

**Minutes of the Mount Thorley Warkworth  
Community Consultative Committee Meeting Q2 2024**

**Date:** Wednesday 22 May 2024

**Location:** MTW

**Time:** 2:00pm – 3:30pm

**Attendees**

Colin Gellatly (CG - Chair)  
Gary Mulhearn (GM)  
Joshua van Bezouwen (JVB)  
Jack Hogan (JH)  
Cris Shadbolt (CS)  
Hollie Jenkins (HJ)  
  
Denis Maizey (DM)  
Stewart Mitchell (SM)  
Ian Hedley (IH)  
Samantha Hovar (SH)

**Role**

Independent Chairperson MTW CCC  
MTW Environment & Community Manager  
MTW Environment & Community Advisor  
MTW Environment & Community Graduate  
MTW General Manager  
Singleton Council Representative (joined by video conference at 2:50pm)  
  
Community Representative  
Community Representative  
Community Representative  
Independent Minute Taker (Atlantech)

**1. WELCOME**

- CG opened the meeting and welcomed CCC members.
- GM advised that David Bennett has been promoted to Executive General Manager of Operations for Yancoal and introduced CS to the committee as the new MTW General Manager.
- GM introduced MTW Environment & Community Graduate JH as an observer of the meeting.
- GM introduced SH from Atlantech as the independent minute taker of the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES**

- Neville Hodkinson (Community Representative)
- Barb Brown (Community Representative)

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- **Standing Declarations:** CG is engaged by MTW to provide the services of Independent Chairperson.
- CG asked the CCC members if there were any new interests to declare.
- SH declared that she is engaged by MTW to take minutes of the meeting on behalf of the Independent Chairperson.
- GM advised that some CCC members are yet to provide an updated declaration of pecuniary interests / conflict of interest form and code of conduct form.

**Action 1: CCC members that are yet to complete the updated code of conduct and declarations of interest forms to complete and provide these to Chairperson as required by DPE CCC guidelines.**

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING

##### Action Items arising from the 28 February 2024 Meeting

Refer to **attached** CCC presentation for previous actions, and relevant response / update made by MTW. Other notes of relevance discussed during the meeting in relation to Business Arising are below.

- GM provided an update on the improvement of the Pit Top Bund along Putty Road for minimisation of windblown dust. GM advised that the bund has now been mulched and seeded, and in addition MTW have commenced constructing a new visual bund. IH thanked GM for timely resolution of the issue. CS advised that there are also plans to ensure bunding is constructed ahead of pit progression. IH also thanked MTW for removing the trees near the Bulga bridge.
- GM asked SM if the action regarding road closure messages had been resolved. SM advised that someone had been in contact with him but there were still ongoing problems.
- SM raised that the blasting notification in the newspaper does not provide a specific day and time, and as such is not useful. GM explained that is because the newspaper article is published so far in advance, however people can also refer to the blasting hotline and the MTW website for information, as well as road closure text message notifications.
- DM questioned why blasting road closures now occur due to weather conditions, and not solely when blasting occurs within 500m of a public road. GM explained that road closures have to occur if blasting is within 500m of a public road but also occasionally if there is a post blast emissions risk. DM stated he understands but believes road closures should not be a form of control and that it should be up to MTW to manage the emissions onsite. GM stated that MTW is approved to control members of the public entering areas of potential post blast emissions through road closures and that is the practice that is undertaken.
- DM asked if MTW had reviewed the distance that the road is closed now that the mine is progressing closer to Bulga. GM advised he would confirm with the MTW road closure team and provide a response to the CCC.
- SM asked for clarification if blasts further than 500m from a road require road closure. GM responded that they may not, the minimum standard is within 500m and outside of that it is up to MTW to manage post blast emissions. SM did not agree and stated that the mine cannot allow emissions to leave the site. GM stated that the mine approval allows MTW to close the road for management of post-blast emissions, and that is the practice that is undertaken. SM asked how MTW give early warning of road closures to travellers. GM advised that MTW provide notification to the local community, but they cannot notify everyone such as travellers. SM asked if the MTW road closure team is on standby during blasts. GM advised that the road closure team do sometimes set up in preparation as a precautionary measure, and if needed the road is closed. SM stated his understanding was that no emissions were to leave the mine site. GM advised that dust emissions will leave the property, but fume of a certain rating cannot leave the site boundary, and would be reportable to regulators if it did. GM stated that blast fume ratings have been low for several years now due to the blasting product used by MTW. CS added that this is consistent across the Hunter Valley as operations have moved away from ANFO products that are impacted by moisture and are using a different product that are more water resistant. CS stated the MTW use an 80/20 blast product which is purchased at a premium as it provides a better outcome. SM asked about the option of stemming blast holes to seal them off. CS explained that stemming does not stop water getting into the hole and that the only way to prevent water ingress is to cone and air bag the holes. CS stated that the practice at MTW is to hold off on loading a shot if a weather event is forecasted.

- DM questioned where the approval for the 190 RL dump height for the Warkworth mine came from. GM advised that approval for the dump height limit was provided in 2015, and since then this is the limit MTW have been working to.
- DM raised that he has an ongoing issue with lighting that has not been resolved. CS asked where the lighting issue is. DM responded everywhere but when the MTW Community Response Officers (CRO) come to investigate, they cannot see the lights. DM also stated that one light had been changed to a yellow light however it was still intrusive on his property. GM advised that MTW try to minimise impacts through lighting set up and the regular CRO inspections. DM expressed frustration with the CRO calling from a phone with no caller identification. GM explained that the CRO phone has no caller identification so that people will call the community complaints line. DM stated that if he rings a neighbouring mine, his issue is addressed immediately. CS suggested that the issue is with the MTW complaint response, rather than the phone number, and committed to look into the complaint process.
- GM asked if someone from MTW had followed up with DM on the boundary line plan. DM advised that he had been contacted to arrange a time to discuss but a meeting had not yet been scheduled.
- CS provided an update on the dust suppression controls discussed in the previous CCC meeting. CS advised that the new water carts are now in operation onsite. CS also advised that there are plans to review operational areas and volume of traffic on dumps to ensure there is adequate dust suppression in these areas. IH stated that there has been a noticeable improvement in dust since the last meeting.

***Action 2: MTW to follow up with SM regarding blasting road closure messages.***

***Action 3: MTW to confirm distance of blasting to public roads remains outside 500m with mine progression towards Bulga.***

***Action 4: MTW to review timeliness and adequacy of complaint response.***

***Action 5: MTW to follow up with DM regarding the boundary line plan previously presented.***

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 04/04/2024 – MTW CCC Q1 2024 – Draft minutes
- 23/04/2024 – MTW CCC Q1 2024 – Final minutes endorsed by Chair
- 07/05/2024 – MTW CCC Q2 2024 – Weds 22 May 2024 2pm – Agenda
- 07/05/2024 – MTW VPA Applications List and link to Council website
- 17/05/2024 – MTW CCC Q2 2024 – Weds 22 May 2024 2pm – Business Papers

## **6. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES**

- Confirmed at the meeting by CG.

## 7. PROPONENT REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

### MTW Operations

*Refer to presentation*

- GM and CS provided update on MTW operations and production.

### North Out Of Pit Dam (NOOP)

*Refer to presentation*

- GM advised that main NOOP mining excavation was completed in Q2 2024 and that the next stage will be establishing pumping infrastructure.

### Exploration

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an update on exploration for 2024.
- SM asked if the present-day excavation limit has crossed the former Wallaby Scrub Road. GM confirmed that is has.

### Monitoring

*Refer to presentation for data – YTD 2024*

- JVB presented information on equipment downtime, CRO noise assessments and operational downtime for nights above noise limits. GM advised that there have been three noise exceedances in 2024 which have been reported externally and in response, MTW have introduced new noise management tools.
- SM asked whether the required adjustments on total noise level come from the C or A scale. GM advised that the method described in the Government's noise policy is used; this involves a calculation which determines what penalty is applied to the noise level.
- SM asked the location of the noise monitoring point on The Inlet Road. JVB advised that it is located just past the Turnbull Road turnoff. SM asked who this is monitored by. JVB advised that it is monitored by the CRO and by an independent noise consultant.
- DM raised that there have been two blasts over 4mm/s which are of concern. DM stated that the monitor and noise compass are well away from his residence at a lower elevation. GM advised that noise enhancement due to weather conditions can produce higher readings further away from the mine. DM requested to catch up with MTW outside of the meeting to discuss further.
- IH asked what the MTW operational downtime was for weather. CS advised that a total of 5,200 hours has been recorded in May 2024.
- SM asked if the noise monitoring that identified the recent exceedances was prompted by a complaint. GM advised that this is not the case, and that the exceedances were identified during routine monitoring. SM questioned if the real time monitor on Wambo Road isn't picking up the exceedances, should it be relocated to where noise is a problem. GM advised that the current noise monitors are placed in suitable locations. SM raised that the monitor on Wambo Road is located at a low elevation on the river flat that could be protected by the tree line. GM responded that the monitor is close to the operation and provides a suitable representation, but further monitoring is also undertaken by the CRO. SM stated that people living on Wambo Road are not as impacted as people living on The Inlet Road due to higher elevation and noise reflection from local topography. GM stated that MTW are measuring the noise levels and if there is reflection, then this is being recorded.

**Action 6: MTW to follow up with DM on concerns regarding noise monitoring.**

## **Rehabilitation / Disturbance 2024**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an update on rehabilitation progress and disturbance YTD.

## **Vertebrate Pest Management**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM advised of control programs completed so far and planned for 2024.
- IH commented that the pigs and dogs in the area are worse than ever at present.

## **Weed Management**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an overview of weed management activities within operational and offset areas.

## **Southern and Northern Biodiversity Area Planting Works**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an overview of planting works that are underway in the conservation areas.

## **Cultural Heritage & Historic Heritage**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an update on the execution of the Cultural Heritage Conservation Areas as well as details on the upcoming Cultural Heritage Working Group meeting, internal cultural heritage records reconciliation project and planned salvage works.
- GM provided an update on historical heritage works and notice of the upcoming Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) meetings. SM requested MTW to provide dates for the upcoming CHAG meetings.

***Action 7: MTW to provide SM with proposed dates for the upcoming CHAG meetings.***

## **Business Papers**

*Refer to presentation*

- Business papers were provided to CCC members prior to the meeting, including a summary of; Complaints, Incidents, Environmental Monitoring, Rehabilitation, Website Uploads and Community Investment Update. MTW Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report (MEMR) for December 2023, January 2024 and February 2024 were provided. March 2024 MEMR to be provided at a later date.
- SM expressed dissatisfaction with timeliness of the MEMR. GM agreed that the recent reports have been late and that MTW is aiming to improve.
- DM asked whether the complaints register will be updated back to the start of the mine to include complaint response details. GM advised that since requested, register entries have included more detail however past entries will not be updated. DM questioned why past entries will not be updated and stated that DPE had advised it is a condition of the operation's consent. GM advised that he was unaware of the requirement to update previous years and will review the consent requirement for the public complaints register.

***Action 8: MTW to review consent requirements and determine if the public complaint register is required to be updated to include further details for historical entries.***

## **Management Plans / Reporting**

*Refer to presentation*

- **Annual Reporting**
  - Annual Review Report was submitted to DPE 28/03/2024.
  - Annual Rehabilitation Report and Forward Program was submitted to Resources Regulator 30/03/2024.
  - Compliance report for EPBC Act approvals was submitted to Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water (DCCEEW) on 03/05/2024.
- **Management Plans**
  - MTW Environmental Management Plans will be reviewed by end of June 2024, and revised if necessary during July 2024.

## **8. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

- Nil.

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **General Business MTW – MTW Amenity Resource**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM advised that the program is ongoing and that enquiries are to be directed to MTW.
- SM asked for clarification on what is meant by air quality contribution. GM explained that while the operation may be compliant with air quality requirements, MTW acknowledges that the operation does generate dust and contributes to the particles in the airshed.

### **General Business MTW – MTW Voluntary Planning Agreement Funding**

*Refer to presentation*

- After January 2024 payment, MTW has contributed \$8.5M (of \$11M total).
- GM stated that six applications have been received and a MTW VPA Community Committee meeting is scheduled for 23 May 2024 to assess applications.

### **General Business MTW - Community Support Program (CSP)**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM advised that the Community Support Program is ongoing and MTW is happy to support the community.

### **General Business - CCC Members**

- DM asked whether tenants of MTW properties are able to make complaints through the MTW complaints hotline. GM advised that tenants of MTW properties are to follow the procedure outlined in their tenancy agreement.
- HJ advised that the CCC Singleton Council representative may change following local government elections in September 2024.
- SM requested information on effective weed control methods used at MTW for common weeds in the area. GM agreed to provide this information. IH commented that information previously provided by MTW has been useful and is showing successful results.

- SM requested for signage to be installed on the Golden Highway to show where current access is to the cemetery. HJ advised that she would submit a request for the signage at the council traffic committee meeting scheduled 23 May 2024, and GM agreed to provide a map with some details to assist.
- DM asked on behalf of a former Bulga resident for clarification as to whether there have been any updates to the CCC declarations over the past three years as there has been nothing noted in the meeting minutes. CG clarified that any updates to CCC member declarations are discussed and made note of in the CCC meeting minutes. GM confirmed that if nothing has been made note of in the meeting minutes, then no additional declarations have been made.
- DM asked on behalf of a former Bulga resident whether Yancoal will state their intention for the various properties and two businesses held by the company at the end of mining. GM advised that MTW will develop a strategy for exit out of property in the Bulga area as part of the closure process. CS clarified that there will be ongoing rehabilitation works, demolition works and monitoring for a number of years after mining ceases. GM also advised that the MTW mining leases extended beyond the development consent area, and that MTW are not permitted to make an open cut development application in areas within the conservation areas and the Bulga exclusion zone. However, there are areas to the northern part of the mine where MTW could make an application, which MTW has been clear about in CCC meetings.
- DM asked the CCC if the Rehabilitation Management Plan should be updated. GM advised that the management plan had been sent around for consultation. DM and SM advised that it was hard to read the figures in the plan. GM invited interested members to visit the MTW office outside of the meeting to discuss the details in the management plan further.
- IH showed to the committee photos of sediment build up on the bridge across the MTW mine haul road, which looks to be coming from drainage from a track on the edge of the road reserve where mine vehicles park at times. JVB advised that another community member had raised the issue and that MTW have been in contact with Transport for NSW who advised they will clean up sediment on the bridge, and we are awaiting for them to get back in contact to discuss further..
- IH showed to the committee a photo of a fence on MTW property in Bulga adjoining the Bulga Recreation Ground access road which is causing visibility issues for the access road and people walking due to the height of the fence. IH requested that the fence be amended to improve visibility. GM stated that he would discuss the issue further with the MTW property team.
- CG asked for an update on the Telstra work. IH advised that Telstra are planning to put antennas on the NBN tower at Bulga but due to the location it will only service a small area. GM advised that MTW have installed a tower through TPG Vodafone and that the MTW communications team are enquiring about opportunities for a mobile cell in the area.

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***Action 11: MTW to look into amending the fence on the MTW property in Bulga to improve visibility for road users.***

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

Next CCC Meeting: Wednesday 14 August 2024 at 2pm

CG thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

**MEETING CLOSED 3:30pm.**

## **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

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Community Consultative  
Committee (CCC)

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Time:

2pm – 4pm

Location:

MTW Boardroom

Independent Chairperson:

Col Gellatly

Minutes:

Atlantech (on behalf of Chair)

Reaching new horizons together



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  - Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue Update
  - Dust Management (Ian Hedley)
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# 3. Declaration of pecuniary interests / conflicts of interest

**All members must declare interests. *Still awaiting updated declaration forms from CCC members.***

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## 4.11 Declaration of interests

All committee members must sign a declaration of interest form (see toolkit of supporting material) before they join the committee and keep this up to date. Committee members will have an opportunity to declare any new interests, or interests relevant to the agenda, at the start of each committee meeting.

The declarations include any pecuniary or other interest that may affect committee operations.

Examples of pecuniary or other interests include:

- holding a private contract with the proponent
- holding voluntary acquisition or mitigation rights under the proponent's approval or consent
- receiving sitting fees or payments for personal expenses from the proponent
- if the member represents a stakeholder group, the stakeholder group receiving funding or a grant from the proponent.

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## 4.12 Conflicts of interest

A chairperson should advise the department as soon as possible of any potential or actual conflict of interest that may affect their ability to fulfil their role on the committee.

Committee members should notify the chairperson as soon as possible of any change of interest that may affect their ability to fulfil their role on the committee.

The chairperson may decide that an interest is significant enough conflict that a member should withdraw from discussion on a particular issue.

# 3. Code of Conduct

**Code of Conduct Form - All members must sign CoC form. *Still awaiting updated declaration forms from CCC members.***

Department of Planning and Environment



## Community Consultative Committee code of conduct for committee members (excluding chairperson)

### Application of the code

This code of conduct (the code) applies to all committee members of community consultative committees and should be read in conjunction with the *Community consultative committee Guideline: State Significant Projects 2023*.

### Standards of conduct

All committee members must demonstrate appropriate standards of behaviour to support efficient operations of the committee. This code outlines the standards of conduct expected of committee members. It is the personal responsibility of each member to comply with this code.

We have developed this code to ensure members:

- have a clear understanding of their role and responsibilities
- act consistently within the scope and purpose of the committee
- communicate and act in a respectful manner towards all members
- act honestly when carrying out their functions as a committee member
- disclose any interest (pecuniary, non-pecuniary or otherwise) that could conflict with the proper performance of their functions.

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# 4. Business Arising

Action No.	Action	Response/ Update
1	CCC members that are yet to complete the updated code of conduct and declarations of interest forms	Some remain outstanding.
2	MTW to progress identification of an independent minute taker.	Completed. Atlantech approved by Chair, and engaged by MTW.
3	Improve nature of recently constructed pit top bund running parallel to Putty Road so that it does not produce wind blown dust.	Completed. Mulch applied to bund.

# 4. Business Arising

Action No.	Action	Response/ Update
4	MTW to provide an overview of the current systems for blast notification.	See following slides.
5	MTW to follow up with SM regarding road closure messages.	Completed.
6	MTW to provide the change in dump heights with the current consent and the previous approval.	See following slides.

# 4. Business Arising

## Blasting Hotline – MTW Blast Management Plan 5.2.4

### 5.2.4 Notifying Interested Parties


- The Blasting Schedule Hotline is the primary tool by which members of the public can find information relating to MTW temporary road closures. MTW uses its best endeavours to align the road closure with the advertised time and limit the road closure duration to minimise inconvenience to road users. It should be noted however that the primary concern for MTW is to mitigate safety and environmental impacts from blasting, hence this will take precedence over adherence to road closure scheduling.

A number of factors including meteorological conditions, operations impediments and unforeseen circumstances on the public road will often result in road closures being brought forward or delayed from the scheduled time.

Advertised road closure times publicised via the methods described herein represent MTW's best assessment of the likely blasting time at the time of publish, and are subject to change.

- The hotline is updated on the morning of each day on which there is a scheduled road closure and can be reached on (freecall) **1800 099 669**. The hotline will advise of a one hour window for the proposed road closure (e.g. between 10am and 11am);
- In the event that a road closure is to occur outside the blasting window, and once the revised time is understood, MTW will update the hotline for another one hour window;
- Where mandated, notice of temporary road closures will be provided via the posting of signs on the affected road(s) in the 24 hours prior to blasting;

- Where necessary, information will be made available to neighbouring mines, relevant authorities (in the event of a road closure), and internal contacts prior to blasting.
- The blasting hotline number will be advertised in road closure notifications placed in local print media, as well as MTW's Daily Report website.



**20 May 2024 - 26 May 2024**

Mt Thorley Warkworth is permitted to undertake temporary road closures of Putty Road, Charlton Road, Gouldsville Road and the Golden Highway or combinations thereof for purposes of blasting. The objective of these road closures is to ensure public safety during blast events which have the potential to affect public roads.

Blast events are scheduled for the following days during the period:

20/05/2024 to 26/05/2024

Date	Blasting	Affected Road
Monday, 20 May 2024	Yes	Putty Road and Charlton Road
Tuesday, 21 May 2024	Yes	Nil
Wednesday, 22 May 2024	Yes	Putty Road, Charlton Road and Golden Highway
Thursday, 23 May 2024	Yes	Putty Road, Charlton Road and Golden Highway
Friday, 24 May 2024	Yes	Putty Road, Charlton Road and Golden Highway
Saturday, 25 May 2024	No	Nil
Sunday, 26 May 2024	No	Nil

This schedule may be subjected to delays and alterations due to production constraints or by unsuitable weather conditions on the day of the blast. This could lead to situations where blasts are delayed by 24 hours or more. Up-to-date times for blasts involving road closure are posted on the Mount Thorley Warkworth Blasting Hotline - 1800 099 669.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Mount Thorley Warkworth Complaints Hotline - 1800 656 892

Drill & Blast Engineer  
Mt Thorley Warkworth

Last updated: 21/5/2024 7:11 AM

# 4. Business Arising

## Notifications – Blasting

### MTW ROAD CLOSURE AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

#### 3.3 Notifications

##### 3.3.1 Singleton Argus / Newcastle Herald Newspaper

The intention to temporarily close roads for the purposes of blasting shall be advertised in the Singleton Argus or Newcastle Herald in the edition prior to the planned blasting event.

The advertisement will appear in the Public Notices section and be in the following format or similar:

##### 3.3.2 Advanced Warning Signs

Where mandated, notice of temporary road closures will be provided via the posting of signs on the affected road(s) in the 24 hours prior to blasting. Signs will comply with *AS 1743-2018 Road Sign Specifications*.

##### 3.3.4 Blasting Hotline

The Blasting Schedule Hotline is the primary tool by which members of the public can find information relating to MTW temporary road closures. MTW uses its best endeavours to align the road closure with the advertised time and limit the road closure duration to minimise inconvenience to road users.

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In the event that a road closure is to occur outside the blasting window, and once the revised time is understood, MTW will update the hotline for another one hour window, where practicable.



**YANCOAL**  
兗煤澳大利亚有限公司

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**For updated blast times please  
phone free call 1800 099 669.**

Mount Thorley Warkworth wishes to advise of the following road closures on **Thursday 13th May 2021, Friday 14th May 2021, Monday 17th May 2021, Tuesday 18th May 2021, Wednesday 19th May 2021, Thursday 20th May 2021** for the purposes of blasting. Closure will occur between 9am and 5pm depending upon weather conditions and will be for approximately 10 minutes.

**Through traffic will not be possible while road closures are in place.**

**PUTTY ROAD** will be closed between the Jerrys Plains Road and to a point 600m West of Charlton Road.

**CHARLTON ROAD** will be closed between Putty Road and Cobcroft Road.

**JERRYS PLAINS ROAD** may be closed from Putty Road to Wallaby Scrub Road.

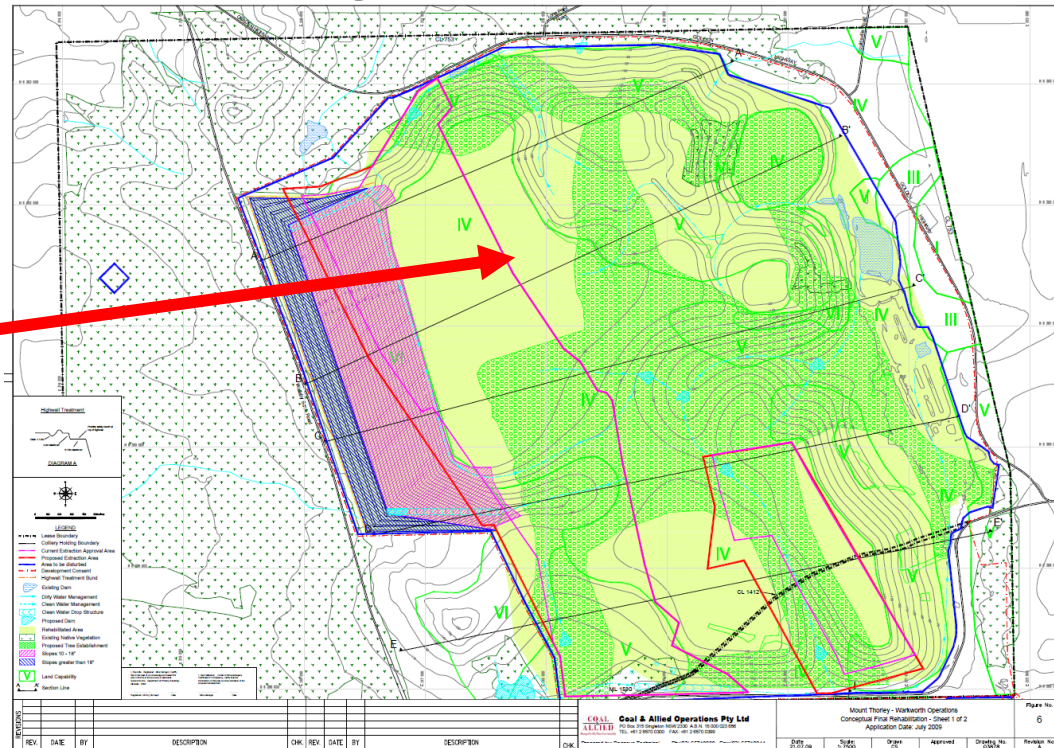
**GOULDSVILLE ROAD** may be closed from Jerrys Plains Road to Long Point Road intersection.

If weather conditions are poor, blasting will be delayed until a day of suitable weather. Mount Thorley Warkworth apologises for any inconvenience caused.

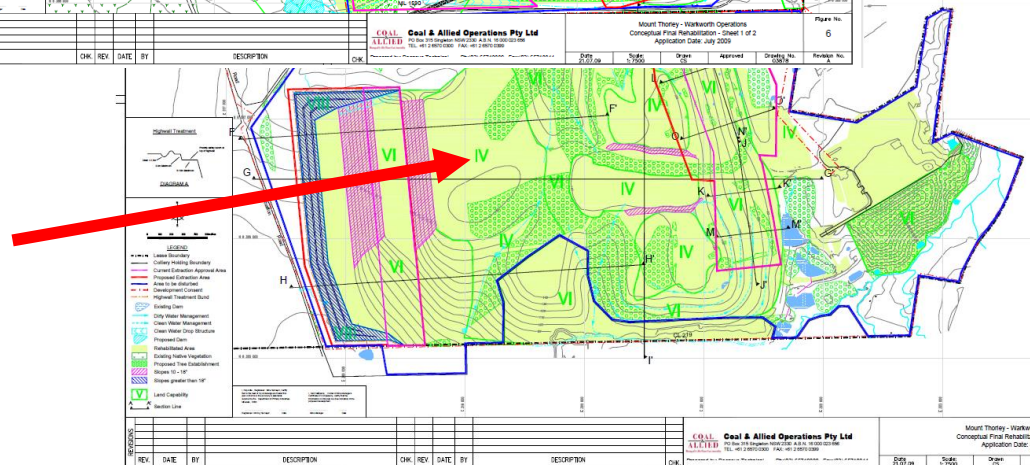
# 4. Business Arising

## Historical Approved Final Landform height

Warkworth 2003 Approval  
Maximum 165 RL



Mount Thorley 1995 Approval  
Maximum 160 RL

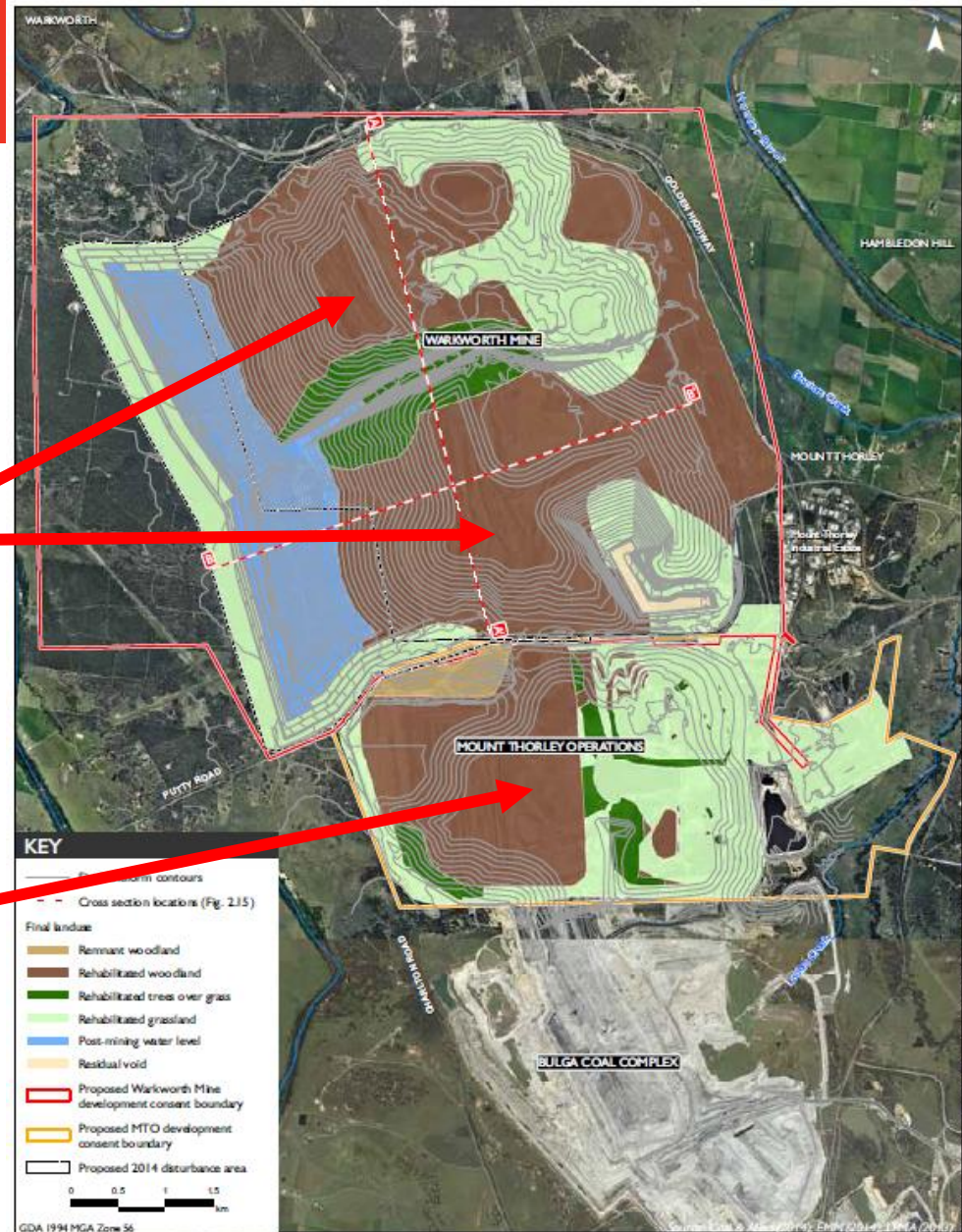


# 4. Business Arising

## 2014 Current Approved Final Landform

Warkworth top overburden emplacement heights at RL190

Mount Thorley top overburden emplacement heights at RL155



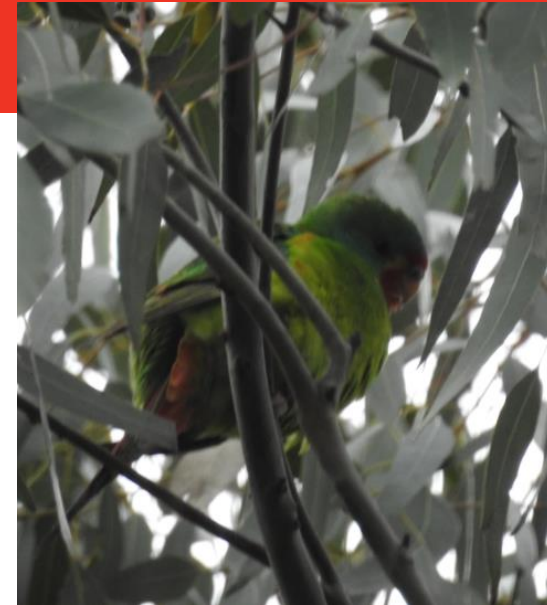
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Action No.	Action	Response/ Update
7	MTW to provide schedule of works to be completed to preserve the three key heritage buildings.	Completed. Update in Heritage section of presentation.
8	Provide an overview of the population numbers of Swift Parrot and Regent Honey Eater at the Regional Offsets.	See following slide.
9	MTW to follow up with Denis regarding the boundary line on the plan he presented.	Completed.
10	MTW to clear Acacias on Yancoal land approaching Bulga Bridge.	Completed.

# 4. Business Arising

## Biodiversity Area Bird Monitoring Program

- Bird monitoring is undertaken every two years, as required by MTW's Biodiversity Area Management Plans.
- There were no regent honeyeaters or swift parrots detected occupying any of the MTW Biodiversity Areas during 2018 surveys.
- In August 2020, three regent honeyeaters- two males and a female- were detected at Putty Biodiversity Area (BA). This was the first confirmed record of regent honeyeater utilising habitat within the Putty BA. A single male regent honeyeater was also detected on the Goulburn River BA, though not during formal bird monitoring surveys and not within an established monitoring site. No swift parrots were detected occupying any of the Biodiversity Areas.
- There were no regent honeyeaters or swift parrots detected occupying any of the MTW Biodiversity Areas during 2022 surveys.
- Bird monitoring is scheduled to occur from July to September 2024.





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# 5. Correspondence

- 4/04/2024 - MTW CCC Q1 2024 - Draft minutes
- 23/04/2024 - MTW CCC Q1 2024 – Final Minutes endorsed by Chair
- 7/05/2024 - MTW CCC Q2 2024 - Weds 22 May 2024 2pm – Agenda
- 7/05/2024 – MTW VPA Applications List and link to Council website, Community Feedback Opportunity
- 17/05/2024 - MTW CCC Q2 2024 - Weds 22 May 2024 2pm - Business Papers

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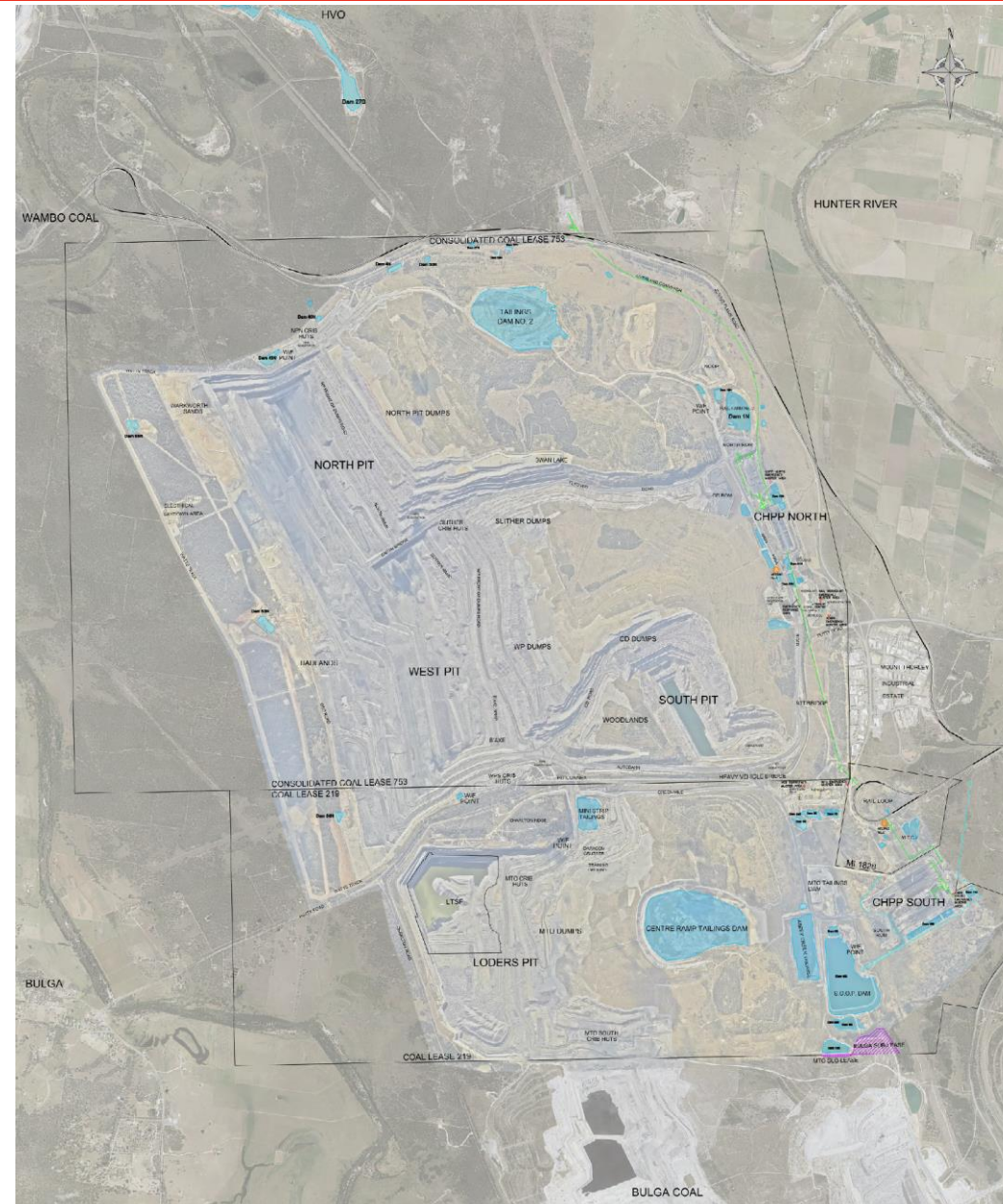
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# MTW Operations

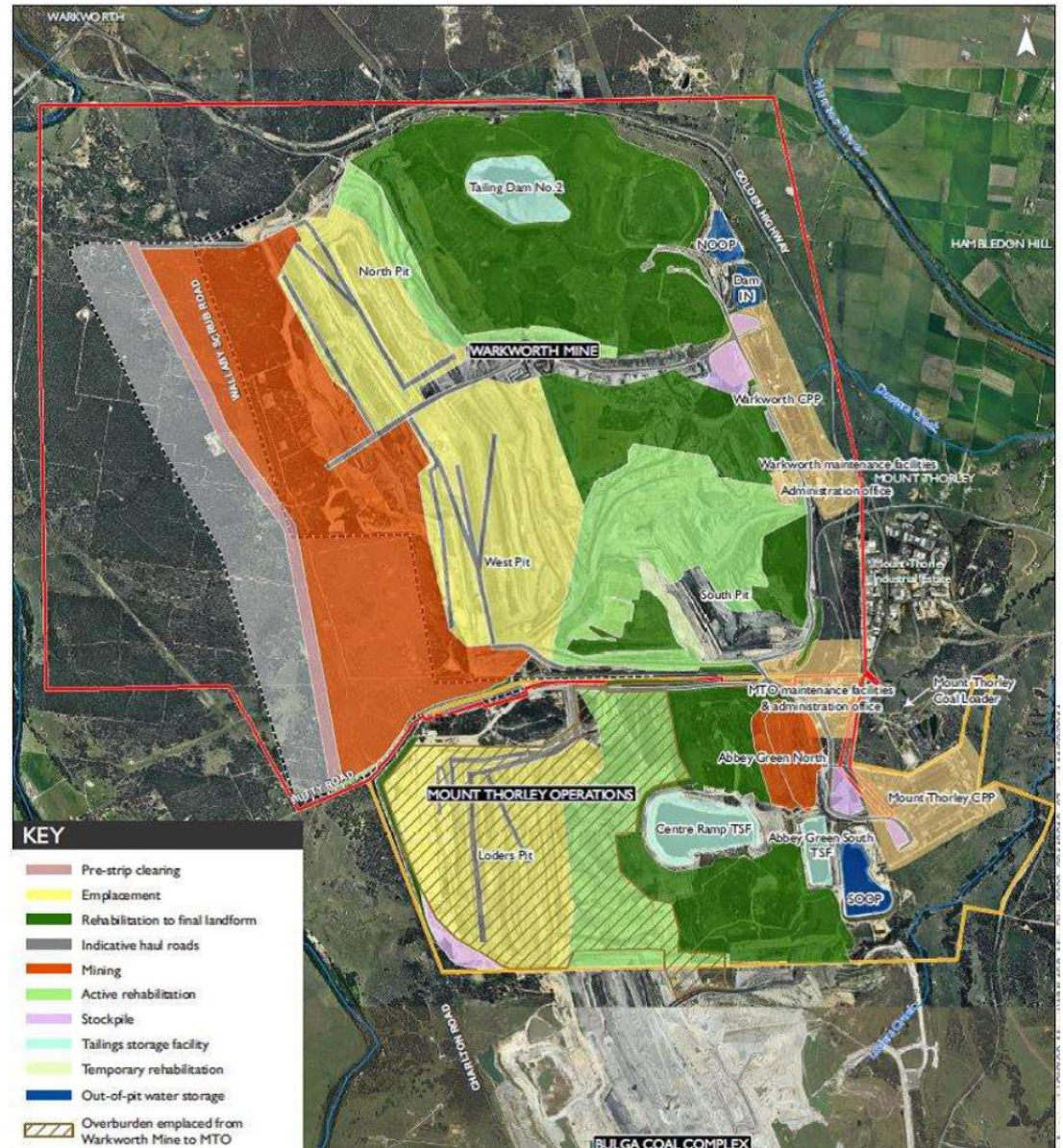
- MTO: Coal production ceased at MTO in early 2021. Load and haul waste will continue to be dumped in the pit from the WML. Opportunity for coal in western highwall benches during backfill operations identified.
- WML: DL103 has been working in the lower passes of North Pit while DL 101 is working in the lower passes of West Pit respectively
- WML: Normal load and haul operations have continued, easing of rainfall conditions since November have assisted.
- Coal processing and train loading normal operations.
- Visual Bund along Putty Road – construction in progress



# MTW Operations – NOOP Dam

NOOP is an approved dam in Warkworth Continuation Project development consent SSD-6464 and will provide improved water security / balance position at MTW.

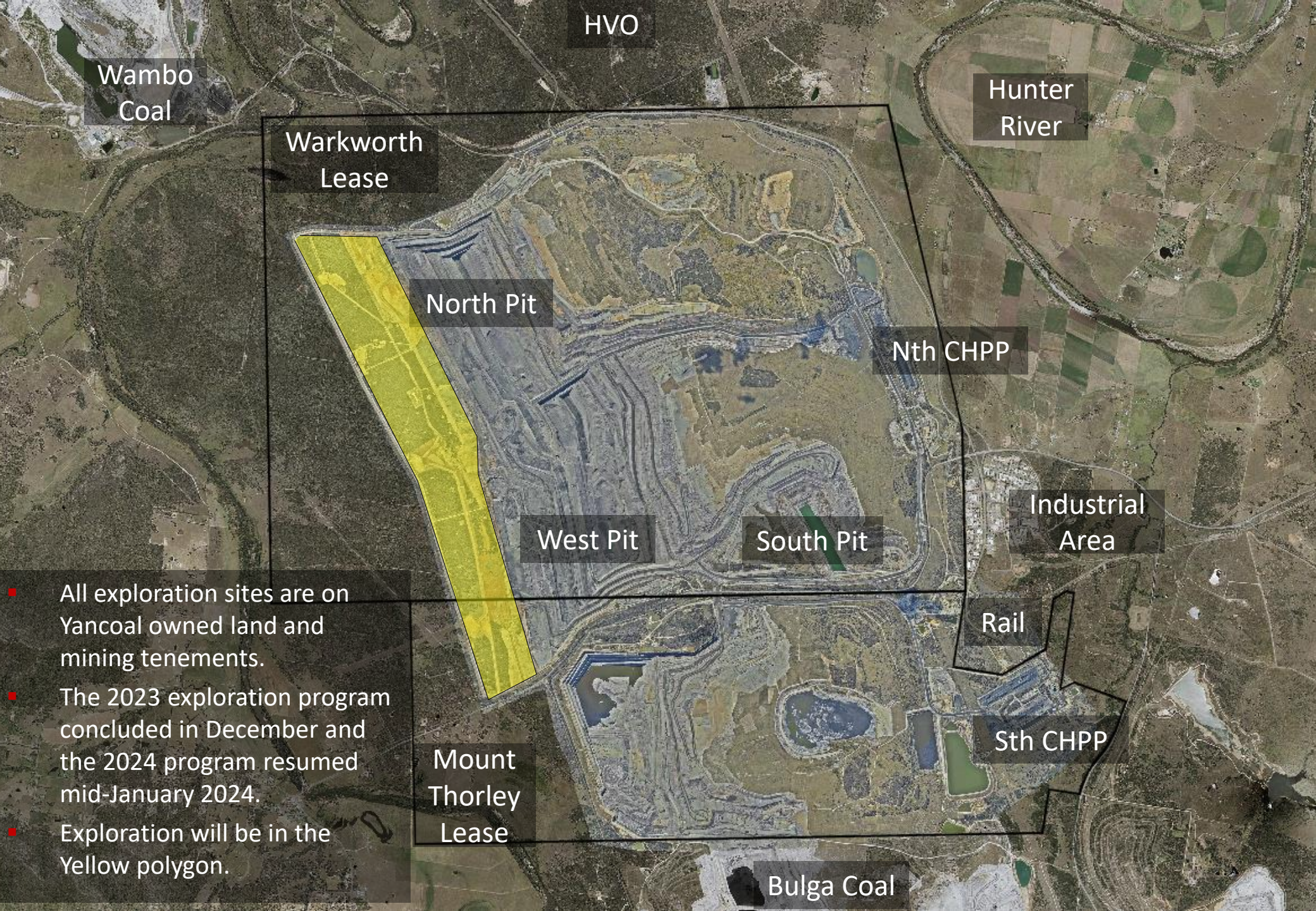
- North Out of Pit (NOOP) Dam main mining excavation completed Q2 2024.



# MTW Operations – NOOP Dam

Mining Excavation Completed – Photo 8 May 2024:  
-pumping infrastructure to progress in 2024.





Wambo  
Coal

HVO

Hunter  
River

Warkworth  
Lease

North Pit

Nth CHPP

West Pit

South Pit

Industrial  
Area

Rail

Sth CHPP

Mount  
Thorley  
Lease

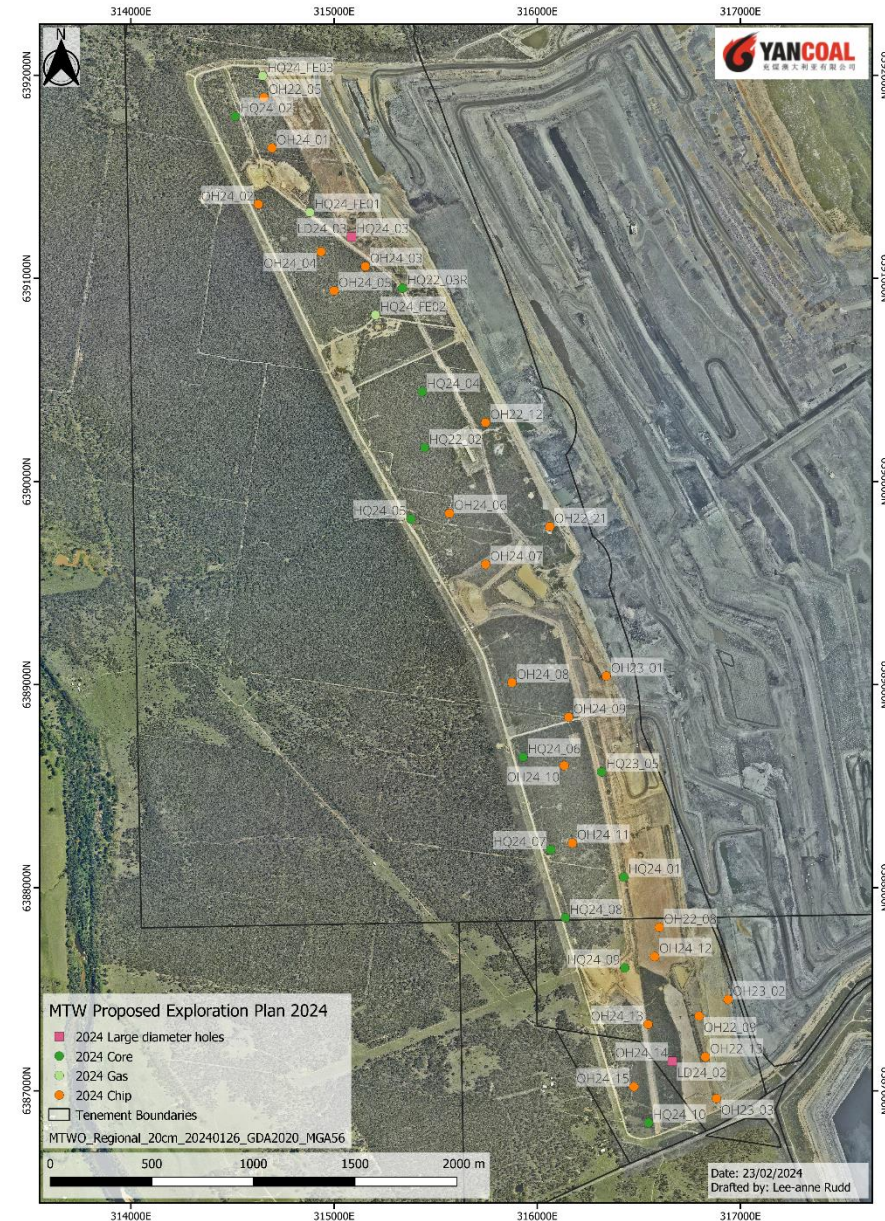
Bulga Coal

- All exploration sites are on Yancoal owned land and mining tenements.
- The 2023 exploration program concluded in December and the 2024 program resumed mid-January 2024.
- Exploration will be in the Yellow polygon.

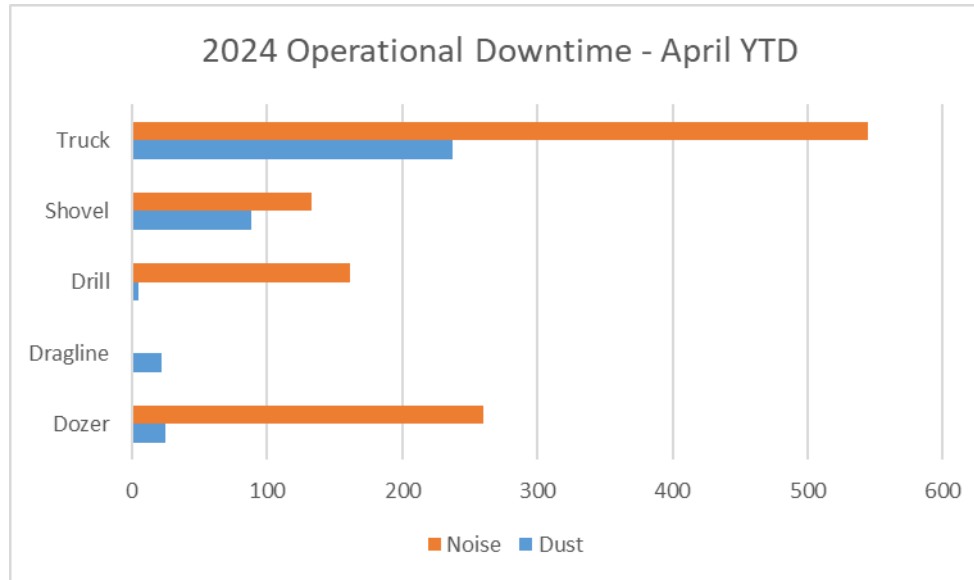


# Exploration

- All exploration sites are on Yancoal owned land and mining tenements.
- The 2024 exploration program will consist of:
  - Up to 2 x Large diameter cored holes
  - Up to 16 x HQ cored holes (3 for gas testing)
  - Up to 28 x open holes
  - Includes holes rolled over from the 2023 plan
- As of 17/5/2024, 4 open holes and two cored holes have been drilled
- There will be two drill rigs and associated staff and equipment to facilitate this exploration program.
- The program is schedule to conclude in December 2024.



# MTW Operations



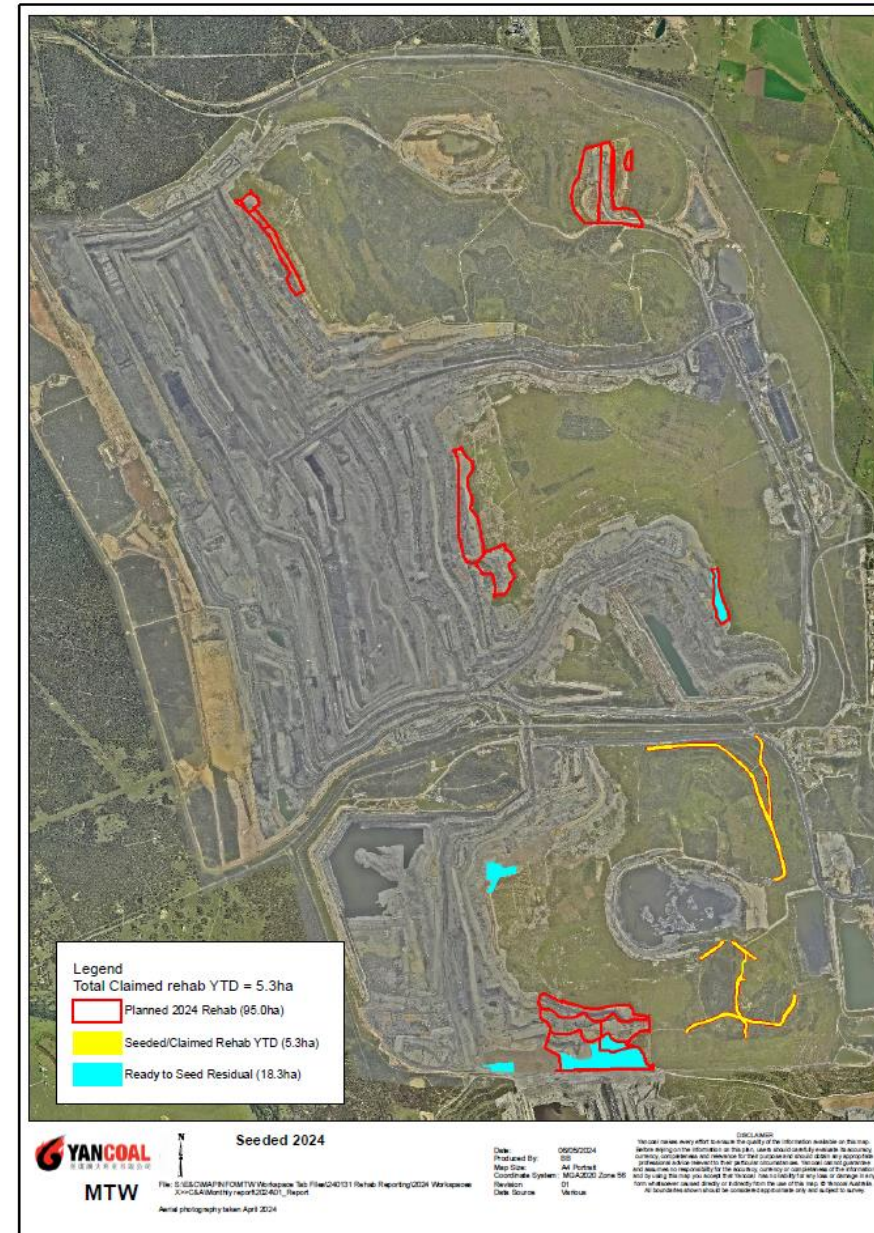
MTW CRO Noise Monitoring YTD			
	# CRO Assessments	# Individual assessment above trigger	# Nights above with assessment above trigger
2024 (YTD)	3106	78	36
2023	7293	143	66
2022	7226	106	59
2021	7043	106	46

# MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

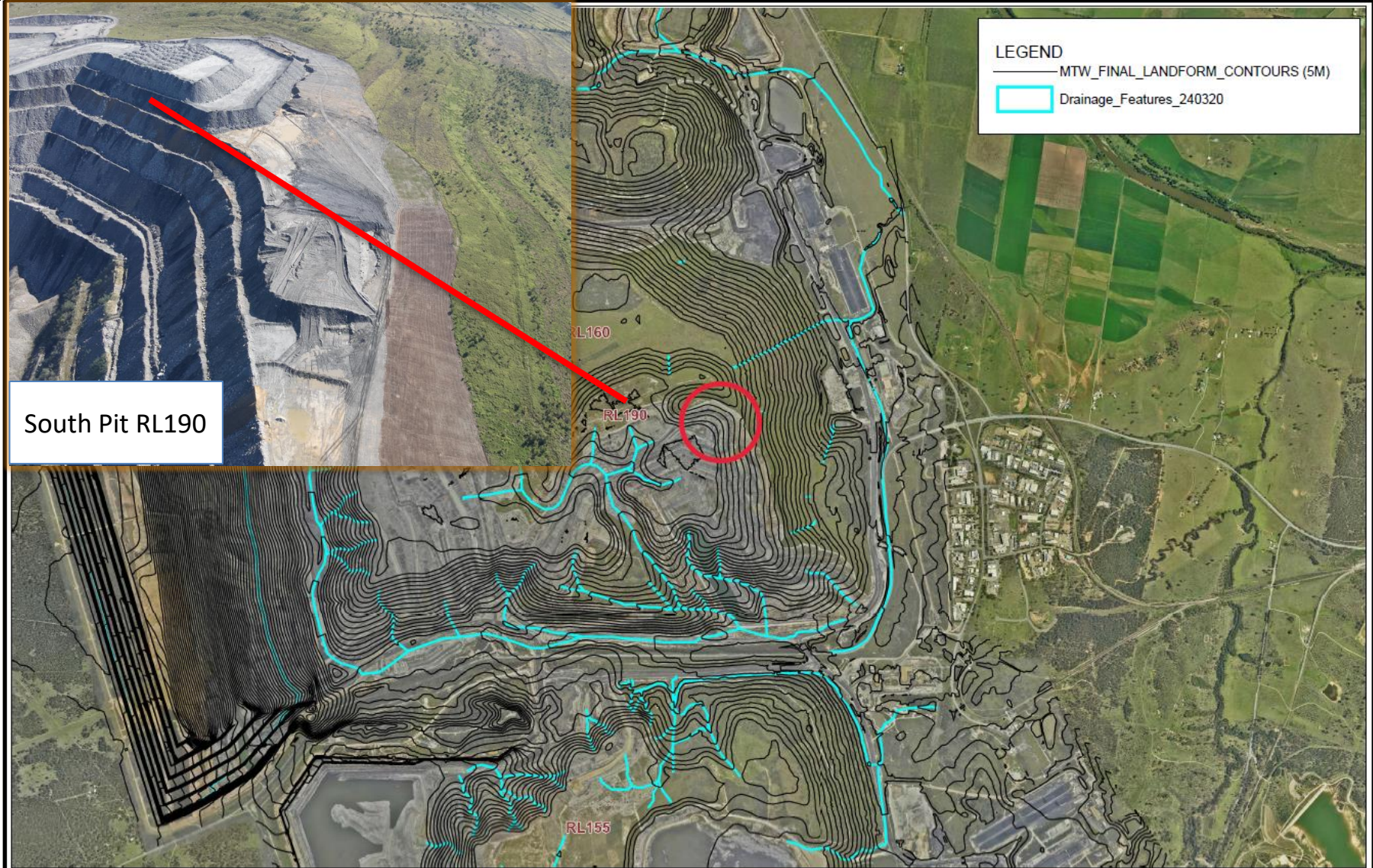
Rehabilitation reforecast for 2024  
– 94.4Ha seeded (shown in red).

Progress to end April 2024:

- 74ha of dump released for rehab; and 31.9ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped.
- Topsoil / compost has been spread on 19.3ha, awaiting soil ameliorants to be ready for seeding.
- No seeding completed YTD.



# MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance - South Pit Dump



# MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

Disturbance forecast for 2024 –  
68.3Ha

Progress to end of April 2024:

- Disturbed = 34.8 ha



# MTW Vertebrate Pest Management

## 2024 programs undertaken YTD:

### Pig baiting program at the Northern Biodiversity Area

- Vertebrate pest thermal ground shoot at Goulburn River Biodiversity Area in March; 2 cats, 1 fox, two rabbits and one hare were controlled.
- Wild deer and feral pig ground shoot at Bowditch Biodiversity Area in March; 5 feral deer, 1 fox and one rabbit were controlled.
- Rabbit ground shoot at Seven Oaks Biodiversity Area in March; 20 rabbits, 1 feral pig, 1 fox and 2 feral cats were controlled.
- Hoggone ground baiting program targeting feral pigs at the Northern Biodiversity Area in April; up to 11 pigs controlled.
- Aerial shoot (NPWS) at the Goulburn River and Seven Oaks Biodiversity Areas in April (also included neighbouring property and National Park); 7 pigs, 1 fox and 11 goats controlled across all target areas.

### The following 2024 programs have been scheduled:

- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in autumn (currently underway) and spring
- Noisy Miner program at the Goulburn River and Bowditch Biodiversity Areas
- Thermal ground shoot at the Goulburn River Biodiversity Area
- Additional programs as required

The 2024 vertebrate pest programs will be coordinated with LLS and other large landholders in the area so programs are undertaken at the same time across the broader Hunter Valley area.



**Hoggone site at NBA, with cracked corn and molasses.**

# MTW and Local BA Weed Management

Weeds targeted in MTW operational and local Biodiversity Areas in Q1 2024 included:

- African Olive (*Olea europaea*)
- African Box Thorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*)
- Green Cestrum (*Cestrum parqui*)
- Common/Prickly/Tiger Pear (*Opuntia sp.*)
- Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)
- Teddy Bear Vine (*Cyanotis beddomei*)
- Lantana (*Lantana camara*)
- Inkweed (*Phytolacca octandra*)
- Balloon Vine (*Cardiospermum grandiflorum*)
- Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
- Fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*)
- Noogoora burr (*Xanthium spinosum*)
- Castor oil plant (*Ricinus communis*)
- Narrow leaf cotton bush (*Gomphocarpus fruticosus*)
- Stinking Roger (*Tangetes minuta*)
- Telegraph Weed (*Heterotheca sp*)
- Blue heliotrope (*Heliotropium amplexicaule*)
- African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*)
- Coolatai Grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*)
- Rhodes Grass (*Chloris gayana*)
- Galenia (*Galenia pubescens*)



Spraying of Common Pear, SBA3



Low volume spraying African Lovegrass, SBA5

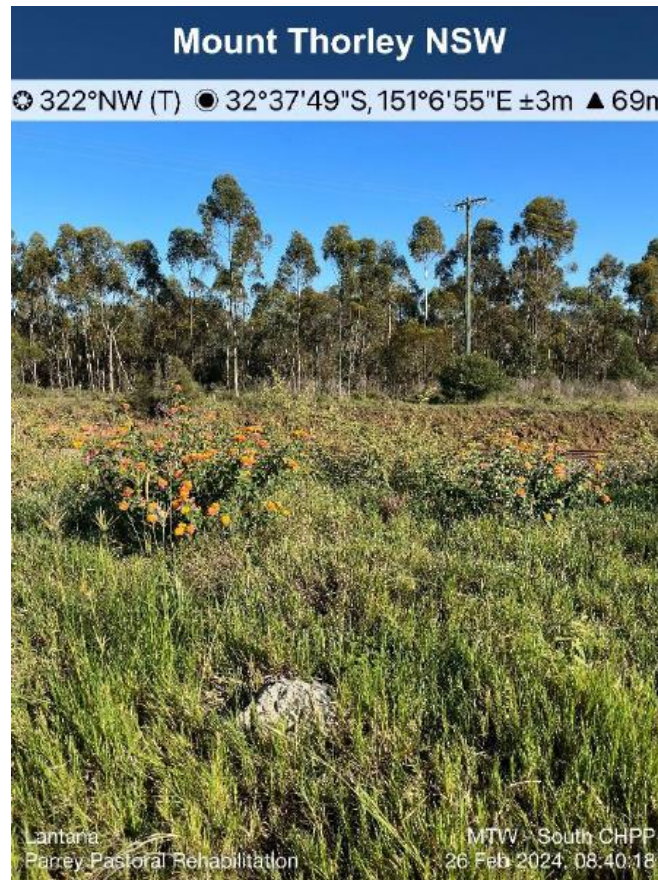


Low volume spraying Coolatai Grass, NBA

# MTW Weed Management Cont.



Fireweed controlled (sprayed), South CHPP



Lantana controlled (sprayed), South CHPP



African Boxthorn after treatment, South CHPP



# Southern and Northern BA Planting Works



Slashing at SBA5 ahead of grass control and planting



WSW sand spread at SBA3 ahead of planting



WSW Sand spread at NBA ahead of planting



Aerating topsoil at NBA ahead of grass seeding



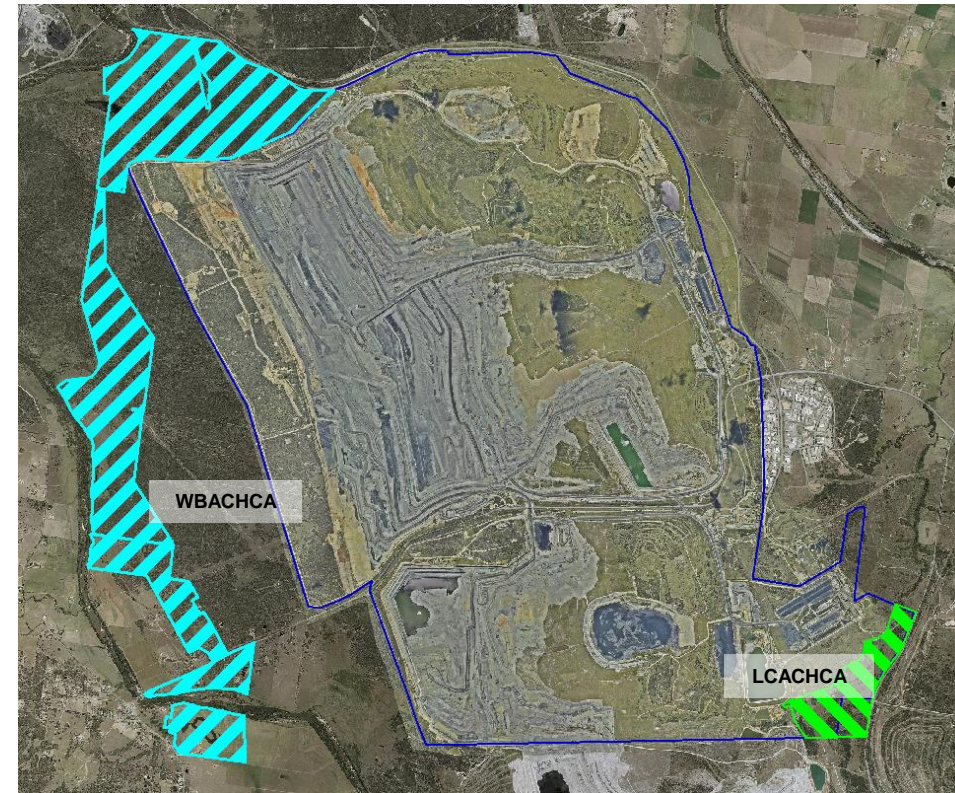
Native grass seeding at NBA



Plantings at NBA

# Heritage Update

- Progression of Conservation Areas
  - Conservation Areas executed
    - WBACHCA – Wollombi Brook Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Area
    - LCACHCA – Loders Creek Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Area
  - Work ongoing to register on land titles.
- Cultural Heritage Working Group (CHWG) meeting to occur June/July
  - Election of Plan of Management Implementation Group (PMIG) representatives from CHWG RAPs
  - Review Management Plan updates



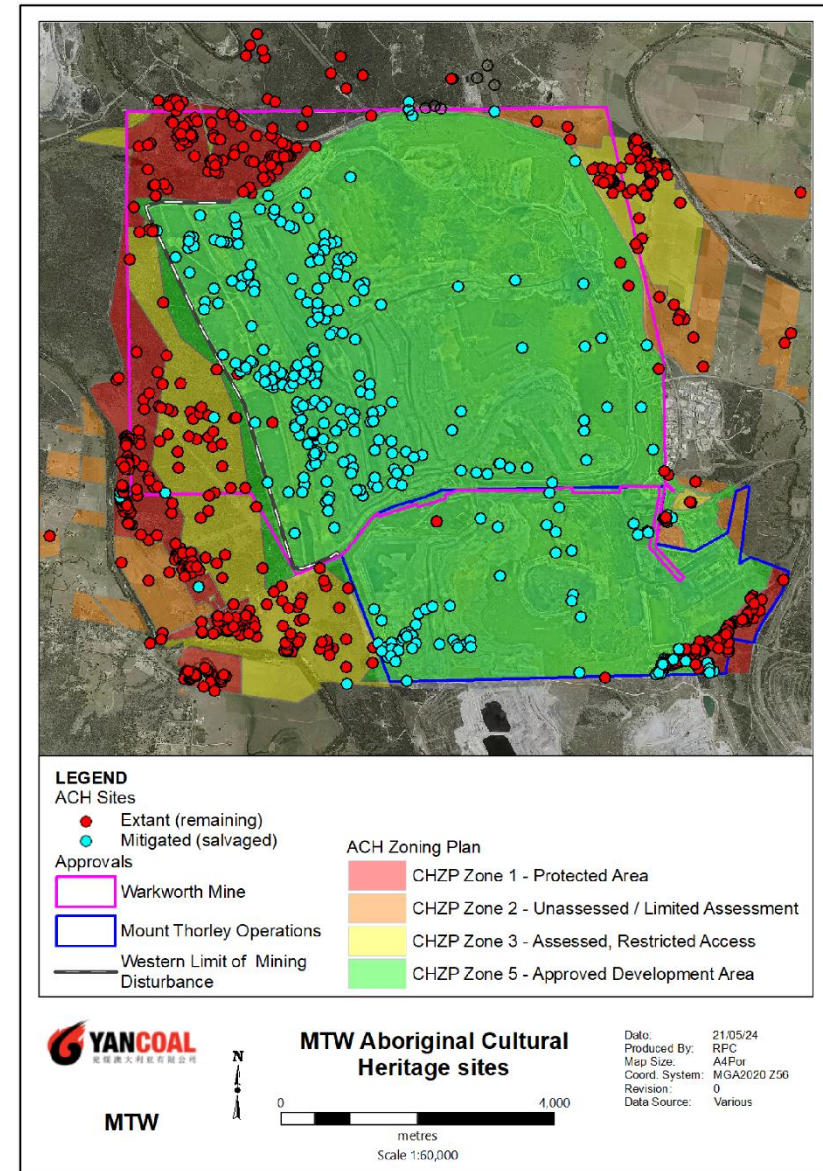
MTW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Areas

# Key Cultural Heritage works

- Reconciliation of MTW site database against Heritage NSW AHIMS database
  - 308 AHIMS sites added to MTW database
    - Lands in transfer from HVO, and
    - Salvaged pre-2005
  - 102 AHIMS site details updated
    - Update validity to salvaged
    - Update location
    - Correct site type
  - 23 MTW sites added to AHIMS

## Upcoming

- 2024 Salvage in accordance with AHMP – MTW-50 PAD Investigation



# Key Historic Heritage works

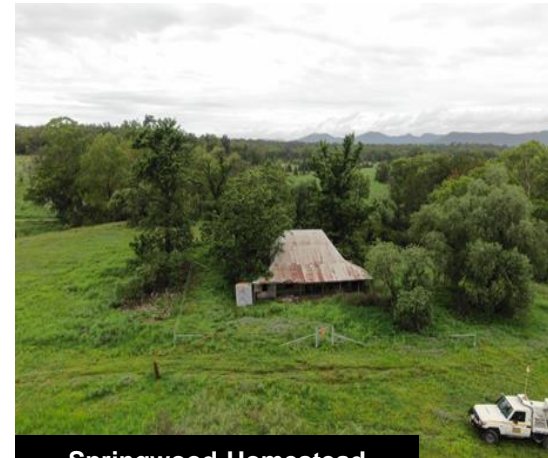
- Initial structural engineering inspections undertaken
  - Works schedule developed following inspections (next slide)
- Springwood initial stabilisation pending (awaiting final materials to start installation)
- RAAF access track works pending (scoping completed, permit pending)
- Routine area maintenance ongoing
- Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) meeting to occur late June/July & Nov/Dec



Red Brick House



RAAF Cook House



Springwood Homestead

# Works Schedule – Heritage Houses

2024/2025	Status	Comment	Mth / Qtr														
			24Q2			24Q3			24Q4			25Q1			25Q2		
			Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<b>Heritage</b>																	
<b>Springwood Homestead</b>																	
<i>Current objective: stabilise building</i>																	
Structural Engineering Inspection	Complete	Completed late April															
Initial prop & tie of walls	In progress	Awaiting material delivery															
Access upgrade (MR truck access)	Not Started																
Tree removal	Not Started																
Structural stabilisation works (per Bligh Tanner)	Not Started																
Scope follow-on works (incl. roof)	Not Started																
<b>RAAF Cook House</b>																	
<i>Current objectives: enable safe access, remove asbestos, stabilise</i>																	
Structural Engineering Inspection	Complete	Completed late April															
Access upgrade (MR truck access)	In progress	Permit in process															
Remove asbestos materials from surrounds	In progress	Sourcing quotes															
Remove tree from roof, surrounding trees	Not Started																
Initial prop & tie roof	Not Started																
Remove asbestos from internal footprint	Not Started																
Scope follow on works (incl. asbestos roof & wall removal)	Not Started																
<b>Red Brick House</b>																	
<i>Current objective: ensure watertight</i>																	
Structural Engineering Inspection	Complete	Completed late April															
Scope roofing & gutter repairs	Not started																
Roof & gutter repairs	Not started																
Scope follow on works (incl. brick repointing)	Not started																

Today

# MTW Operations - Business Papers

- Business papers provided to CCC prior to meeting
- Includes summary of:
  - Complaints, Incidents, Environmental Monitoring, Rehabilitation, Website Uploads, Community Investment Update
- Appendix A, B, C - MEMR for December 2023, January 2024, February 2024
- Appendix D – March 2024 MEMR to be provided at a later date.

# Management Plans / Reporting

## Annual Reporting

- Annual Review Report was submitted to DPE 28/03/2024.
- Annual Rehabilitation Report and Forward Program submitted to Resources Regulator 30/03/2024.
- Compliance Report for EPBC Act Approvals submitted to Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water (DCCEEW) on 3/05/2024.

## Management Plans

- MTW Environmental Management Plans will be reviewed by end June 2024, and revised if necessary during July 2024.

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# General Business - Community update

## Voluntary Planning Agreement

- After January 2024 payment, MTW has contributed \$8.5M (of \$11M total).
- Singleton Council website includes significant volume of information (application process, application closing dates (~April and October each year), community feedback process, VPA committee minutes. <https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/Council/Community-Funding-Programs/VPA-Community-Committees>
- Six applications received for the March/April application closing date. Community Feedback closes 22 May 2024. MTW VPA Community Committee and MTW CCC advised of ability for community feedback.
- MTW VPA Community Committee meeting on 23 May 2024 to assess applications.

## Amenity Resource

- Amenity works recognising air quality contribution by MTW
  - Invitation to participate remains open
  - Year to Date 2024 works have included:
    - 4 tanks cleaned
    - 1 new filtered water tap installed
    - Water deliveries offsetting usage in cleaning
    - Spare & replacement filter supplies
      - Works undertaken across 3 residences
  - Program remains ongoing. Please direct enquiries to MTW.

# General Business - Community update

## Community Support Program

The Community Support Program has continued. The 2024 round of applications were advertised in Aug-Sep 2023 and closed 29 Sep 2023. There were 22 applications received, and one additional after closing date. The following organisations are being supported in 2024 through the CSP.

Organisation	Project	Sponsorship Amount 2024
Branxton Golf Club	Zero turn mower	\$ 6,000.00
Business Singleton	Business Awards and International Womens Day Luncheon	\$ 10,000.00
Jerrys Plains School of Arts Hall Inc	Stage Curtains	\$ 4,515.00
Miller Park Bowling Club	Acquiring, Replenishing and Rebuilding equipment	\$ 4,326.00
Northern Agriculture Association Inc	Singleton Show and Campdraft 2024	\$ 5,000.00
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Singleton Heights Pre-School Inc	Safe Surfacing around our Sandpit	\$ 7,000.00
Singleton Junior Rugby Club	Training equipment update	\$ 6,250.50
Singleton Rugby Club	First aid kit and equipment for game day trailer	\$ 943.35
Towns With Heart Inc	Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival 2024	\$ 5,000.00
NSW Rural Fire Service - Hunter Valley Support Brigade	Bulk Water Tanker Rebuild	\$ 10,000.00
University of Newcastle	Science & Engineering Challenge (Year 2 of 3 year agreement)	\$ 12,494.00
University of Newcastle	SMART Science School Tour (Year 2 of 3 year agreement)	\$ 19,249.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 118,722.00</b>



# General Business

**General Business – other?**

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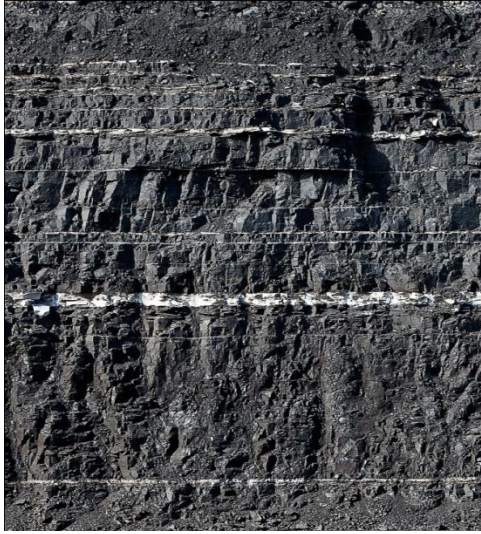
# Future Dates

## **Next Meeting Date**

**Date:** Wednesday - 21 August 2024

**Time:** 2:00PM - 4:00PM

**Location:** Boardroom, North Warkworth Building



# Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

BUSINESS PAPERS May 2024



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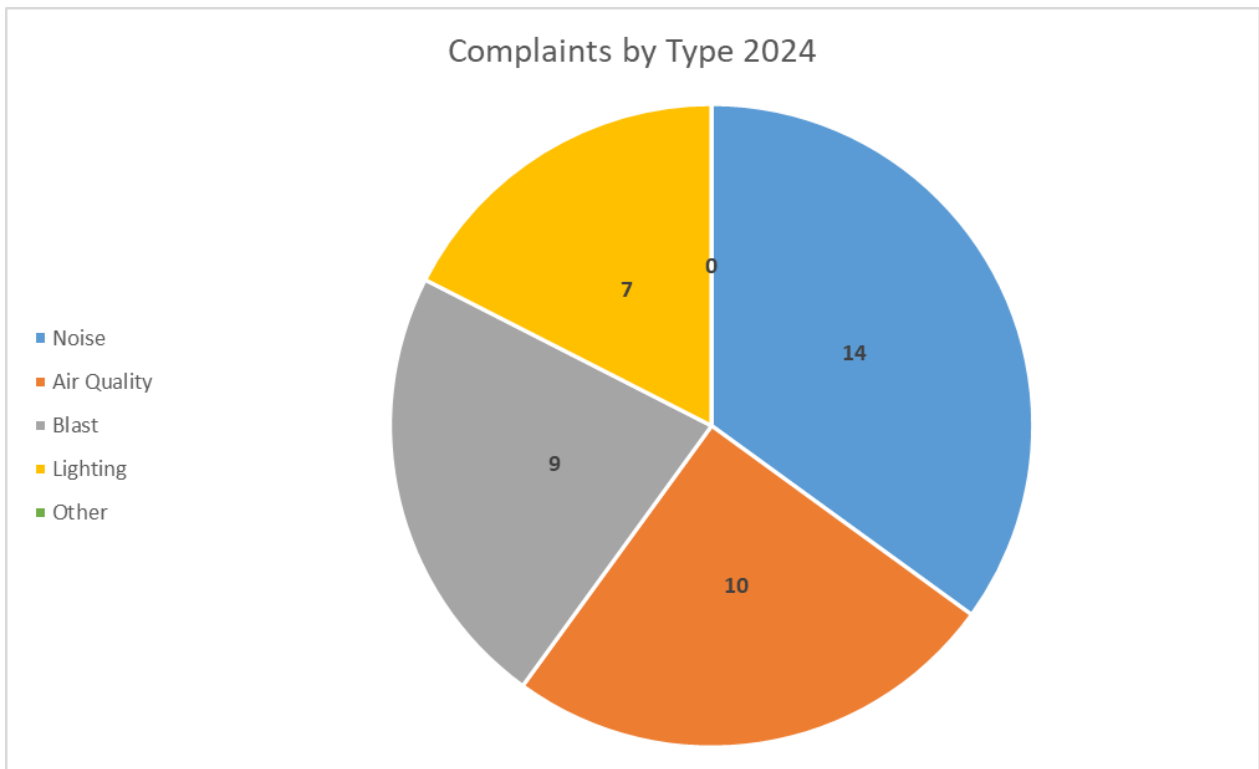
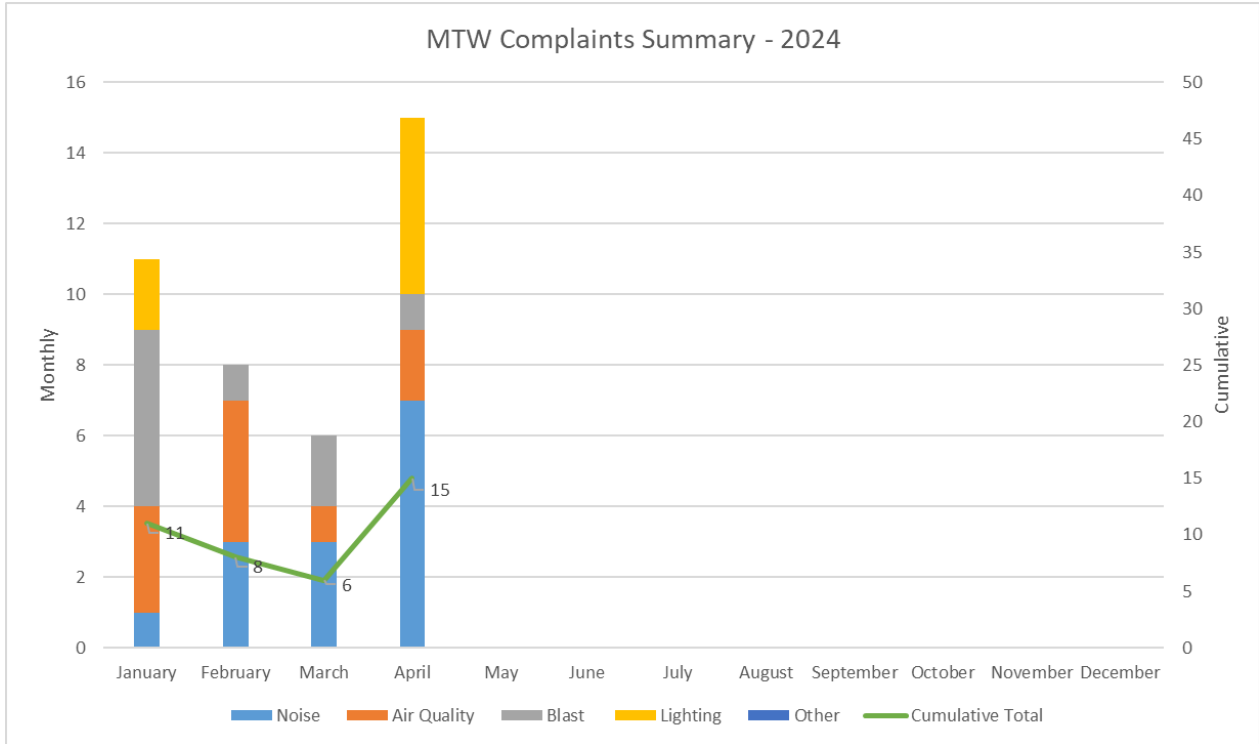
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### Appendices

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- Appendix B – Environmental Monitoring Report January 2024
- Appendix C – Environmental Monitoring Report February 2024
- Appendix D – Environmental Monitoring Report March 2024 (to be provided at a later date)

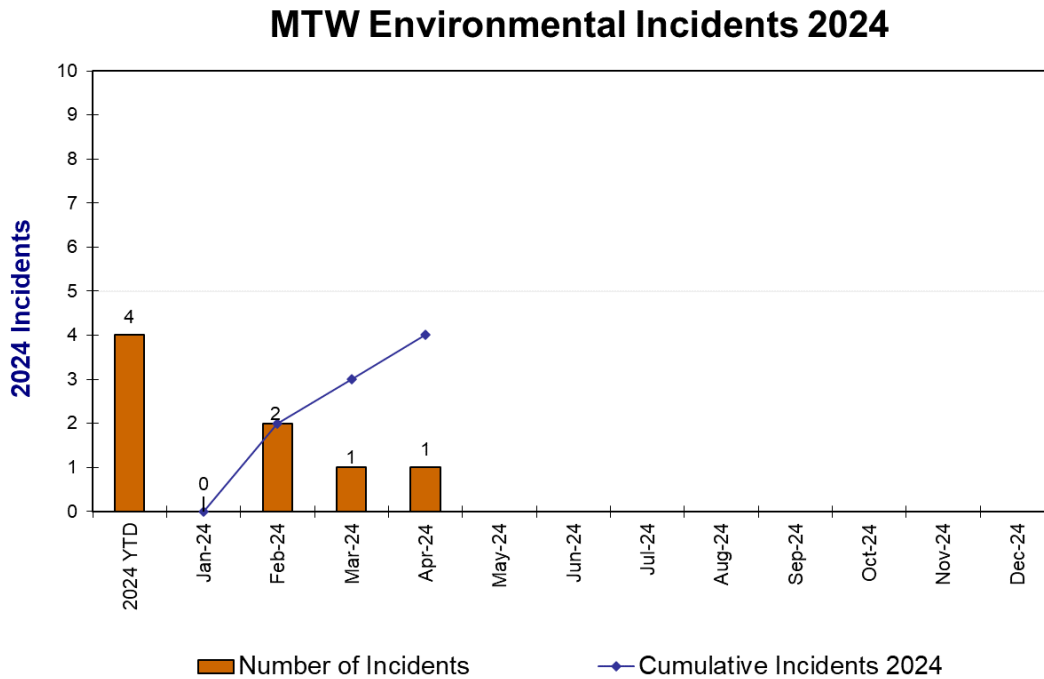
# 1 COMPLAINTS

## Complaints overview for period – 1 January 2024 to 30 April 2024



## 2 INCIDENTS

Environmental incidents overview for period – 1 January 2024 to 30 April 2024



### Incident Summary for the period 1 January 2024 to 30 April 2024

Date	Details	Key Actions	Aspect
1/02/2024	During attended noise monitoring there was a 1dB exceedance measured at the Inlet Road monitoring location on the 1/02/2024 due to application of a 2dB low frequency modifying factor..	Residents notified of noise exceedance. Follow up monitoring on 8/02/24 was within noise limits. DPE and residents notified of return to limits.	Noise
12/02/2024	Browning of leaves of native vegetation observed in the Northern Biodiversity Area	Ecologist engaged to investigate extent and possible mechanism for browning of leaves in the Northern Biodiversity Area. Possible off-target herbicide impacts from weed management for conservation planting program identified. Monitoring showed plants generally recovered.	Biodiversity

Date	Details	Key Actions	Aspect
15/03/2024	Oil spill to ground at North Workshop	Hydrocarbon containment measures implemented using spill kits. Remediation of area conducted in consultation with E&C team.	Hydrocarbon
22/04/2024	During attended noise monitoring there was a 1dB exceedance measured at the Inlet Road monitoring location on the 22/04/2024 due to application of a 2dB low frequency modifying factor..	Residents notified of noise exceedance. Follow up monitoring on 29/04/24 was within noise limits. DPE and residents notified of return to limits.	Noise

### 3 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

#### Monthly summaries of environmental monitoring:

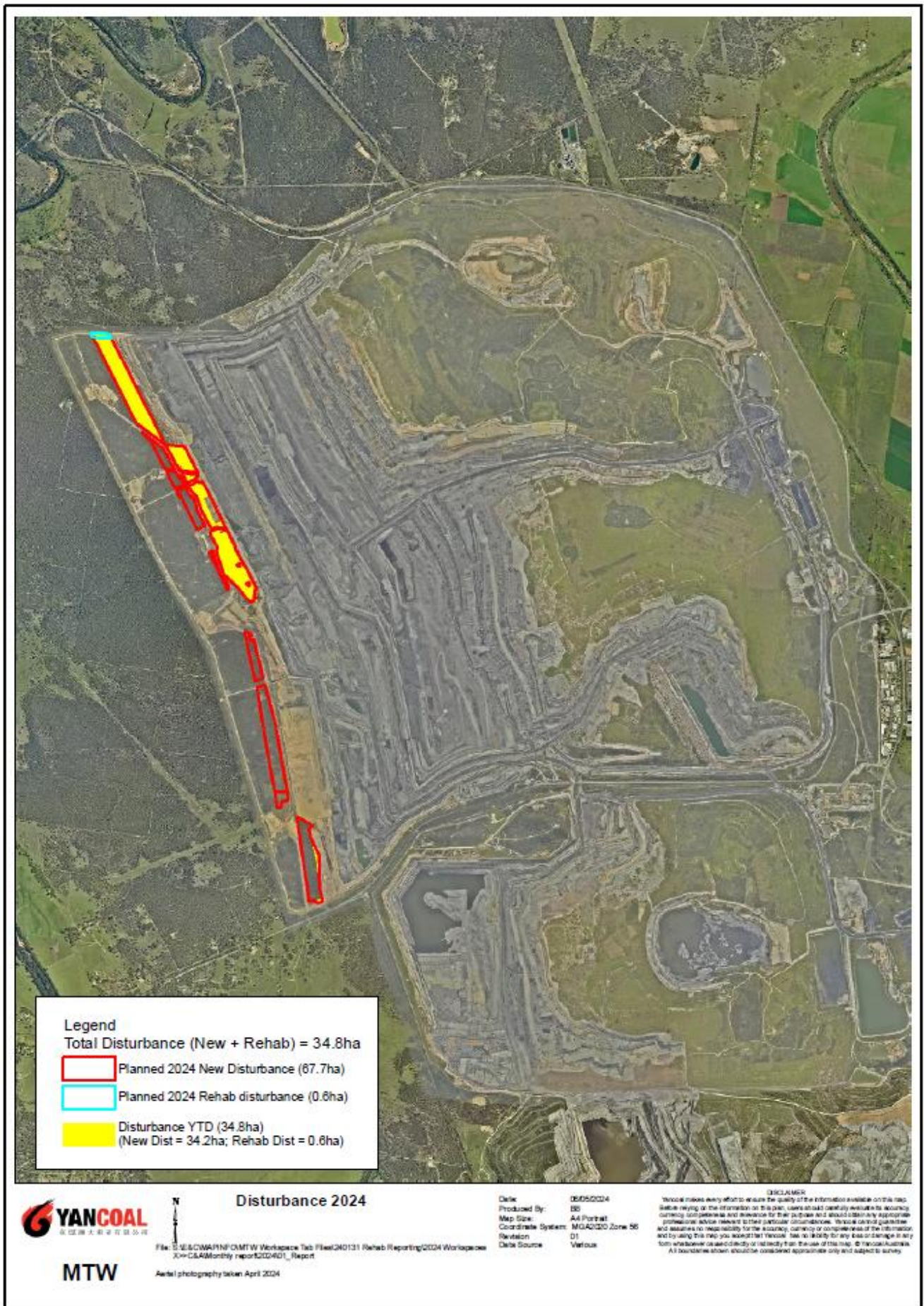
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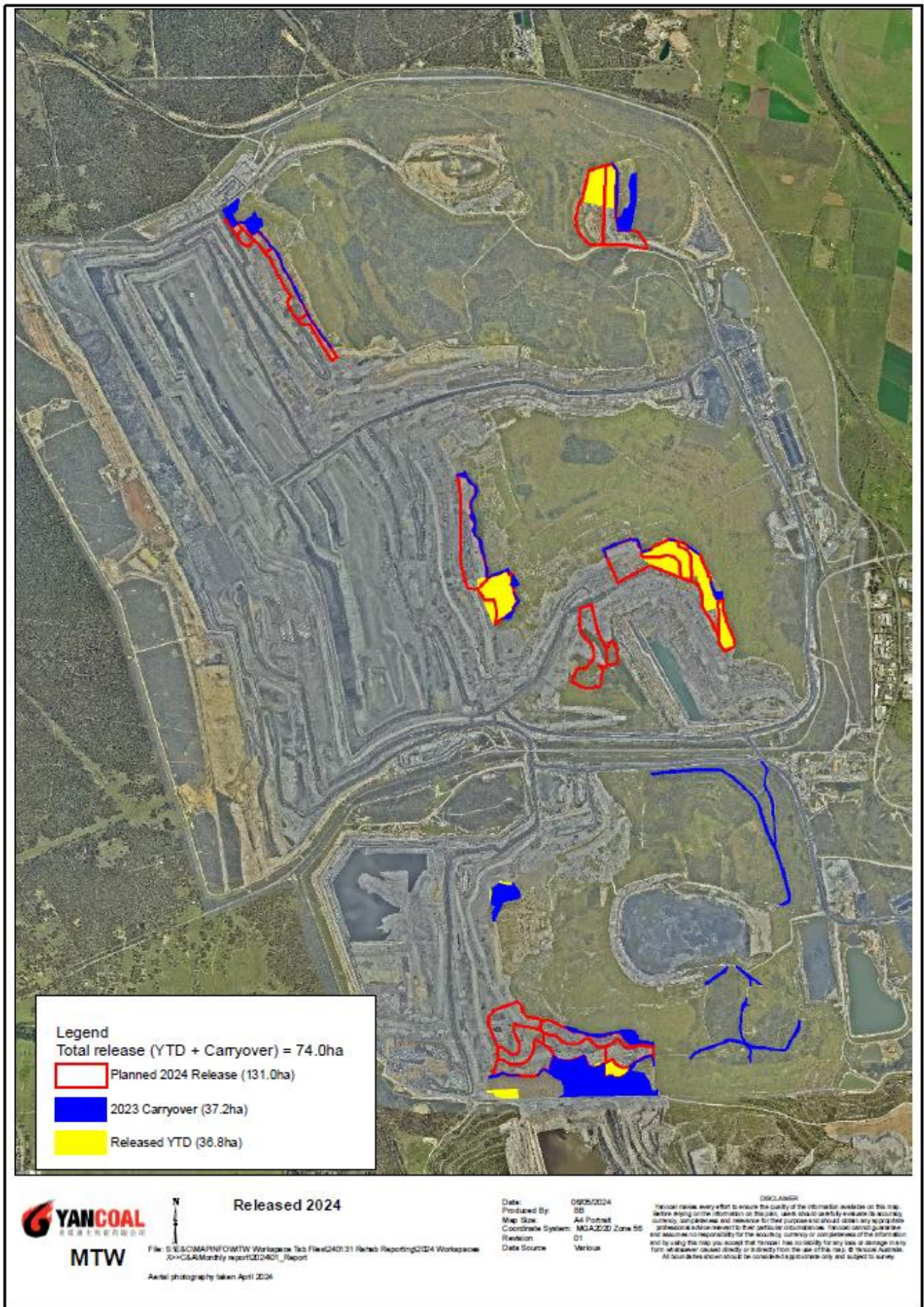
#### **4 REHABILITATION PLAN**

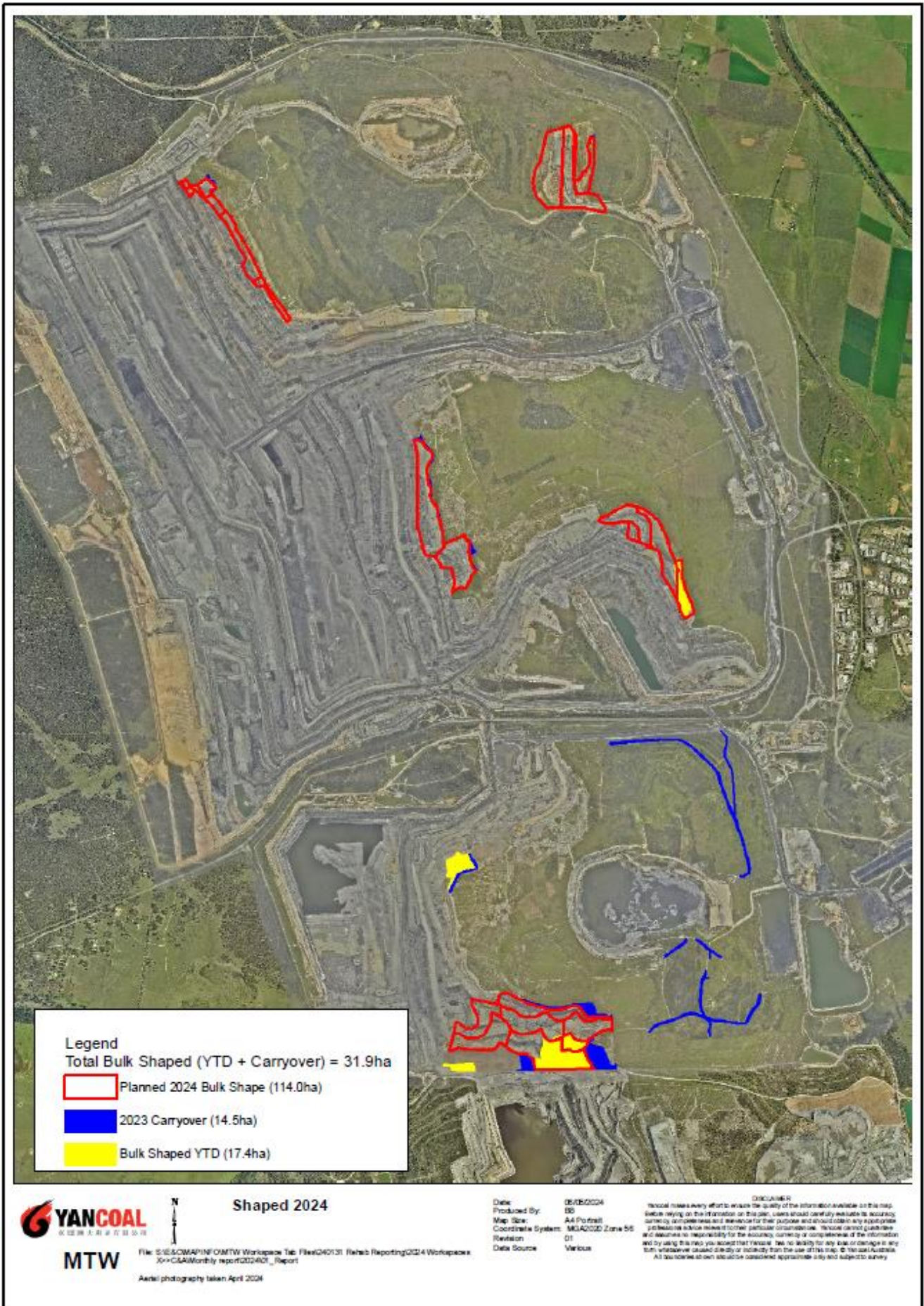
The rehabilitation planned for 2024 is 95ha which is consistent with the Rehabilitation Management Plan target for 2024 (94.4ha). The planned total disturbance is 68.3ha.

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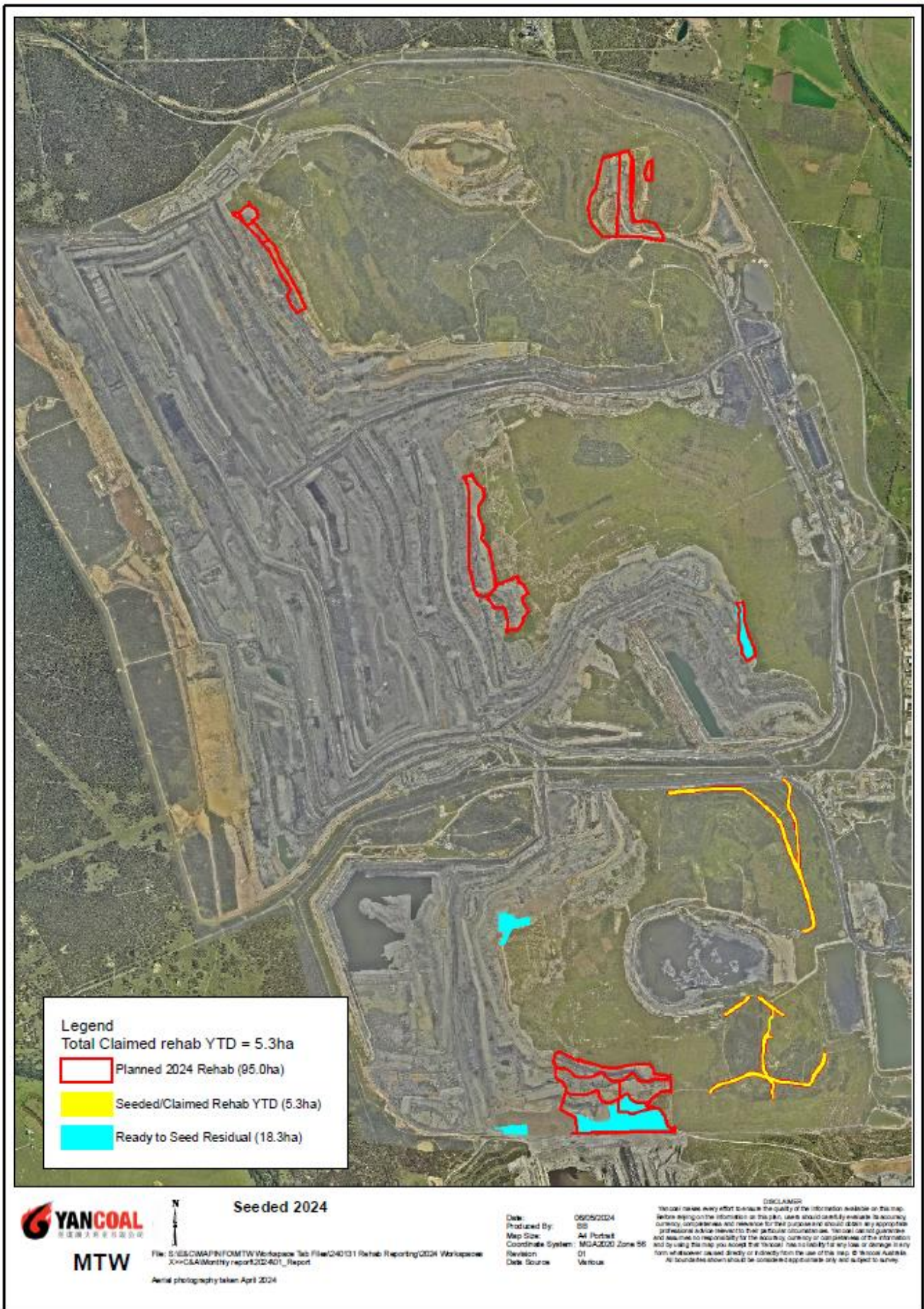












## Website Uploads

The table below is a list of all new documents uploaded to the MTW's website from 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2024. Please refer to MTW's new website: <https://www.mtwcoal.com.au/>

Document Title	Upload
MTW Community Consultative Committee - November 2023 - Minutes, Presentation & Business Papers	12/01/2024
Mount Thorley Operations Environmental Protection Licence 1976	18/01/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environment Protection Licence 1376 1976 Monitoring Data December 2023	25/01/2024
MTW Complaints register 2023 (to Dec)	31/01/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environmental Monitoring Report September 2023	16/02/2024
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MTW Complaints register 2024 (to Jan)	28/02/2024
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Mount Thorley Warkworth Forward Work Program	24/04/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth 2023 Annual Rehabilitation Report	24/04/2024
Rehabilitation Management Plan	24/04/2024
MTW Community Consultative Committee - February 2024 - Minutes, Presentation & Business Papers	29/04/2024
MTW Complaints register 2024 (to March)	30/04/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environment Protection Licence 1376 1976 Monitoring Data March 2024	30/04/2024

## 5 YANCOAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The CSP invests in community groups working in the areas of health, social and community, environment, education and training. The following organisations are being supported in 2024 through the CSP.

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# **Appendix A: December 2023 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report**

# **Appendix B: January 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report**

# **Appendix C: February 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report**

# Appendix D: March 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

*\*This Appendix will be provided at a later date.*