native Title Applicants Group and meetings of the Coordinating Committee, which has been ongoing with respect to ILUA matters since 2002. BMA developed a consultation protocol with Gaangalu Nation People, which will be implemented by Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. BMA developed an ILUA with the Ghungalu People and Kangoulu People (the previous native title applicants) which is dated 31 May 2002. BMA met with the ILUA Coordinating Committee over time as required to address current and future planning issues. The commitments made as part of the ILUA continued to stand after ownership of BWM was transferred to Whitehaven Blackwater and are assigned to Whitehaven Blackwater. BMA also engaged with the Gaangalu Nation People Applicants Group to develop a consultation protocol (Ground Rules document) which commits Whitehaven Blackwater to negotiating a new partnership agreement and a Cultural Heritage Management Plan with the Gaangalu Nation People. Whitehaven Blackwater has commenced engagement with Gaangalu Nations People in accordance with the consultation protocol. Ongoing engagement will include discussion of the BWM PRC plans, including the progressive rehabilitation schedule and non-use management areas.	15 September 2025	Ghangalu Nation Applicants (Traditional Owners).	Information emailed. Information to presented in meeting in person, information included information on Rev 2 and Rev 3 PRCP's. Follow up meeting proposed	NUMA issues/feedback on the use of these voids after mining eg water quality, grazing and woodlands. Access to land after mining for cultural purposes	Consideration for different types of land forms and reduction of NUMA size. Also the development of new technology until closure that would create more opportunities	Plan additional discussions/meeting to keep GNP informed	Next meeting date to be advised
					16 February 2024 14 March 2024	Letter, via email to Applicants Group	PRC plan requirements and timing for BWM Commitment to progressive rehabilitation PRC purpose and scope EPA's rehabilitation requirements Post mining land use options Inclusion of residual voids to be transitioned as non-use management areas New owner's responsibility for PRC plan and consultation Invitation to discuss the PRC plan	Timing for BWM's closure, and reasons for doing PRC planning now. Timing for BWM's divestment to Whitehaven Coal. Progress of consultation protocol.	BMA provided information to Gaangalu Nation People about PRC plan requirements, BWM's closure timeframe, the timing for divestment, and progress with the consultation protocol.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will engage with Gaangalu Nation People according to the consultation protocol developed with them during 2023-2024. It is expected that Traditional Owners' interest in environmental management and mine rehabilitation will be progressed as part of ongoing engagement with them. Traditional Owners will continue to have access to land within the EA area in accordance with the terms of the registered Indigenous Land Use Agreement.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to consult with the Gaangalu Nation People, and seek their inputs on rehabilitation and PMLUs as part of PRC plan implementation and any future iterations of the PRC plan. Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will engage with Traditional Owners and Indigenous businesses to understand business capabilities and the pipeline of opportunities that relate to rehabilitation work and land management, and seek to involve Traditional Owners' businesses in supplying progressive rehabilitation works.
					22 July 2024	Meeting to engage with the Gaangalu Nation People on WHC's future approval plans and to provide an overview on the BWM PRCP.	Information was provided on WHC's future approval plans and in regards to post-mining land uses and non-use management areas as associated with the BWM PRCP.	The Gaangalu Nation People had several questions regarding the timing of the post-mining land uses and potential opportunities for their people to be involved in future rehabilitation work.	Whitehaven Blackwater provided information to the Gaangalu Nation People in relation to the whole PRCP process and details covered by the PRCP.	Whitehaven Blackwater will continue to engage with the Gaangalu Nation People through the PRCP process with a particular focus on PMLU's and future rehabilitation work..	Whitehaven Blackwater will continue to engage with the Gaangalu Nation People through the PRCP process with a particular focus on PMLU's and future rehabilitation work..
2	**Underlying Landowners**	Underlying landowner, also a licensee of Whitehaven Blackwater-owned land - GH Mackenzie (Taurus and Stewarton Stations)	Private grazing business	Whitehaven Blackwater has engaged with the owner of the of land which underlies ML1759 and ML1762, regarding a land lease agreement, management and use of land within the BWM EA area.	February 2026	Meeting to discuss the Blackwater North Extension Project and associated Rev 3 PRCP.	Information to presented in meeting in person, information included information on Rev 2 and Rev 3 PRCP's and also Blackwater North Extension Project.	No enquiries or feedback received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagement include use of land within the EA area under a licence agreement, and future use of disturbed land for grazing.	The landowner's interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	No new outcomes other than those previously discussed (see below).	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with the underlying landowner and seek their inputs on BWM's rehabilitation schedule.
		Underlying landowner, also a licensee of Whitehaven Blackwater-owned land - GH Mackenzie (Taurus and Stewarton Stations)	Private grazing business	BMA has had a long and constructive working relationship with the owner of land which underlies ML1759 and ML1762, regarding a land lease agreement, management and use of land within the BWM EA area, and an agistment licence held by the landowner for use of BMA-owned land for grazing.	16 February 2024	Letter, via post	BWM location and approved activities Queensland Government requirements for mine rehabilitation and closure planning Scope and purpose of PRC plan Commitment to progressive rehabilitation Rehabilitation objective for BWM EP Act requirements for rehabilitation PRC plan requirements Progressive rehabilitation with disturbed areas rehabilitated as soon as practical Approved post mining land use options Inclusion of voids as non-use management areas Timeframe for BMA's divestment of BWM Transfer of mine operations and rehabilitation to new Owner Responsibility for future engagement on PRC plan Invitation to seek information or discussion	No enquiries or feedback received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagement include use of land within the EA area under a licence agreement, and future use of disturbed land for grazing.	The landowner's interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	Land within the MLs will continue to be available for grazing under the licence agreement with the landowner. Landholders and cattle will be excluded from affected areas while land disturbance is occurring. As disturbed land becomes available, it will be rehabilitated to a state suitable for the approved post-mining land use (PMLU) e.g. grazing, woodland, water courses, or managed as a non-use management area (NUMA).	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with the underlying landowner and seek their inputs on BWM's rehabilitation schedule and approved PMLUs as part of PRC plan implementation and any future amendments of the PRC plan.
		Manager, Land Approvals and Tenements	BMA	BMA retains ownership of two properties within the EA area. Whitehaven Blackwater and BMA have engaged regarding the future use and management of land that BMA has retained within the EA area.	January 2025-January 2026	Various meetings	Management and future use of WHC-owned land within the BWM EA area	Management and future use of WHC-owned land within the BWM EA area	WHC's intentions for WHC-owned land within the BWM EA area have been considered in the PRC plan.	As below.	As below.
		Manager, Land Approvals and Tenements	BMA	BMA retains ownership of two properties within the EA area. Whitehaven Blackwater and BMA have engaged regarding the future use and management of land that BMA has retained within the EA area.	January-April 2024	Various meetings and correspondence	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area	BMA's intentions for BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area have been considered in the PRC plan.	Grazing is considered as a PMLU in areas where disturbed land would be rehabilitated to enable this use.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd will engage with BMA regarding any relevant progressive rehabilitation and closure activities that may affect BMA-owned land.
3	**Licensees of Land within BWM EA Area**	Licensee	Private grazing business - TN & FL Richardson and AJ & DI Vipen	BMA & Whitehaven Blackwater engaged with licensees regarding licence terms and conditions, and matters relating to land use management, from time to time.	16 February 2024	Letter, via letter drop	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area	No enquiries or feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	Licensees' interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	Grazing is considered as a PMLU in areas where disturbed land would be rehabilitated to enable this use.	BMA will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.
		Licensee - BK, DA & GK McKenzie and CD & LE Stewart	Private grazing business		16 March 2026	Meeting	Management and future use of WHC-owned land within the BWM EA area	No new feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	As below.	As below.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.

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		Licensee - BK, DA & GK McKenzie and CD & LE Stewart	Private grazing business		1 July 2025	Letter, via letter drop	Management and future use of WHC-owned land within the BWM EA area	No new feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	Licensees' interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	Grazing is considered as a PMLU in areas where disturbed land would be rehabilitated to enable this use.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.
		Licensee - BK, DA & GK McKenzie and CD & LE Stewart	Private grazing business		16 February 2024	Letter, via letter drop	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area	No enquiries or feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	Licensees' interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	Grazing is considered as a PMLU in areas where disturbed land would be rehabilitated to enable this use.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.
		Licensee - Thomas and Christine Maree Boag	Private grazing business		1 July 2025	Meeting	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area including PRCP Rev 2 and Rev 3.	No new feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	Licensees' interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	Grazing is considered as a PMLU in areas where disturbed land would be rehabilitated to enable this use.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.
		Licensee - Thomas and Christine Maree Boag	Private grazing business		16 February 2024	Letter, via letter drop	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area	No enquiries or feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	Licensees' interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	Grazing is considered as a PMLU in areas where disturbed land would be rehabilitated to enable this use.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.
		Licensee - Comet Downs Cattle Company Pty Ltd	Private grazing business		16 March 2026	Meeting	Management and future use of WHC-owned land within the BWM EA area	No new feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	As below.	As below.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.
		Licensee - Trevor & Fenella Neilson	Private grazing business		16 February 2024	Letter, via letter drop	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area	No enquiries or feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	Licensees' interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	Grazing is considered as a PMLU in areas where disturbed land would be rehabilitated to enable this use.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.
		Licensee - Trevor & Fenella Neilson	Private grazing business		16 February 2024	Letter, via letter drop	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area	No enquiries or feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	Licensees' interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	Grazing is considered as a PMLU in areas where disturbed land would be rehabilitated to enable this use.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.
		Licensee - IK & K McCamley	Private grazing business		1 July 2025	Meeting	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area including PRCP Rev 2 and Rev 3.	No new feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	Licensees' interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	Grazing is considered as a PMLU in areas where disturbed land would be rehabilitated to enable this use.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.
		Licensee - IK & K McCamley	Private grazing business		16 February 2024	Letter, via letter drop	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area	No enquiries or feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	Licensees' interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	Grazing is considered as a PMLU in areas where disturbed land would be rehabilitated to enable this use.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.
		Licensee - Bruce Robert Black	Private grazing business		16 February 2024	Letter, via letter drop	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area	No enquiries or feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	Licensees' interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	Grazing is considered as a PMLU in areas where disturbed land would be rehabilitated to enable this use.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.
		Licensee - Jem Family Trust (Jack Mayne)	Private grazing business		16 February 2024	Letter, via letter drop	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area	No enquiries or feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	Licensees' interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	Grazing is considered as a PMLU in areas where disturbed land would be rehabilitated to enable this use.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.
		Licensee - JM & LA Engwicht	Private grazing business		16 February 2024	Letter, via letter drop	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area	No enquiries or feedback were received. Areas of interest as indicated in previous engagements include use of land within the EA area for grazing under a licence agreement.	Licensees' interest in use of the land for grazing was considered in framing PMLUs.	Grazing is considered as a PMLU in areas where disturbed land would be rehabilitated to enable this use.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to engage with licensees regarding licence agreements, as and when affected by rehabilitation and/or closure activities, and will keep licensees updated on PRC plan implementation.
4	**BWM**	General Manager	BWM	BMA's Closure Planning Team had regular consultation with BWM's General Manager.	15 August 2025	Article in Employee Newsletter	PRCP Fact Sheet and Article	No issues raised or feedback provided	No issues raised	None	None
					1 February 2024	Meeting to discuss PRC planning requirements and support for communication with personnel.	Information was provided as for external stakeholders. Information was also provided on PRC Planning consultation requirements, and supporting information was provided to enable communication with BWM personnel.	PRC plan requirements Rehabilitation and post-mining land use Approved PMLUs Rehabilitation schedule	Agreement to ongoing engagement in PRC planning	Cooperation between BWM GM and the Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd.'s Closure Planning team will continue during PRC plan implementation and updates to the PRC plan	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will involve the BWM GM in PRC planning, to build capacity for community engagement on PRC planning issues and support effective delivery of PRC plans.
		Mine personnel	BWM	BMA communicated with its personnel on a continual basis through toolbox talks, emails, safety meetings, Community Connect and Coal Connect, which are regular newsletters.	15 August 2025	Article in Employee Newsletter	PRCP Fact Sheet and Article	No issues raised or feedback provided	No issues raised	None	None

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					16 February 2024	Information provided for distribution to personnel through Coal Connect and BWM site newsletter	Coal Connect and site newsletter: - PRC plan requirements and timing for BWM - Commitment to progressive rehabilitation - PRC purpose and scope - Divestment timing and new Owner's role - Progress on BMA PRC planning for other assets - Opportunity to seek further information and discussion	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will keep the workforce updated as PRC plans are implemented and updated.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will keep the BWM workforce updated if there are changes to the PRC plan, and as the PRC Plan reaches its renewal date. Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will provide a communication channel for personnel to ask questions or contribute to discussions about PRC planning and rehabilitation.
5	**Local Government**	CEO Mayor Councillors	Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC)	BMA had regular meetings with Council as well as meeting with Councillors and officers as-needed on specific issues. BMA provided a preliminary briefing to Council on PRC requirements in 2023.	24 July 2025	Email Phone Call	Overview of PRCP and consultation to date. Discussed purpose and requirement of consultation. Discussed broad feedback received to date. Stakeholder provided no feedback but advised they would discuss internally and update	No issues raised or feedback provided	No issues raised	None	None
					16 February 2024	Letter, via email and post	BWM location and approved activities Queensland Government requirements for mine rehabilitation and closure planning Scope and purpose of PRC plan Commitment to progressive rehabilitation Rehabilitation objective for BWM EP Act requirements for rehabilitation PRC plan requirements Progressive rehabilitation with disturbed areas rehabilitated as soon as practical Approved post mining land use options Inclusion of voids as non-use management areas Timeframe for BMA's divestment of BWM Transfer of mine operations and rehabilitation to new Owner Responsibility for future engagement on PRC plan Invitation to seek information or discussion	No feedback or enquiries were received.	The engagement processes for implementation and any updates to the PRC plan will include consultation with CHRC. CHRC's road reserves are within the EA area, which will need to be considered in PRC planning. Prior information and consultation will be required with CHRC regarding the future use of roads and road reserves within the EA area.	CHRC will require ongoing engagement regarding PRC planning for BWM. PRC planning updates will be provided at meetings between Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. and CHRC. Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will also consult CHRC on management plans if rehabilitation and/or closure activities would impact on CHRC assets including road management and recycling facilities. Future engagement with Council will include discussion of rehabilitation methods and milestones.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will engage with CHRC to understand Council's strategic planning for Central Highlands LGA and the BWM project area as relevant. Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will work with CHRC to develop an agreement addressing any closure/rehabilitation impacts affecting Council-owned land, roads, road reserves or other assets (e.g. waste management facilities), as relevant, and will update CHRC on PRC planning regularly. Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will work with Council and other stakeholders in future PRC plan consultations to identify and implement shared value opportunities.
6	**Nearby Landowners (within 5 km)**	Owners of land within 5 km of EA area	Private landowners	There are 50 private owners of rural properties located within 5 km of BWM's EA area. Properties include large private landholdings (primarily grazing and dryland cropping) and smaller hobby farms/rural living lots. Nearby landowners include licensees of BMA-owned land. BMA engaged with nearby landowners through letters, emails and letter box drops, on an as-needed basis. Whitehaven Blackwater has continued to engage with these same landowners following the acquisition of Blackwater Mine in April 2024.	7-11 July 2025	Meetings with all neighbouring landholders within 5kms of Blackwater Mine Operations	Overview of PRCP. Discussed purpose and requirement of operations, rehabilitation and current closure planning	Desire to see more grazing Desire to see original grazing land returned to grazing country Questions around ongoing pest and weed management Questions on final landform and impact on local weather patterns Questions on remaining infrastructure	None	None	None
					Letter via email and post - 16 February 2024 Letter drop to Blackwater postcode 19 February 2024	Letter via post to five landholders Letter via email to five landholders Letter box drop to Blackwater postal area, inclusive of Blackwater township and private landholders within 5 km of EA area	Management and future use of BMA-owned land within the BWM EA area	No feedback or enquiries were received. BMA's regular engagements with landholders indicated that their issues of interest include environmental management, land access under current land access and lease agreements, and access to land for grazing use whilst is not required for mining.	No issues raised.	Information about PRC planning and implementation will be made available to nearby landowners through regular community updates.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to inform and consult with nearby landowners during the process of implementing and updating PRC plans.
7	**Blackwater Community**	Blackwater residents, business owners, and community organisations and groups	Various - private home ownership, tenants, businesses and community organisations and groups	BMA communicated with Blackwater residents, businesses and community organisations through stakeholder meetings, media and social media, and Community Connect, a regular newsletter. BMA conducted a range of engagement activities with community members, from one-off responses to enquiries, to community events and forums, and ongoing engagement processes such as partnerships with community organisations and industry bodies. Whitehaven Blackwater has continued to engage with these same stakeholders following the acquisition of Blackwater Mine in April 2024.Whitehaven Blackwater has continued to engage with these same stakeholders following the acquisition of Blackwater Mine in April 2024.	26 March 2026	Blackwater Community Reference Group	Overview of PRCP Rev 3 and Blackwater North Extension Project and consultation to date. Discussed purpose and requirement of consultation. Discussed broad feedback received to date. Stakeholder provided no feedback.	No issues raised or feedback provided	No issues raised	None	None
					26 March 2026	Email + discussion with Council Representatives	Overview of PRCP Rev 3 and Blackwater North Extension Project and consultation to date. Discussed purpose and requirement of consultation. Discussed broad feedback received to date. Stakeholder provided no feedback.	No issues raised or feedback provided	No issues raised	None	None
					2 June 2025	Discussion with Mayor + Community Members on PRCP	High level discussion and introduction of PRCP upcoming engagement.	None	No issues raised	None	None
					7 August 2025	Email + discussion with Council Representatives	Overview of PRCP and consultation to date. Discussed purpose and requirement of consultation. Discussed broad feedback received to date. Stakeholder provided no feedback but advised they would discuss internally and update Further update to be provided at September CRG Meeting	No issues raised or feedback provided	No issues raised	None	None

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					19 February 2024 03 March 2024 16 February 2024 - 1 April 2024	Letter box drop to approximately 2,300 premises in the Blackwater Postal Area Inclusion of information in 'Community Connect' which is distributed to 15,000 households Information available through Community Team and Community Hotline	Letter as per content for underlying landowner and other stakeholders Community Connect and Community hotline: PRC plan requirements and timing for BWM Commitment to progressive rehabilitation PRC purpose and scope Divestment timing and new Owner's role Progress on BMA PRC planning for other assets Opportunity to seek further information and discussion	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will provide community updates on PRC planning for BWM if there are any substantive changes or updates to the PRC plan.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will provide community updates on PRC planning, and seek the involvement of community members and groups in understanding community aspirations for rehabilitation, post mining land use and economic transformation. This will include identifying local capacity for involvement in rehabilitation work. Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will participate in initiatives led by CHRC, industry or local communities which aim to harness social value from mine closure and rehabilitation planning, and/or work towards from economic transformation.
8	**Central Highlands Community Groups and Businesses**	Community Groups and Businesses in the Central Highlands Region	Central Highlands Development Corporation	BMA engaged regularly with CHDC over the years, on a broad range of topics. BMA provided a preliminary overview of PRC planning requirements to CHDC in 2023. Whitehaven Blackwater has continued to engage with these same stakeholders following the acquisition of Blackwater Mine in April 2024.	7 August 2025	Email + discussion with Peter Dowling	Overview of PRCP and consultation to date. Discussed purpose and requirement of consultation. Discussed broad feedback received to date. Stakeholder provided no feedback but advised they would discuss internally and update. Further update to be provided at September CRG Meeting	No issues raised or feedback provided	No issues raised	None	None
					16 February 2024	Letter, via email	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to provide community information and opportunities for feedback as part of future PRC planning processes.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to provide community information and opportunities for feedback as part of future PRC planning processes via letter or meetings.
9	**Utility owners**	Commercial Customers Manager	Sunwater	Sunwater's Blackwater Pipeline is located within the EA area. BMA's engagement with Sunwater was on an as-needed basis with respect to commercial arrangements.	16 February 2024	Letter, via email	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	Sunwater's Blackwater Pipeline is within the EA area, which will need to be considered in PRC planning.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will maintain correspondence with Sunwater regarding progressive rehabilitation activities as they affect the Blackwater Pipeline, and undertake consultation regarding crossing/interface agreements, if required.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will work with Sunwater to develop an agreement addressing any closure/rehabilitation impacts affecting the Blackwater Water Pipeline, as relevant.
		Manager Project Planning and Corridor Management	DTMR	DTMR owns the Capricorn Highway and Ardurad (Blackwater-Rolleston) Road. BMA's engagement with DTMR was on an as-needed basis with respect to road interface and usage arrangements.	16 February 2024	Letter, via email	As above	Acknowledgement of letter. Noted that In the vicinity of the mine, DTMR are responsible for Ardurad (Blackwater-Rolleston) Road and the Capricorn Highway.	The location and use of Capricorn Highway and Ardurad (Blackwater-Rolleston) Road will need to be considered in PRC planning.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will maintain correspondence with DTMR regarding progressive rehabilitation activities as they affect Capricorn Highway and Ardurad (Blackwater-Rolleston) Road, and undertake consultation regarding crossing/interface agreements, if required.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will work with DTMR to develop an agreement addressing any closure/rehabilitation impacts affecting the Capricorn Highway and/or Ardurad (Blackwater-Rolleston) Road, as relevant.
		Senior Designer, Mackay/Whitsunday District	Queensland Rail	Queensland Rail owns four railways (Central, South Blackwater Mine, Blackwater Mine and Bauhinia), as well as two loops and two sidings, in the vicinity of the BWM EA area. BMA engagement with Queensland Rail included routine correspondence on commercial and statutory issues, with meetings held as required on specific issues.	16 February 2024	Letter, via email and post	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	Prior information and consultation will be required with Queensland Rail regarding the use and, as relevant, decommissioning of rail infrastructure within the EA area.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise Queensland Rail of any substantive changes to closure planning or the rehabilitation schedule as part of future PRC planning processes for BWM.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will maintain engagement with Queensland Rail regarding its progressive rehabilitation activities as they affect Queensland Rail assets, and undertake engagement regarding the decommissioning of rail infrastructure prior to its closure, in accordance with agreements between Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. and Queensland Rail at the time.
		Senior Business Analyst, Network Asset Management	Aurizon Network	Aurizon Network operates Queensland Rails' assets in the vicinity of the BWM EA area. BMA engagement with Aurizon included routine correspondence on commercial and statutory issues, with meetings held as required on specific issues.	16 February 2024	Letter, via email and post	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	Prior information and consultation will be required with Aurizon Network regarding the use and, as relevant, decommissioning of rail infrastructure within the EA area.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise Aurizon Network of any substantive changes to closure planning or the rehabilitation schedule as part of future PRC planning processes for BWM.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will maintain engagement with Aurizon Network regarding its progressive rehabilitation activities as they affect rail operation, in accordance with agreements between Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. and Aurizon Network at the time.
		Major Customer Manager	Ergon Energy Corporation Ltd	Ergon Energy owns 22kV Feeders, 66kV Transmission Lines, substations and the Rolleston 132kV Transmission Line. BMA engagement with Ergon included routine correspondence on commercial and statutory issues.	16 February 2024	Letter, via email	As above	Acknowledgement of letter received. No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised. Prior information and consultation will be required with Ergon Energy regarding the decommissioning/future use of power easements within the EA area, as relevant.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will maintain correspondence with Ergon Energy regarding progressive rehabilitation activities as they affect Ergon Energy assets, and undertake consultation regarding agreements about energy infrastructure, if required.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise and consult Ergon Energy regarding any impacts of closure/rehabilitation activities that may affect Ergon Energy's assets.
		Property Services and Management Team Leader	Powerlink	Powerlink owns 132kV Transmission Lines. BMA engagement with Powerlink included routine correspondence on commercial and statutory issues.	16 February 2024	Letter, via email	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	Prior information and consultation will be required with Powerlink regarding the decommissioning/future use of power easements within the EA.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will maintain correspondence with Powerlink regarding progressive rehabilitation activities as they affect Powerlink assets, and undertake consultation regarding crossing/interface agreements, if required.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise and consult Powerlink regarding any impacts of closure/rehabilitation activities that may affect Powerlink's assets.
		Sales Operations Manager	Telstra Amplitel	Telstra Amplitel owns three microwave towers within the EA area. There are no records of specific engagement with Telstra Amplitel regarding BWM.	16 February 2024	Letter, via email	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	Prior information and consultation will be required with Telstra Amplitel regarding the decommissioning/future use of telecommunications infrastructure within the EA area.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will maintain correspondence with Telstra Amplitel regarding progressive rehabilitation activities as they affect Telstra Amplitel assets, and undertake consultation about telecommunications infrastructure agreements, if required.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise and consult Telstra Amplitel regarding any impacts of closure/rehabilitation activities that may affect their assets.

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		Head of Land Access, Major Projects	Telstra Vocus	Telstra Vocus owns a WiFi installation within the EA area. There are no records of specific engagement with Telstra Vocus regarding BWM.	16 February 2024	Letter, via email and post	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	Prior information and consultation will be required with Telstra Vocus regarding the decommissioning/future use of telecommunications infrastructure within the EA area, as relevant.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will maintain correspondence with Telstra Vocus regarding progressive rehabilitation activities as they affect Telstra Vocus's asset, and undertake consultation about internet infrastructure agreements, if required.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise and consult Telstra Vocus regarding any impacts of the closure/rehabilitation activity that may affect their assets.
		Senior Development Manager - REN Australia	Total Energies	Total Energies hold a development approval on 13HT602 adjacent to the EA area for the development and operation of a solar farm. The solar farm is yet to be installed.	22 February 2024	Letter, via email	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise Total Energies, as an adjoining landholder, of any substantive changes to the closure or rehabilitation schedule as part of future PRC planning processes for BWM.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise Total Energies of any substantive changes to closure or rehabilitation schedule as part of future PRC planning processes for BWM.
10	**Adjacent and Nearby Mining Interests**	Tenement Manager	QCoal Services Pty Ltd	BWM's GM engaged with Cook's Colliery's General Manager on an as-needed basis, through emails, phone calls and meetings. QCoal and BMA had an agreement to use BWM MLs to access the Cook's Colliery mine. This agreement was transferred to Whitehaven Blackwater. BMA engaged with QCoal as part of commercial and infrastructure agreements.	21 February 2024	Letter via email	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will keep QCoal updated as PRC Plans are implemented and revised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will keep QCoal updated if there are substantive future changes to the PRC plan.
		Manager, Mine Engineering	Coronado Global Resources Inc.	Curragh Mine is located to the north of BWM. BMA had a good neighbour agreement with Coronado Global Resources Inc., including the accommodation of the East Bedford water pipeline. This agreement was transferred to Whitehaven Blackwater.	21 February 2024	Letter via email	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will keep Coronado Curragh Pty. Ltd updated as PRC Plans are implemented and revised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will keep Coronado Curragh Pty. Ltd. updated if there are substantive future changes to the PRC plan, and as the PRC Plan reaches its renewal date.
11	**Petroleum Tenement Holders**	Tenement Manager/Authorised Holder Representative	Bow CSG Pty. Ltd.	Bow CSG hold an Authority to Prospect and Petroleum Commercial Area which include land within ML 1759 and ML1761. Both MLs were granted prior to the enactment of the Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014, and both hold gaseous hydrocarbons rights. Where overlapped by these ATPs, the petroleum resource authority does not hold rights to access the hydrocarbons. BMA and Bow CSG communicated regarding tenure issues on an as-needed basis.	14 March 2024	Letter, via email	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise Bow CSG Pty. Ltd of any substantive changes to the closure or rehabilitation schedule as part of future PRC planning processes for BWM.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise Bow CSG Pty. Ltd of any substantive changes to closure or rehabilitation schedule as part of future PRC planning processes for BWM.
		Tenement Manager/Authorised Holder Representative	Comet Ridge Mahalo North Pty Ltd, Comet Ridge Mahalo Far East Pty Ltd and Comet Ridge Mahalo East Pty Ltd hold	Comet Ridge Mahalo entities hold three ATPs (ATP 2061, ATP 2048, ATP 2063) and PLA 1128 which includes land within the EA area in the north and east. As above, the BMA resource authorities hold gaseous hydrocarbon rights and therefore, where overlapped by these ATPs, the petroleum resource authority does not hold rights to access the hydrocarbons. BMA and Comet Ridge Mahalo entities communicated on an as-needed basis. BMA also engaged with Comet Ridge Maholo in relation to the Blackwater South Mining Lease applications.	14 March 2024	Letter, via email	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise Comet Ridge Mahalo entities of any substantive changes to the closure or rehabilitation schedule as part of future PRC planning processes for BWM.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise Comet Ridge Mahalo entities of any substantive changes to closure or rehabilitation schedule as part of future PRC planning processes for BWM.
		Tenement Manager/Authorised Holder Representative	Bronco Energy Pty Limited	Bronco Energy hold ATP804 and PCA 215 which are adjacent to the EA area. BMA did not have previous engagement with Bronco Energy regarding BWM.	14 March 2024	Letter, via email	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise adjacent petroleum tenement holders of any substantive changes to the closure or rehabilitation schedule as part of future PRC planning processes for BWM.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise adjacent petroleum tenement holders of any substantive changes to the closure or rehabilitation schedule as part of future PRC planning processes for BWM.
		Tenement Manager/Authorised Holder Representative	Santos QNT. Pty. Ltd.	Santos QNT. Pty. Ltd. hold ATPs and production licences to the south of the EA area (ATP 1191, PL 1082, PL 1083, PSL 2058, PL 1082, PL 1083). BMA engaged with Santos in relation to the Blackwater South Mining Lease applications.	14 March 2024	Letter, via email	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise adjacent petroleum tenement holders of any substantive changes to the closure or rehabilitation schedule as part of future PRC planning processes for BWM.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will advise adjacent petroleum tenement holders of any substantive changes to the closure or rehabilitation schedule as part of future PRC planning processes for BWM.
12	**Queensland Government**	PRC Planning Team Regional Director Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and Partnerships - Mackay	Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI)	BMA & Whitehaven Blackwater engaged with DETSI through meetings and correspondence regarding the preparation and delivery of the PRC Plan. BMA did not have an active relationship with QPSWSP with respect to BWM.	Meetings per schedule as agreed with DETSI	Pre-lodgement meetings	Provision of draft PRC Plan and discussion of requirements	As per pre-lodgement meetings.	DESI feedback was considered in the development of the PRC Plan including the Community Consultation Plan	The PRC plan will be completed in accordance with Whitehaven Blackwater's agreements with DETSI.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will comply with the legislative and regulatory requirements for PRC Plans.
					7 March 2024	Letter via post	BWM location and approved activities Queensland Government requirements for mine rehabilitation and closure planning Scope and purpose of PRC plan BMA's commitment to progressive rehabilitation Rehabilitation objective for BWM EP Act requirements for rehabilitation PRC plan requirements Progressive rehabilitation with disturbed areas rehabilitated as soon as practical Approved post mining land use options Inclusion of voids as non-use management areas Timeframe for BMA's divestment of BWM Transfer of mine operations and rehabilitation to new Owner Responsibility for future engagement on PRC plan Invitation to seek information or discussion	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to provide information to interested government agencies and opportunities for feedback as part of future PRC planning processes.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to provide information to interested government agencies and opportunities for feedback as part of future PRC planning processes.

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KEY STAKEHOLDERS WITH GENUINE INTEREST AND PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT					COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REGISTER						
Priority	**Stakeholder Group**	**Stakeholder Title**	**Organisation**	**Previous Engagement / Stakeholder Context**	**Actual Consultation Date / Place**	**Consultation Type / Meeting Attendance (e.g. Community Member / Government rep., etc)**	**Information Provided**	**Issues Raised / Discussed (e.g. PMLU / NUMA)**	**How Issues were Considered**	**Decisions / Outcomes of Engagement (e.g. PLMU / NUMA Commitments)**	**Commitments (including Revised Design)**
		Deputy Director-General Georesources Acting Director Native Title Services and Coal Hub, Rockhampton Executive Director, Minerals and Coal	Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development	BMA provided briefings to the Deputy Director-General Georesources on an as-needed basis, and met and corresponded with Department of Resources regarding resource development commitments. Department of Resources is the owner of a stock route (416CENT, 348CENT, 413CENT, 353CENT) within the EA area. BMA provided briefings to the Acting Director Native Title Services and Coal Hub on an as-needed basis, and met and corresponded with Department of Resources regarding resource development commitments.	16 February 2024	Letter via email	BWM location and approved activities Queensland Government requirements for mine rehabilitation and closure planning Scope and purpose of PRC plan BMA's commitment to progressive rehabilitation Rehabilitation objective for BWM EP Act requirements for rehabilitation PRC plan requirements Progressive rehabilitation with disturbed areas rehabilitated as soon as practical Approved post mining land use options Inclusion of voids as non-use management areas Timeframe for BMA's divestment of BWM Transfer of mine operations and rehabilitation to new Owner Responsibility for future engagement on PRC plan Invitation to seek information or discussion	Acknowledgement of correspondence. No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will provide a copy of the BWM PRC plan to DDG Georesources, and update the DDG Georesources on any substantive future changes to the PRC Plan. The PRC Plan's Community Consultation Plan includes provision of annual updates to Department of Resources. Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will provide a copy of the BWM PRC plan to the Director Native Title Services and Coal Hub, Rockhampton, and provide updates on any substantive future changes to the PRC Plan. Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will provide a copy of the BWM PRC plan to the Executive Director, Minerals and Coal, and provide updates on any substantive future changes to the PRC Plan.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will provide annual updates on PRC planning to the Deputy Director General, Georesources. Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will provide updates on PRC planning to the Director Native Title Services and Coal Hub, Rockhampton as requested. Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will provide updates on PRC planning to the Executive Director, Minerals and Coal, as requested.
		Deputy Director-General, Fisheries and Forestry	Department of Primary Industries	BMA did not have an active relationship with the Department of Primary Industries with respect to BWM.	16 February 2024	Letter, via email and post	As above	Acknowledgement of letter received. No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will continue to provide information and opportunities for feedback to Department of Agriculture and Fisheries as part of future PRC planning processes.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will provide updates on PRC planning to the DDG Fisheries and Forestry. as requested.
13	**Queensland Parliamentary Representatives**	Sean Dillon MP	Queensland Parliament - Member for Gregory	BMA provided briefings to the Member for Gregory's office on an as-needed basis.	29 July 2025	Email	Factsheet	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will update the local member on any substantive future changes to the PRC Plan.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will provide updates on PRC planning to the local member as requested.
14	**Federal Government**		Office of the Minister and Dep. Sec. Environment Protection, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	BMA provided briefings to the Minister's office on an as-needed basis.	As part of regular meetings	Discussion of PRC plans as part of a future briefing	As above	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will update the Office of the Minister on any substantive future changes to the PRC Plan.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will provide updates on PRC planning to the Minister's office as requested.
15	**Federal Parliamentary Representatives**	Colin Boyce MP	Federal Parliament - Member for Flynn	Nil	29 July 2025	Email	Factsheet	No feedback or enquiries were received.	No issues raised.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will update the local member on any substantive future changes to the PRC Plan.	Whitehaven Blackwater Pty. Ltd. will provide updates on PRC planning to the local member as requested.