

**Minutes of the Mount Thorley Warkworth  
Community Consultative Committee Meeting Q3 2024**

**Date:** Wednesday 14 August 2024

**Location:** MTW

**Time:** 2:03pm – 4:03pm

**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)  
Barb Brown (BB)  
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  
Community Representative  
Community Representative  
Community Representative  
Community Representative  
Independent Minute Taker (Atlantech)

**1. WELCOME**

- CG opened the meeting and welcomed CCC members.

**2. APOLOGIES**

- Neville Hodkinson (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. None were declared.
- 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 DPHI CCC guidelines.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING**

**Action Items arising from the 22 May 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 advised that the action in regard to road closure messages has been closed out with SM. GM advised that methods of road closure notification were discussed with SM. HJ asked for clarification as to what road closure notifications this action related to. GM confirmed the action related to blasting road closure notifications. HJ asked for the action wording to be updated to specifically state road closure messages in relation to blasting for further clarification. GM agreed to update wording of the action.

- GM advised that the timeliness and adequacy of complaint response has been reviewed and provided the outcomes of the review. IH questioned the reason for not receiving a call back after a recent complaint he made to MTW. GM was unaware that IH had not received feedback on the complaint. IH stated that someone did call him to advise they were investigating the issue but never called back to provide the outcome of the investigation. GM stated that the issue was a result of operator error. IH advised that he was aware of another person who did not receive a call back after making a complaint on the same day. GM was unaware of this and stated that he would look into the complaint. IH stated that he would follow up with complainant and provide the details to GM. HJ asked IH what his complaint was in relation to. IH advised the complaint was in regard to dust generated from a digger working next to a road. IH witnessed a MTW CRO [Community Response Officer] across the road from the digger and contacted the complaints line to question why the CRO did not respond to the dust. GM added that IH followed up the next day with the CRO to advise that he had not received feedback on his complaint. BB reminded GM that there are instances where people are unable to make a complaint due to issues with Telstra service. GM confirmed he was aware of the issue and advised that he would provide an update on the Telstra situation later in the presentation.
- GM advised that he had not followed up with DM on the action in regard to the boundary line plan. DM clarified that it is a constraints line, not a boundary line, from the 2014 EIS [Environmental Impact Statement] that he is seeking clarification on. GM advised that the action will be carried forward.
- GM informed the committee that Action 6 from the May 2024 CCC meeting minutes incorrectly stated DM instead of SM. GM stated that the error would be amended in the previous meeting minutes<sup>1</sup>. GM advised that he had followed up with SM on his concerns regarding noise monitoring and provided an overview of the discussion held. SM questioned whether the meteorological station used by MTW is able to indicate when meteorological variations that create issues with noise occur. GM advised that the stability class is a calculation based on data from the meteorological station. MTW engage a consultant to determine stability class and use this to assess applicability of noise limits. GM added that meteorological forecasts and other tools are used to inform MTW when temperature inversions occur. SM asked if MTW measure temperature inversions at different heights. GM advised that MTW do not and explained that the sigma theta method is used. SM further questioned why temperature inversion is not measured in real time using monitoring equipment. GM responded that MTW use a meteorological measurement system called a Sodar which can be used to forecast temperature inversions. The system also provides wind shear which can be used to indicate duration and strength of an inversion as well as potential wind enhancement. SM stated that temperature inversions are frequent in the Hunter Valley and therefore should be taken into consideration of noise management. GM stated that it is taken into consideration in the [NSW] Noise Policy for Industry. GM added that MTW monitor noise levels and manage operations based on the monitoring data.
- GM advised that HJ had submitted the request for access signage to the cemetery to the Local Traffic Committee. SM asked for confirmation that the request included signage on the Golden Highway. GM confirmed that signage at the intersection of the Golden Highway and Lydes Lane was requested.
- GM requested feedback on the fence amendments completed at the MTW Bulga property to improve visibility for road users. IH advised that visibility has been improved.

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<sup>1</sup> The May 2024 CCC meeting audio recording has since been reviewed. It was confirmed that the May 2024 meeting minutes were accurate and no amendment was required.

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## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 31/05/2024 – MTW CCC Q2 2024 – Draft minutes
- 11/06/2024 – MTW CCC Q2 2024 – Final minutes endorsed by Chair
- 26/07/2024 – Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue – Winter 2024 Newsletter including how to register to participate in the UHMD Community Forum 29 October 2024
- 02/08/2024 – MTW CCC Q3 2024 – Weds 14 August 2024 2pm – Draft Agenda
- 05/08/2024 – MTW CCC Q3 2024 – Weds 14 August 2024 2pm – Business Papers
- 12/08/2024 – 2023 Annual Review Report – Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) advised that the MTW 2023 Annual Review Report submitted on 28 March 2024 generally satisfies the reporting requirements of MTW’s development consents (SSD-6464, SSD-6465). Link to report published on MTW website provided.

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

- Confirmed at the meeting by CG.
- CG noted minor amendment of Action 2 to be made and revised minutes to be reissued.

## **7. PROPONENT REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

### **MTW Operations**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided update on MTW operations and production.

### **North Out Of Pit Dam (NOOP)**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM advised that main NOOP mining excavations are complete and the next phase will be the filling of the dam with water. BB questioned whether MTW will allow access to the dam for swimming. GM responded the dam will contain mine water and therefore will not be suitable for swimming. BB asked if the water in the dam will be tested. GM confirmed that the water quality in all MTW mine water dams is tested, usually quarterly. BB asked if the results of the water testing are reported to the community. GM advised that the results are included in the monthly environmental monitoring report which is published on the MTW website.
- IH questioned what the primary use of the water from the NOOP dam will be. GM advised that the water will primarily be used in the washery and water fill points.
- BB asked whether MTW intend to treat the water so that it can be used for other purposes such as for wildlife. GM responded that the water in the NOOP dam will not be for that purpose.
- IH asked for confirmation as to whether MTW still intends to fill the South Pit void. CS confirmed that the void is currently being dewatered and that infill works will progress in the next six months.
- BB asked if water is still being shared between MTW and Bulga Coal. GM advised that water transfer between the sites has been put on hold.

## **MTO Discharge Upgrade**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an overview of the HRSTS discharge point upgrade works planned for 2024.
- IH asked for clarification on where the discharge point flows into. GM showed on the map in the presentation slide the flow of water from the discharge point into the tributary and from there into Loders Creek.
- BB questioned whether a permit is required if MTW plan to impact the Hunter River. GM confirmed that MTW has approval under the site development consent and within the Environmental Protection Licence issued by the EPA.
- SM stated that there is no longer any natural runoff from the southern side of north Charlton ridge into the Wollombi Brook and Salt Pan Creek as the result of the levee in place. GM confirmed that rainfall on the vegetated outer slopes on the periphery of the mine drain outward but all other rainfall within MTW drains within the internal mine catchment. SM stated that he believes this is what has destroyed the Pike Swamp and asked MTW if any consideration has been given to rectify the issue. GM stated that the rehabilitated final landform will be designed to drain back into the natural system. GM added that the water quality will need to meet a certain standard before this can occur. GM advised that there is ongoing work to divert clean water away from operational areas to prevent it entering the mine water system. IH asked if water will be directed back to the natural system that flows through the coal loader area at the end of mining. GM confirmed that the Mount Thorley final landform will be designed to drain into three locations; Salt Pan Creek, Loders Creek and the tributary that flows through the coal loader area. IH noted that water quality in the natural system on his property has improved in recent years however not to a drinkable standard. GM commented that MTW monitor natural surface water and testing of the Loders Creek system has shown the water to be naturally saline.

## **Exploration**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an update on exploration for 2024.
- BB asked if the exploration program is for potential underground mining. GM advised that the drilling scheduled for 2024 is not for underground exploration. BB asked if there were still any thoughts on underground mining. GM confirmed that MTW are currently undertaking a feasibility project for underground mining.

## **Monitoring**

*Refer to presentation for data – YTD 2024*

- JH presented information on equipment downtime and CRO noise assessments completed year to date.

## **Rehabilitation / Disturbance**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an update on rehabilitation progress and disturbance YTD.
- IH asked if road closures on the eastern side of the mine will move inwards as the mine progresses west, this is asked as the tail of the queued traffic can reach a bend in the road. GM stated that he would find out and get back to IH. IH also commented that reduced speed limit signage is not always correctly displayed. GM stated that he understood that the speed reduction to 60km/hr is to calm traffic speed in the area where traffic controllers are on the ground, and then be returned to 100km/hr between the next

traffic controller on the ground location. GM indicated he would confirm if the speed limit between road closure zones is being returned to 100km/hr.

**Action 5: MTW to confirm if road closures on the eastern side of the mine will move west with mine progression.**

**Action 6: MTW to confirm if the speed limit between road closure zones is being returned to 100km/hr.**

### **Vertebrate Pest Management**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM advised of control programs completed so far and planned for 2024.
- HJ asked if the number of pigs controlled this year is higher compared to previous. GM was unsure on the exact number controlled in 2023.
- IH mentioned that there have been recent sightings of deer. CS and HJ commented that they were also aware of recent deer sightings.

### **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 including 15,000 plants in Northern Biodiversity Area, and about 10,000 plants in the Southern Biodiversity Area.
- SM commented that MTW are turning grassland into forest and questioned if this was a good thing to do. GM advised that it is the approved method for offsetting the disturbance caused by the operation.
- IH asked what species have been planted in the area near the Bulga police station and whether the species mix includes River Red Gums. GM stated that he was unsure but would confirm.

**Action 7: MTW to confirm what species have been planted in the biodiversity area near the Bulga police station.**

### **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 March 2024 to May 2024 were provided. June 2024 MEMR to be provided at a later date.

### **Noise Exceedance Update**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an overview of the noise exceedances recorded at the Inlet Road monitoring location on 1 February 2024, 22 April 2024 and 7 May 2024. On each occasion noise from MTW was within the noise limit, but a low frequency modifying factor of 2dB was applicable on each occasion which caused the noise level to be over the noise limit by 1 or 2 dB. GM indicated that on each occasion DPHI and the

residents representative of the Inlet Road monitoring location were notified. Follow up monitoring was undertaken within 2 weeks of the noise exceedance on each occasion, which were all within noise limits.

- DM asked whether the source of the noise was Mount Thorley or Warkworth. JVB confirmed the noise source for all three exceedances was Warkworth.
- BB asked if the exceedances occurred at night. GM confirmed that all three exceedances were recorded at night.
- BB questioned how MTW are managing low frequency noise. GM explained that MTW use the new processing tool that has been developed to identify low frequency modifying factors in the field. GM added that operations are reduced or shutdown if noise levels above limit are measured.
- DM commented that there were elevated noise readings published on the website for 6 and 8 August 2024. DM advised that he made a complaint on 8 August 2024. Later that night he observed the CRO near his house undertaking noise monitoring however the issue was still not resolved so DM made a further complaint. DM also heard loud noises from the mine on the 11 August 2024 however the noise level measurements published on the MTW do not reflect this. DM questioned what alarm system is used on the noise compass. GM advised that the CRO receives a text message to notify if real time noise reaches amber level which is set to 2 dB below the noise limit. GM explained that the amber level alarm would trigger the CRO to undertake an inspection and noise measurement. GM added that the CRO can take a noise measurement in field and then atmospheric conditions change which affects how noise travels. DM commented that MTW should not be waiting for alarms to be triggered before minimising noise from the operation. GM advised that MTW complete monitoring regardless of if an alarm has been triggered. DM commented that noise from MTW has been better but some nights it is still not good. DM stated that he is frustrated that the noise often comes back not long after making a complaint and the issue being resolved. GM reiterated that noise is affected by atmospheric conditions which are dynamic and cannot be controlled. CS added that there is ongoing proactive work being done to reduce noise including auditing of machinery, equipment reconfigurations to increase sound attenuation equipment, replacement of old equipment and review of maintenance regimes. DM questioned why there are still issues with noise with the technology used today and work being done. CS answered that it is about managing the intensity of equipment being used, which MTW are getting better at doing. HJ commented that a CCC site visit may be worthwhile to see the new equipment and technologies being used. CS suggested scheduling the site visit for next year when the new equipment ordered is delivered to site.
- BB questioned whether MTW are planning to trial electric powered equipment. CS responded that the technology has not yet advanced enough for the class of equipment used at MTW but as soon as it is, MTW are interested in looking at it. BB also asked if activities could be reduced at night if that is when the issue with noise occurs. CS stated that could only be achieved by shutting down nighttime operations as daily relocation of primary mining diggers is not an option with the speed of travel (2 - 3km/hr) for some of the equipment used and they need to have blasted faces, so they cannot be walked shift on shift.

## **Cultural Heritage & Historic Heritage**

### *Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an update on the ongoing works to protect Cultural Heritage Conservation Areas, reconciliation of the site Aboriginal Cultural Heritage database, the Heritage Houses workplan, and MTW-50 PAD investigation. GM also provided the proposed schedule for the next Cultural Heritage Working Group meeting.
- GM provided an update on historical heritage works and proposed schedule for the upcoming Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) meetings.

- SM asked if the Springwood Homestead is located within the Cultural Heritage Conservation Area. GM confirmed that the homestead is located within the conservation area. SM questioned how this will affect future public access. GM stated that access to the homestead will be determined by the future Cultural Heritage group who will manage the land when MTW exit the property. GM added that MTW does not intend to make the land publicly accessible. SM stated that he believed the Springwood Homestead and Red Brick House were going to be made publicly accessible. GM confirmed that the Red Brick House is also on private land and therefore MTW will not be the long-term landowner. GM suggested the matter be discussed further at the CHAG meeting.

## **Management Plans / Reporting**

*Refer to presentation*

- **Annual Reporting**
  - GM stated that the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) advised MTW on 1 August 2024 that the 2023 Annual Review Report generally satisfies the reporting requirements of MTW's development consents.
  - GM advised that the Annual Return for MTO Environment Protection Licence 1976 was submitted to EPA 28 May 2024.

## **8. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

- Nil.

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an update on the contributions made and applications recommended to Council.
- IH commented that it is unclear how the funding for the Bulga Stock Reserve Ecological Restoration works is going to be used. IH stated that he spoke to an Indigenous elder who was displeased that they had not been approached by anyone in regard to the proposal. IH added that there is a land claim ongoing for the land. GM advised that it was agreed by the VPA Community Committee and is a matter for Council. IH stated the project is not a popular decision and it reflects poorly on MTW. GM responded that he has received support for the project from other community members and the VPA Community Committee members, and as such MTW are pleased to support the work.
- GM advised that Council has advised that all committees membership enters caretaker mode and Council will call for expressions of interest for community members to be part of the VPA community committee.
- HJ advised that the minutes from the VPA Community Committee meetings are in the Council business paper and as a councillor, HJ has the ability to put forward questions in those meetings on behalf of any community member. Alternatively community members have the ability to attend the meeting in person and speak to an item.
- BB read an article published by Singleton Council in regard to the refurbishment and upgrade of the Broke Recreation Ground which was funded by the NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund and a Severe Weather and Flood grant.
- SM asked how the portion of VPA funds contributed to Singleton Council have been used, noting that a maximum of \$6.5M will go to the Bulga fund and the remaining \$4.5M will go to Singleton Council. GM stated that he is not aware of how the funds of the Singleton Economic Development Fund are spent

however through the VPA Community Committee, Council have committed to providing more information on this.

### **General Business MTW – Telstra Update**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an update on the new mobile site being built by Telstra in 2024 and asked the committee if anyone was aware of the works. IH stated that he was aware but commented that the works were not going to resolve the issue due to the location of the tower.

### **General Business MTW – Bulga Service Station/Shop Update**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an overview of the underground unleaded fuel storage tank issue at the Bulga Service Station.
- IH asked if there any plans on when the service station will be rebuilt. GM stated that there is no confirmed timeframe at this stage. GM added that they currently have a quantity surveyor developing a cost estimate to complete the work. BB suggested that the service station works could be a better use of the VPA funds. GM advised that the VPA funds could not be used for this purpose as the service station is privately owned.

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

*Refer to presentation*

- GM advised that the program is ongoing and invitation to participate remains open.

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

*Refer to presentation*

- GM advised that the Community Support Program is ongoing and provided an overview of recent projects.

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

- DM questioned whether there were plans to review the MTW Social Impact Plan as it due for review. GM responded that the document is not required under the development consent, rather it is a commitment made by MTW under the EIS and as such it does not need to be reviewed on the same schedule. GM added that the committee members could contact him if they wanted to discuss any particular updates to the plan.
- DM requested that CG convene an extraordinary CCC meeting in the next four to six weeks with the DPHI to address issues related to acquisition rights and the purchasing of properties by Yancoal in the Bulga and surrounding area. DM believes that a fact sheet provided to the CCC committee by a government department a number of years ago was not factual and is not consistent with the MTW development consent. DM stated that the government department suggested that the acquisition rights of the landholders in the development consent held by the previous mine owner would be transferred into the MTW development consent, however this did not occur. GM responded that there are properties listed in the MTW consent that have acquisition rights. GM added that he is aware some landholders received letters from the previous mine owner offering acquisition of property upon request. GM advised that the letter does not hold a legal basis and that discussions were held with landowners when Yancoal acquired MTW to notify residents of this. MTW provided an opportunity for acquisition to those landholders at the time, however the offer had a sunset date and as such the process has now ended. SM stated that he assumed the determination by the PAC would be included in the MTW consent, however this did not



happen. SM agreed that the Department should attend the CCC meeting and be involved in the discussion of this matter. HJ advised that a council representative would not be able to attend the meeting between 14 September and 22 October 2024 as the council will be in caretaker mode during the election period. GM advised that he is unaware of the factsheet that was issued. HJ asked DM for a copy of the factsheet and advised that she would ask for clarification from the Singleton Council General Manager and provide feedback to the CCC committee. Upon review of the factsheet in the meeting, HJ advised that the factsheet was issued by the PAC and suggested that they also be invited to attend the CCC meeting. CG requested that DM provide him with a summary of the issue in writing so that he could approach the required stakeholders to organise a meeting with the committee.

- SM questioned if the MTW Noise Management Plan is working effectively given that the noise levels on 7 May 2024 were able to exceed the trigger level on three occasions. CS explained that noise management in response to an exceedance is a process of elimination, whereby equipment needs to be shut down and progressively restarted to identify the source. GM added that the 7 May 2024 was a building enhancing night which meant that atmospheric conditions changed over the period, so that more action in response to noise was needed as the night progressed. SM commented that unless MTW continue to reduce noise generated, noise levels will continue to increase as operations move towards Bulga. GM responded that a large portion of equipment is still operating in the void which provides a barrier effect but equipment on the dump side will be more effected by the change in topography and will most likely result in higher downtime to meet the noise limits.
- SM asked whether vacant land without a residence was considered in the determination of properties with acquisition rights. GM advised that acquisition rights were determined by the Department not Yancoal. GM was unsure if vacant land without a building entitlement is considered. HJ asked GM to follow up and clarify. GM agreed to investigate further and provide feedback to the committee.
- BB asked MTW to consider donating towards the upcoming Bulga and Broke bicentenary events. CS asked BB to send MTW correspondence with details of the event and scope of what the funding would go towards.
- BB asked MTW to use available workforce communication platforms to notify local residents of the mobile Service NSW Centre which will be available in Broke on 20 August 2024. GM responded that MTW would not be able to distribute the message to all production crews given the short timeframe. GM suggested that BB contact Council to use the digital noticeboard in Bulga.

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## **10. NEXT MEETING**

Next CCC Meeting: Wednesday 13 November 2024 at 2pm

CG thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

**MEETING CLOSED 4:03pm.**

## **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

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Committee (CCC)

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2pm – 4pm

Location:

MTW Boardroom

Independent Chairperson:

Col Gellatly

Minutes:

Atlantech (on behalf of Chair)

Reaching new horizons together



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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.

**7** *Source: Community consultative committee guideline, State significant projects (DPE, June 2023)*

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3	MTW to confirm distance of blasting to public roads remains outside 500m with mine progression towards Bulga.	Confirmed. Road closure is approximately 1km from blast area currently and will progressively move west as the mine advances.

# 4. Business Arising

Action No.	Action	Response/ Update
4	MTW to review timeliness and adequacy of complaint response.	Complete. Reviewed complaints Jan-July 2024. YTD to July 2024 complaints: 73 Call back requested: 33 Average call back time: 16 mins ( <i>Note: call back time not listed on 3 records</i> ) Complaint response details were considered adequate. Complaints register to end of June 2024 published on MTW website. July 2024 will be added by end August.
5	MTW to follow up with DM regarding the boundary line plan previously presented.	Not complete. To be done post this meeting.
6	MTW to follow up with DM on concerns regarding noise monitoring.	Complete. GM contacted DM - could not recall exact issue and it was discussed that the follow might have been with SM. GM followed up with SM on concerns regarding noise monitoring, including applicability of noise limits due to meteorological conditions stated on the consent, Community Response Officer noise management on all nights, real time noise monitors and our response to alarms with a CRO noise measurement to validate the alarm is due to MTW noise, low frequency modifying factor penalty from the Noise Policy for Industry (NPfI) and how that works and that our CRO's are able to check for this in the field. A further catch up to occur on the low frequency modifying factor method in NPfI.

# 4. Business Arising

Action No.	Action	Response/ Update
7	MTW to provide SM with proposed dates for the upcoming CHAG meetings.	Complete.
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.	Independent Environmental Audits of development consent conditions completed in 2023 and 2020 found that the complaints register was included in the Monthly Environmental Monitoring Reports, and this complied with the consent requirements.  The MTW website currently includes 2023, and 2024 complaints register with additional detail after a request in CCC meetings. There is no requirement to do this for historical complaints.
9	MTW to provide SM information on effective weed control methods used at MTW for common weeds in the area.	Complete. Information available at meeting.
10	HJ to submit a request for access signage to the cemetery at the traffic committee meeting scheduled 23 May 2024.	Complete. Details of the locations of the suggested signage was provided to HJ on 22/5/24. HJ advised the Local Traffic Committee approved the request on 30/5/24 and signage would be done in due course.
11	MTW to look into amending the fence on the MTW property in Bulga to improve visibility for road users.	Complete.

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# 5. Correspondence

- 31/05/2024 - MTW CCC Q2 2024 - Draft minutes
- 11/06/2024 - MTW CCC Q2 2024 – Final Minutes endorsed by Chair
- 26/07/2024 - Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue - Winter 2024 Newsletter including how to register to participate in the UHMD Community Forum 29 October 2024
- 2/08/2024 - MTW CCC Q3 2024 - Weds 14 August 2024 2pm – Draft Agenda
- 5/08/2024 - MTW CCC Q3 2024 - Weds 14 August 2024 2pm - Business Papers
- 12/08/2024 – 2023 Annual Review Report - Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) advised that the MTW 2023 Annual Review Report submitted on 28 March 2024 generally satisfies the reporting requirements of MTW’s development consents (SSD-6464, SSD-6465). Link to report published on MTW website provided.

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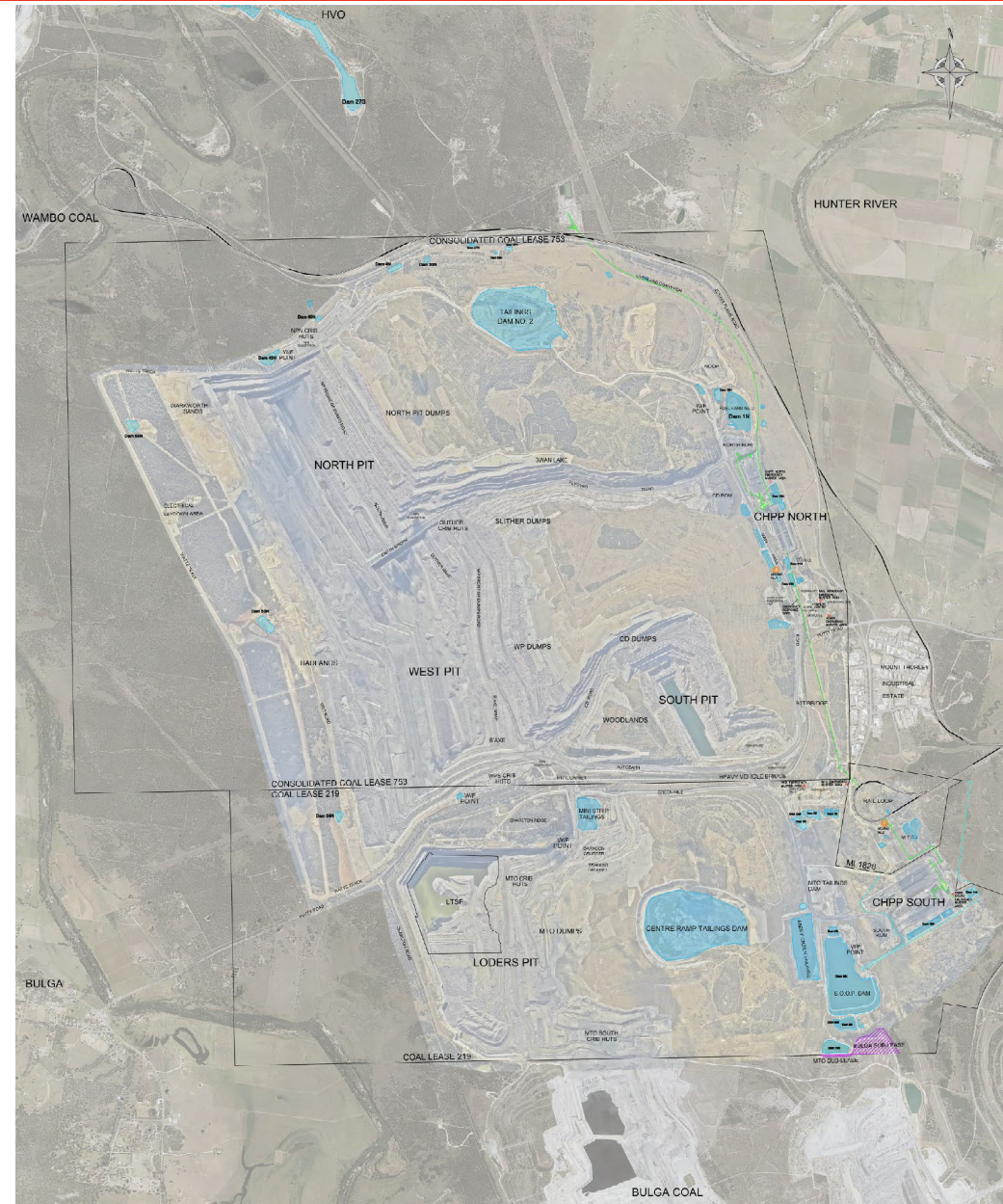


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# MTW Operations

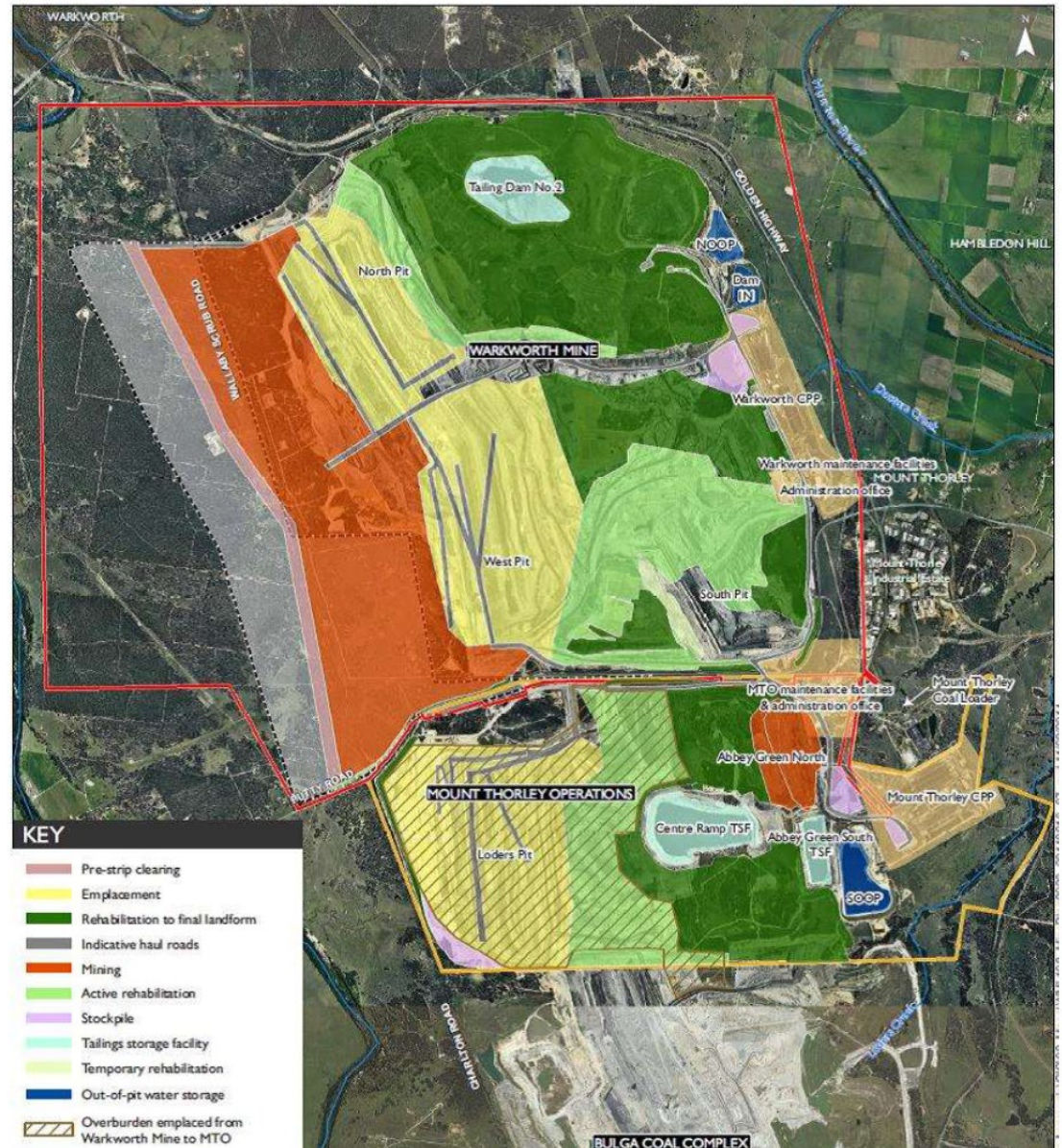
- MTO: Coal production ceased at MTO in early 2021. Load and haul waste will continue to be dumped in the pit from the WML. Opportunity for coal in western highwall benches during backfill operations identified.
- WML: DL103 has been working in the lower passes of North Pit while DL 101 is working in 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 progressed, and will continue with next water management construction. Hydromulch to be applied when ground conditions suitable.



# 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.

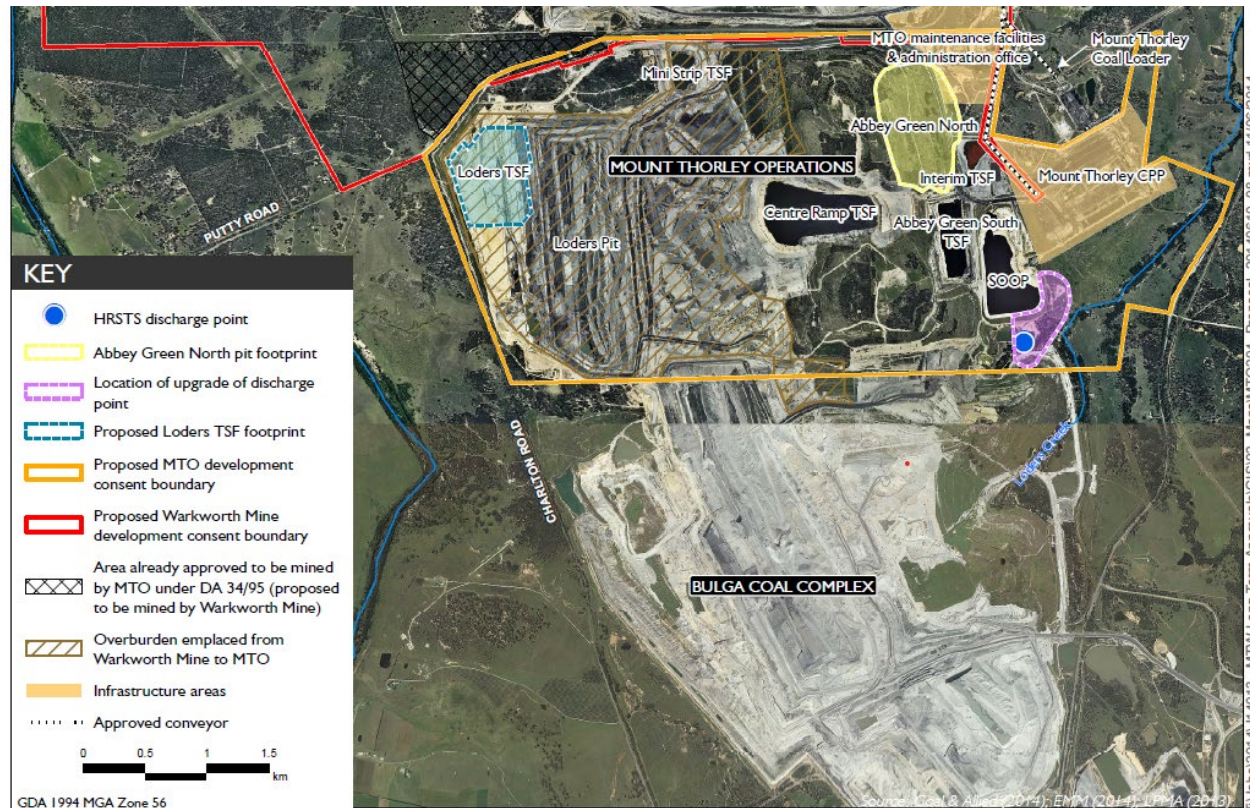
- North Out of Pit (NOOP) Dam main mining excavation completed Q2 2024.
- Pumping infrastructure to progress in 2024 (air photo is 8 May 2024)



# MTW Operations – MTO Discharge Upgrade

The Mount Thorley Continuation Project development consent SSD-6465 approves an upgrade of the HRSTS discharge point up to 300ML/day. This will improve the ability for MTW to manage water inventory.

- MTO discharge upgrade works commencing in August 2024.
- MTO Environment Protection Licence 1976 variation required as part of project prior to use. Consultation with EPA prior to variation has occurred.



The proposal  
Mount Thorley Operations 2014  
Environmental Impact Statement  
Figure 2.4

# Exploration

HVO

Wambo  
Coal

Hunter  
River

Warkworth  
Lease

North Pit

Nth CHPP

West Pit

South Pit

Industrial  
Area

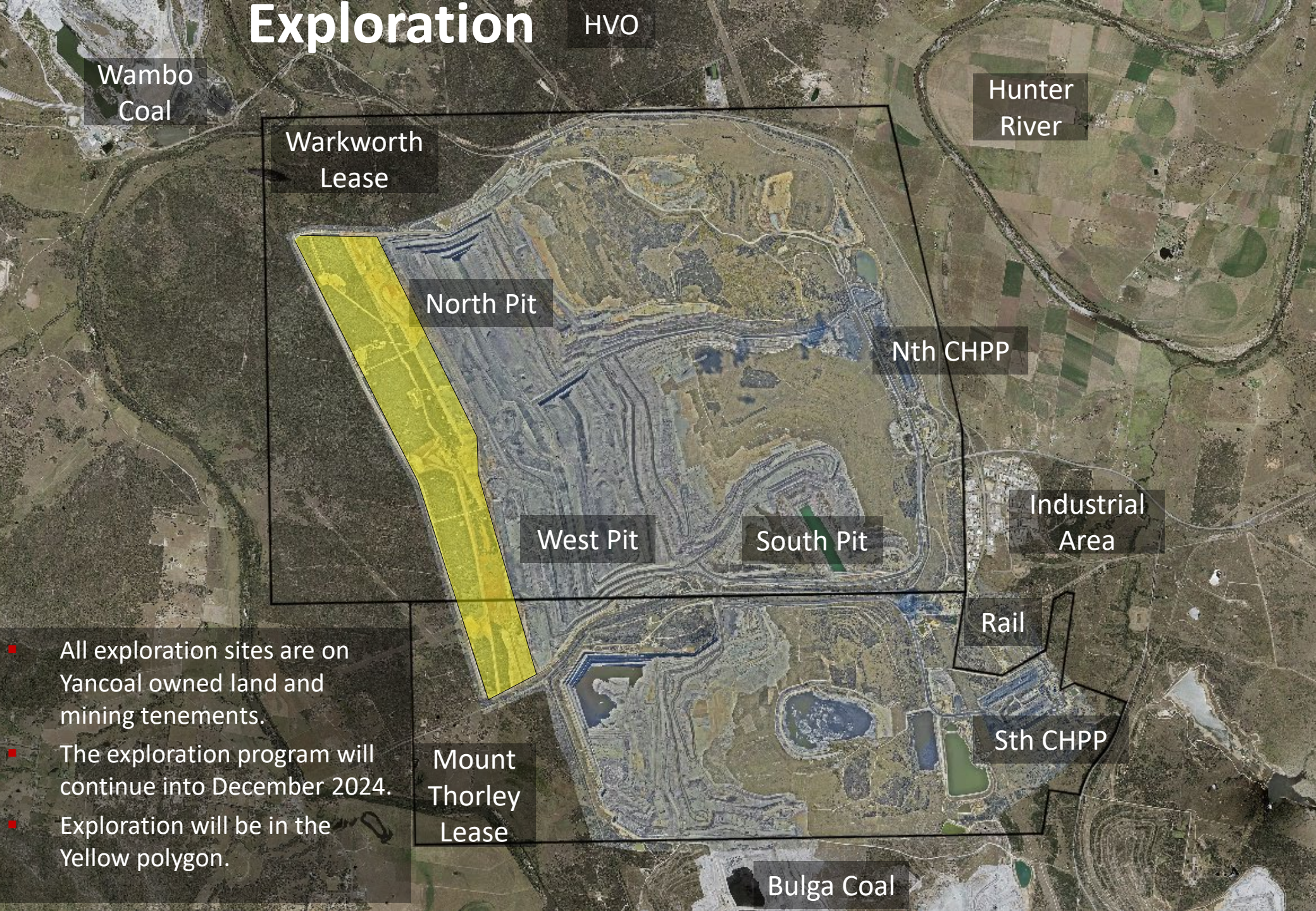
Rail

Sth CHPP

Mount  
Thorley  
Lease

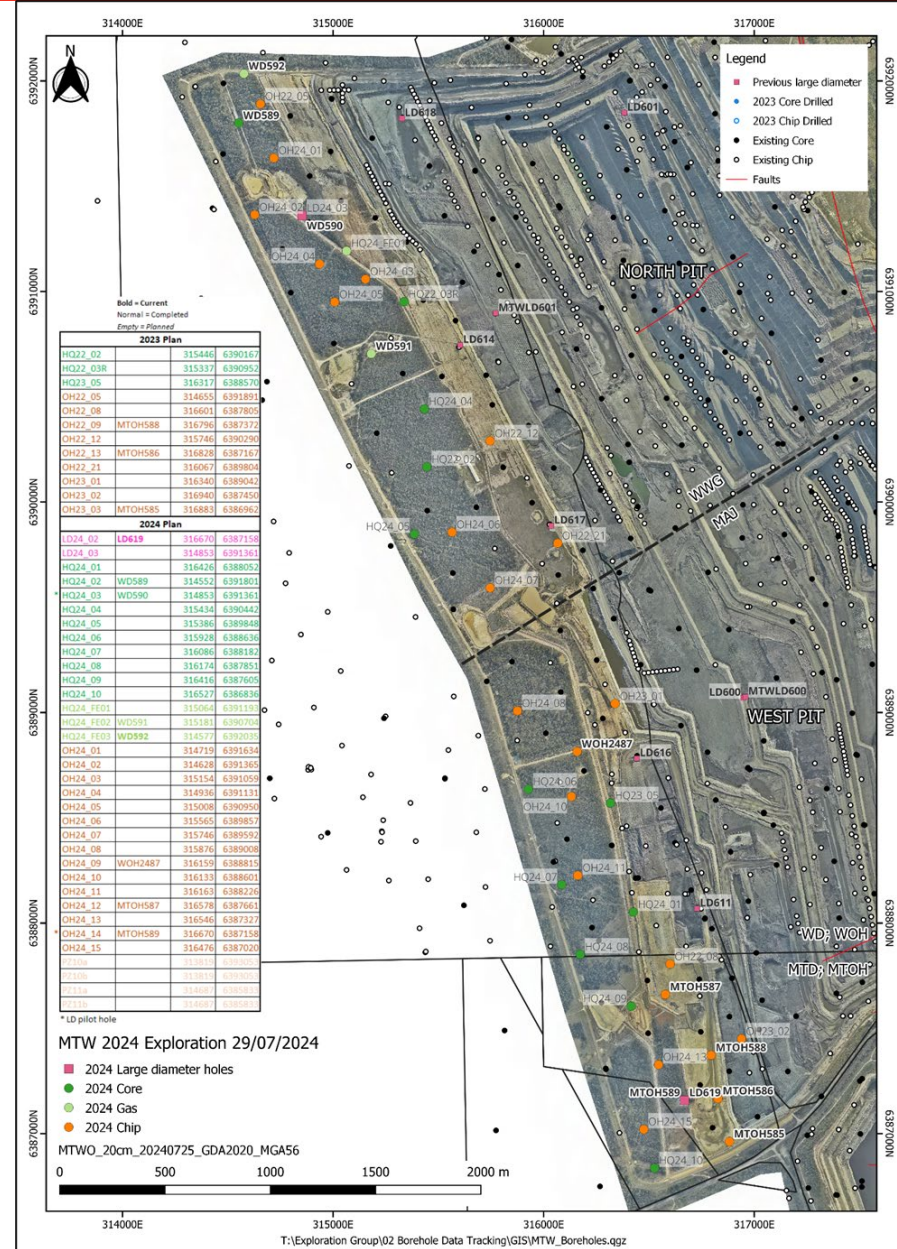
Bulga Coal

- All exploration sites are on Yancoal owned land and mining tenements.
- The exploration program will continue into December 2024.
- Exploration will be in the Yellow polygon.

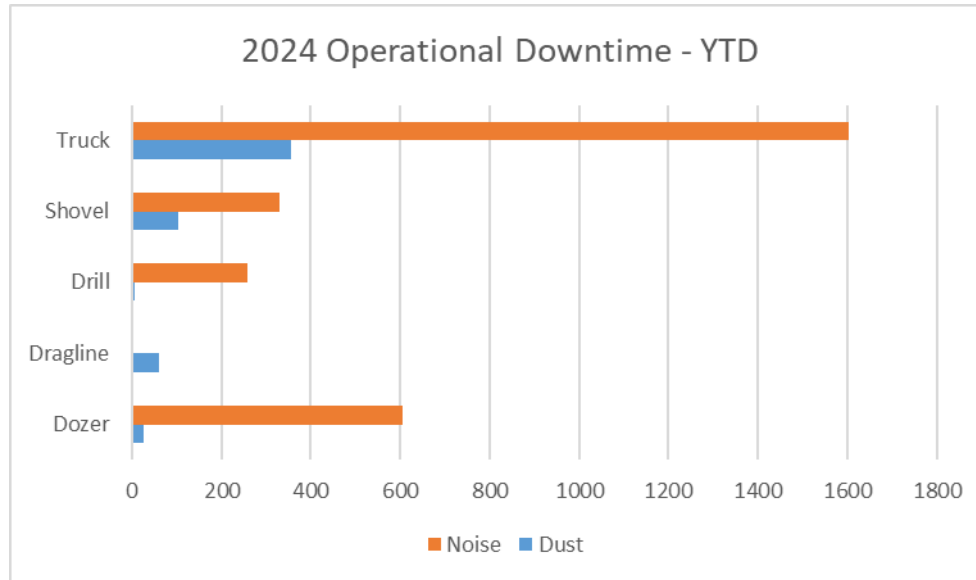


# Exploration

- All exploration sites are on Yancoal owned land and mining tenements.
- The 2024 exploration program has completed or in progress of:
  - 1 of 2 x Large diameter cored holes
  - 4 of 16 x HQ cored holes (3 for gas testing)
  - 6 of 28 x open holes
- There are two drill rigs and associated staff and equipment to facilitate this exploration program.
- The program is schedule to conclude in December 2024.
- No drilling is anticipated to occur in sub surface leases EL7712 and EL8824.



# MTW Operations



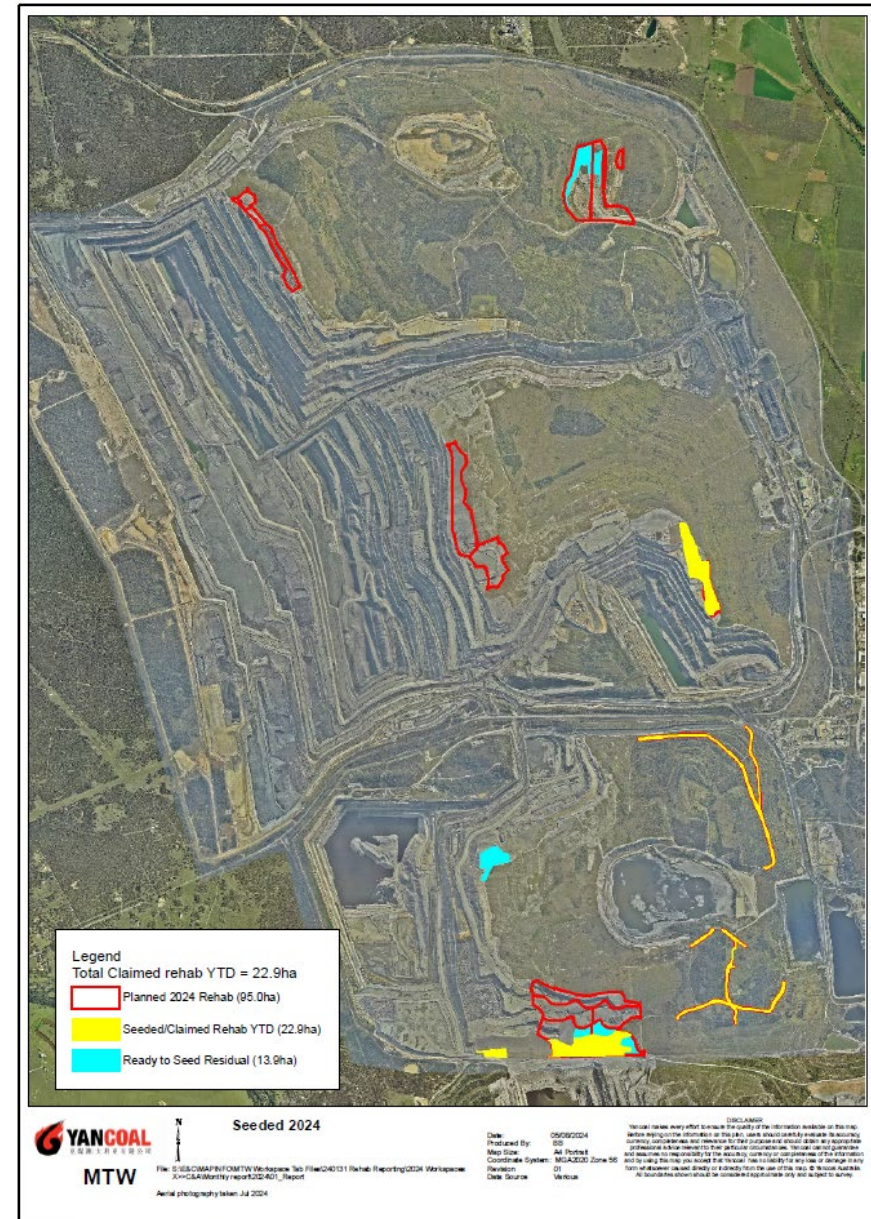
MTW CRO Noise Monitoring YTD			
	# CRO Assessments	# Individual assessment above trigger	# Nights above with assessment above trigger
2024 (YTD)	4509	114	54
2023	7293	143	66
2022	7226	106	59
2021	7043	106	46

# MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

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

Progress to end July 2024:

- 90.8ha of dump released for rehab; and 55.4ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped.
- 22.9ha of seeding has been completed YTD
- And a further 13.9ha spread with topsoil/ameliorants and ready to be seeded





# MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

Disturbance forecast for  
2024 – 68.3Ha

Progress to end of July  
2024:

- Disturbed = 39.2 ha



# MTW Vertebrate Pest Management

## 2024 programs undertaken YTD:

- 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.
- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Autumn; 81 dog takes and 21 fox takes at MTW and Local BA's and 41 dog takes and 76 fox takes at MTW's regional BA's.
- MTW and local offset pig control program in July; 83 pigs controlled
- Noisy Miner programs at the Goulburn River and Bowditch Biodiversity Areas; numbers pending reports

## The following 2024 programs have been scheduled:

- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Spring
- Thermal ground shoot at the Goulburn River Biodiversity Area
- Additional programs as required

The 2024 vertebrate pest programs have/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.



Pig trap at MTO Rehab



Pig free feed site at SBA5

# MTW and Local BA Weed Management

## Weeds targeted in MTW operational and local Biodiversity Areas in Q2 2024 included:

- African Box Thorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*)
- African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*)
- Balloon Vine (*Cardiospermum grandiflorum*)
- Bitou Bush (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*)
- Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
- Blue Heliotrope (*Heliotropium amplexicaule*)
- Castor Oil Plant (*Ricinus communis*)
- Coolatai Grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*)
- Couch Grass (*Elymus repens*)
- Creeping Pear (*Opuntia humifusa*)
- Farmers Friend (*Bidens pilosa*)
- Fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*)
- Galenia (*Galenia pubescens*)
- Green Cestrum (*Cestrum parqui*)
- Juncas (*Juncus acutus*)
- Lantana (*Lantana camara*)
- Mother of Millions (*Bryophyllum delagoense*)
- Moth Vine (*Araujia sericifera*)
- Narrow Leaf Cotton Bush (*Gomphocarpus fruticosus*)
- Noogoora Burr (*Xanthium spinosum*)
- Rhodes Grass (*Chloris gayana*)
- Saligna (*Acacia saligna*)
- Silverleaf Nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*)
- Stinking Roger (*Tangetes minuta*)
- Telegraph Weed (*Heterotheca* sp.)



Cut and paint Black Locust, SBA3



Low volume spraying African Lovegrass, SBA5



High volume spraying Lantana, SBA3

# MTW and Local BA Weed Management Cont.



Lantana controlled (sprayed), South CHPP



Bitou bush treated (via Quikspray), TD2



Castor oil plant treated (via Quikspray), South CHPP

# Regional BA Weed Management

## Weeds targeted in MTW Regional Biodiversity Areas in Q2 2024 included:

- African Box Thorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*)
- African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*)
- Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*)
- Cadaghi (*Corymbia torelliana*)
- Castor Oil (*Ricinus communis*)
- Creeping Pear (*Opuntia humifusa*)
- Grevillea (*Grevillea robusta*)
- Lantana (*Lantana camara*)
- Narrow Leaf Cotton Bush (*Gomphocarpus fruticosus*)
- Prickly Pear (*Opuntia stricta*)
- Queensland Silver Wattle (*Acacia podalyrifolia*)
- Robinia (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
- Sticky Nightshade (*Solanum sisymbriifolium*)
- Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus latissimus*)
- Whiskey Grass (*Andropogon virginicus*)
- Willows (*Salix sp.*)
- Yucca (*Yucca aloifolia*)



Spot spraying African Boxthorn, Bowditch BA



Tree of Heaven after basal barking, GRBA



Dead Willow after basal barking, GRBA

# Southern and Northern BA Autumn Plantings



Completed planting NBA (15,100 total), eastern full sand cover area



Completed planting NBA, southern planting sand strip area



28 Completed planting SBA5 (6200 total), in planting strips



Completed plantings SBA3 (4000 total), old quarry full sand cover area

# 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 March 2024, April 2024, May 2024
- Appendix D – June 2024 MEMR to be provided at a later date.

# MTW Operations – Noise Exceedance Update

- Noise exceedances were recorded at Inlet Road location on 1 Feb 2024 (1dB), 22 April 2024 (1dB) and 7 May 2024 (2dB) – (see Business Paper and MEMRs)
  - On each occasion measured noise levels from MTW was within noise limits of the consent, but a low frequency modifying factor identified by noise consultant as being applicable, causing exceedance of noise limits.
  - DPHI and Residents were notified of the exceedance, and the result of follow up monitoring (completed within 2 weeks), which complied with noise limits.
- Issue - whilst MTW's existing hand held monitors (used by Community Response Officers) have been successful in managing total noise over many years, they could not identify low frequency noise modifying factor that the specialist noise consultant needs to assess for compliance.
- MTW has purchased new handheld monitors, and developed post processing tool (on tablet) to enable identification of LF modifying factor in the field. Development occurred over 2023 and was completed in 2024.
- DPHI completed an investigation of the noise exceedances, and has been kept updated on progress with noise monitoring tool development, however issued MTW a warning letter in July 2024 in relation to the noise exceedances.





# MTW Operations – Noise Monitoring Upgrade

## Noise Equipment purchased by MTW:

- Rion NL-42 with one-third octave statistics capability
- Tablet with App developed by noise consultant EMM in 2023/2024 directly connectable with Rion NL-42, and capable of in field post processing of the monitoring file directly from Rion NL-42 to identify low frequency modifying factor in accordance with the EPA's Noise Policy for Industry.

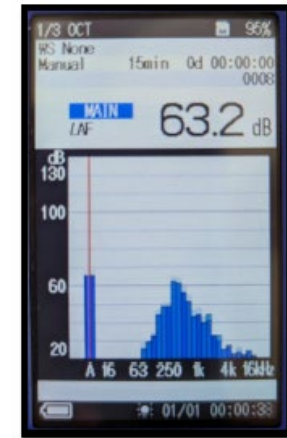


Figure 18 The measurement screen of the Rion NL-42

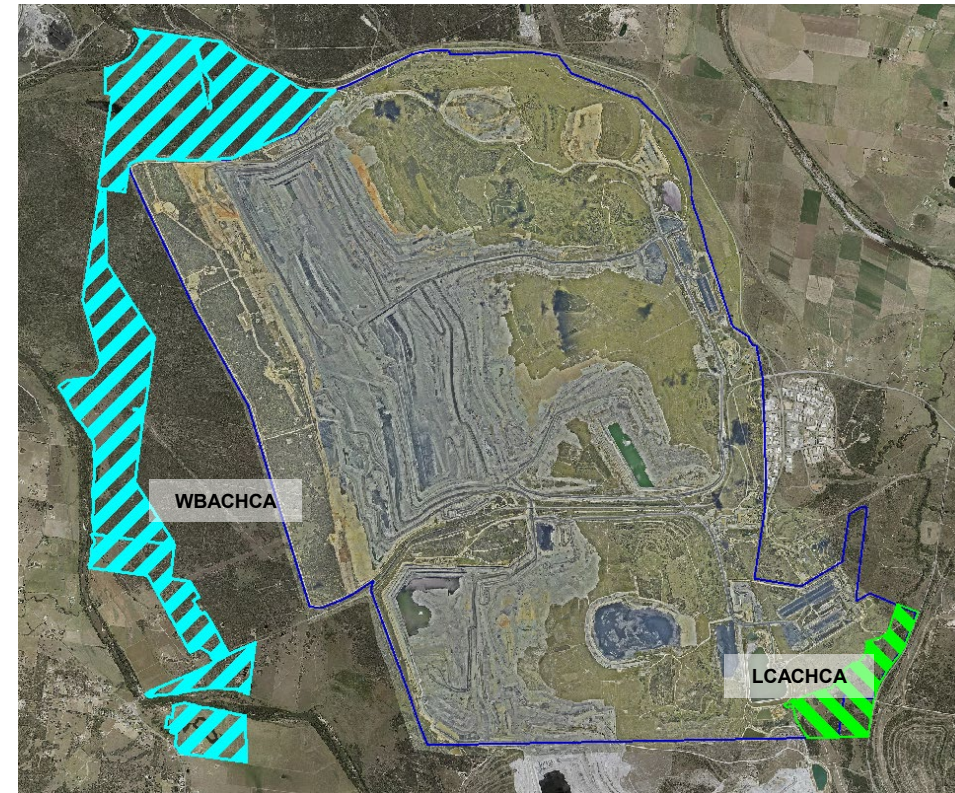
## Implementation:

- Training of MTW personnel on new equipment and process was completed by end May 2024 (All CRO crews completed).
- Implementation of the new tool commenced May 2024.
- LF Penalty has been identified on many shifts, but not all the time.
- Operational modifications managed to maintain noise compliance including any LF modifying factor identified with the new monitoring tools.



# Heritage Update

- Cultural Heritage Conservation Areas
  - Work ongoing to resolve instrument for Protection in Perpetuity
  - Completion anticipated late-2024
- Reconciliation of site ACH database against NSW Heritage AHIMS completed
- Heritage Houses workplan progressing (further details follow)
- MTW-50 PAD Investigation during Spring
- Cultural Heritage Working Group (CHWG) meeting to occur Sept/Oct
- Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) meeting to occur Sept/Oct



MTW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Areas

# Historic Heritage

- **Springwood** initial stabilisation completed
  - Building propped
  - Chimney braced & shrouded
  - Roof debris removed
- Tree removal to occur following access upgrade



# Historic Heritage

- **Springwood** initial stabilisation completed
- Access upgrade on-hold until soft ground conditions improve (during Spring)
- Access improvements will enable heavy vehicle access for tree removal and subsequent works.
  
- **RAAF Cook House** access track works also delayed due to soft ground conditions.
- Initial works to be scheduled once accessible.
  
- Routine maintenance has continued at each site.

# Heritage Houses schedule tracking

UPDATED: 13/8/24		Mth / Qtr	24Q2			24Q3		24Q4			25Q1		25Q2					
2024/2025	Status	Comment	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
<b>Heritage</b>																		
<b>Springwood Homestead</b>																		
<i>Current objective: stabilise building</i>																		
Structural Engineering Inspection	Complete	Completed April	■	■														
Initial prop & tie of walls	Complete	Completed August			■													
Access upgrade (MR truck access)	On Hold	Delayed by wet ground cond.				■	■	■										
Tree removal	Not Started							■	■	■								
Structural stabilisation works (per Blich 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 April	■	■														
Access upgrade (MR truck access)	On Hold	Delayed by wet ground cond.			■	■	■			■								
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 April	■	■														
Scope roofing & gutter repairs	Not started						■	■										
Roof & gutter repairs	Not started								■	■	■							
Scope follow on works (incl. brick repointing)	Not started												■	■	■	■		

Today

# Future meetings

- Indicative meeting cycle

Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Community</b>												
CCC		X			X			X			X	
<b>Historic Heritage</b>												
CHAG				X						X		
Heritage Inspection										X		
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>												
PMIG		X			X			X			X	
CHWG			X						X			
ACH Inspection									X			

# Management Plans / Reporting

## Annual Reporting

- 2023 Annual Review Report submitted to DPE 28/03/2024 - Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) advised on 1 August 2024 that the Annual Review Report generally satisfies the reporting requirements of MTW's development consents (SSD-6464, SSD-6465). This is now published on the MTW website.
- Annual Return for MTO Environment Protection Licence 1976 was submitted to EPA 28 May 2024.

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# General Business - Community update

## MTW Voluntary Planning Agreement - Update

- After the January 2024 payment, MTW has contributed \$8.5M (of \$11M total).
- MTW VPA Community Committee meetings held on 23 May 2024 and 1 August 2024. Of six applications - Four applications recommended not to be approved. Two applications recommended by committee to Council to be approved:
  - Bulga tennis court / multi use court refurbishment \$350k
  - Bulga Stock Reserve Ecological Restoration works (over 5 years \$500k).
  - Council has final decision for all applications.
- At the August 2024 meeting, Singleton Council Mayor Sue Moore reminded the committee at the commencement of upcoming election caretaker period all membership positions will become vacant. All committee members are required to reapply for positions back on the committee when expressions of interest are open. Other community members can also apply to express interest to be involved.
- 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>

# General Business - Community update

## Telstra Update

- Upon enquiry in June 2024, our Telstra contact advised in they currently have a small cell providing coverage to the main community at Bulga, the “L18 omni site” - Community is aware of this.
- There is a new mobile site being built by Telstra as part of the Federal Governments *Regional Connectivity Program Round 2* and is expected to be completed in Q4 2024. The location is shown as the site marked “not live” on the air photo (this is a planned site that is not yet built).



Round 2 Regional Connectivity Program—All other projects

Applicant	Project name	Technology type	Location	State	Project description	Grant amount (GST inclusive)
Ace Internet Services Pty Ltd	Southern Highlands Network Upgrade – Bullio	Fixed Wireless Broadband	Bullio	NSW	The project will upgrade the fixed wireless network in the Bullio area of the Southern Highlands, maximising the existing network and ensuring greater reliability and capacity.	\$26,000
Ace Internet Services Pty Ltd	Southern Highlands Network Upgrade – Tuggalong Road	Fixed Wireless Broadband	Canyonleigh	NSW	The project will upgrade the fixed wireless network and its corresponding backhaul along Tuggalong Road in the Canyonleigh area of the Southern Highlands, maximising the existing network and ensuring greater reliability and capacity.	\$58,000
Pivotal Mobile Pty Ltd	Dubbo – Digital Connectivity Network	Mobile Voice & Data	Dubbo	NSW	The project will build a 4G ecoSphere network, as well as a mmWave Fixed Wireless Access network in the north-west of Dubbo, providing coverage to the regional towns of Rawsonville, Dickygundi, Minore and Terramungamine.	\$436,300
Telstra	Silver City Highway	Mobile Voice & Data	Anabranch, Wentworth	NSW	The project will deploy three new Telstra macro mobile sites, providing new and improved handheld coverage along the Silver City Highway in the Anabranch and Wentworth areas.	\$2,938,425
Telstra	Boggabilla	Mobile Voice & Data	Boggabilla	NSW	The project will deploy one new Telstra small cell mobile site, providing improved handheld coverage to the Boggabilla area.	\$72,600
Telstra	Bulga	Mobile Voice & Data	Bulga	NSW	The project will deploy a new Telstra macro cell mobile site, providing improved connectivity to the Bulga area.	\$622,125
Telstra	Henty Field Days	Mobile Voice & Data	Henty	NSW	The project will deploy one new Telstra macro cell mobile site, providing improved handheld coverage to site of the Henty Machinery Field Days and surrounding areas.	\$651,000
Telstra	Burrendong Way	Mobile Voice & Data	Mullion Creek, Euchareena	NSW	The project will deploy two new Telstra macro mobile sites and one new Telstra small cell site to provide new and improved handheld coverage along sections of Burrendong Way, as well as dedicated coverage for Mullion Creek.	\$1,636,950
Telstra	Nanima Village	Mobile Voice & Data	Nanima Village	NSW	The project will deploy a new Telstra small cell mobile site, providing improved handheld coverage to Nanima Village, an Aboriginal community in the Western Plains Regional area of NSW.	\$58,875
Telstra	Princes Highway – Ulladulla to Batemans Bay	Mobile Voice & Data	Termeil, Cullendulla	NSW	The project will deploy two new Telstra macro mobile sites, one in Termeil and one in Cullendulla, providing improved coverage to sections of the Princes Highway between Ulladulla and Batemans Bay.	\$1,436,400
Telstra	Quaama	Mobile Voice & Data	Quaama	NSW	The project will deploy one new Telstra small cell mobile site, providing improved handheld coverage to the Quaama town and surrounding area.	\$85,725

A web search found links to the funding:

- <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/internet/regional-connectivity-program>
- <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/department/media/publications/round-2-regional-connectivity-program-funded-projects>

# General Business - Community update

## **Bulga Service Station/Shop update**

- Unfortunately, in May 2024, a specialist tank integrity test on the Bulga Service Station's unleaded fuel infrastructure found the underground unleaded fuel storage tank was unfit to operate and needed to be decommissioned. Recommended decommissioning works were completed. Due to the location of the existing underground storage tank beneath the bottle shop, the tank cannot be simply replaced.
- In consultation with the current licensee, it was proposed that the Bulga Shop and Service Station continue to operate. While diesel fuel and other services have still been offered, the sale of unleaded fuel needed to end in the near term. Whilst we can offer no guarantee, we have been investigating alternate temporary unleaded fuel storage solutions, with the aim of reestablishing unleaded fuel services whilst renovation or redevelopment options progress.

## **Amenity Resource**

- Amenity works recognising air quality contribution by MTW.
  - Invitation to participate remains open. Year to August 2024 works have included:
    - 5 tanks cleaned
    - 3 new filtered water tap installed
    - Water deliveries offsetting usage in cleaning
    - Spare & replacement filter supplies
    - Works undertaken across 5 residences
  - Program remains ongoing. Please direct enquiries to MTW.

# General Business - Community update

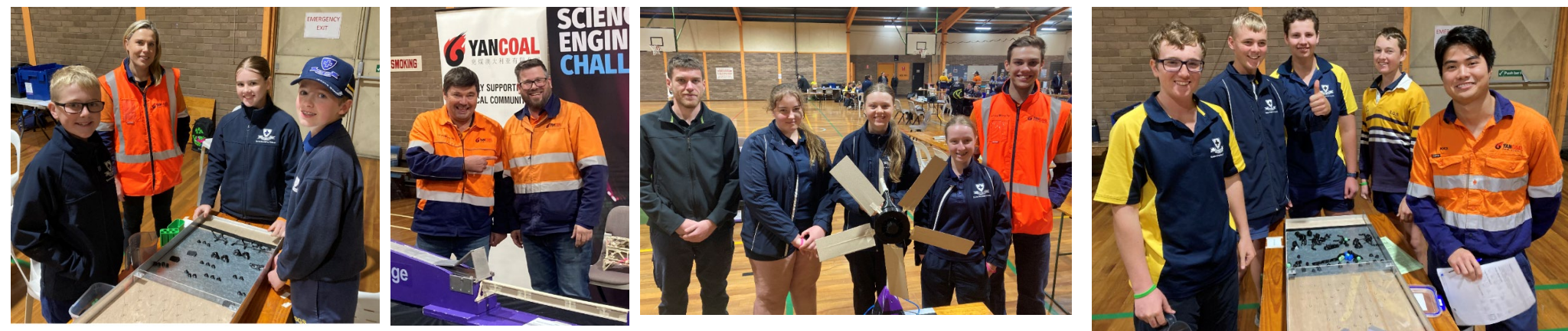
## Community Support Program

The Community Support Program has continued. 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
Ridin 4 Mates - MHF	Ridin 4 Mates - MHF	\$ 2,000.00
Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter	Singleton Art Prize 2024	\$ 10,000.00
Samaritans Foundation - Diocese of Newcastle	Christmas Lunch in Singleton 2024	\$ 4,000.00
Singleton Council	Christmas on John Street 2024 - Fireworks	\$ 7,270.00
Singleton Council	Singleton Public Library-School Holidays 2024	\$ 3,675.00
Singleton Fire Brigade Social Club	Santa's Lolly Run 2024	\$ 500.00
Singleton Golf Club - Ladies Sub Committee	Ladies Golf Open Day 2024	\$ 500.00
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>



# Yancoal Upper Hunter Science and Engineering Challenge 2024



The Yancoal Upper Hunter Science and Engineering Challenge 25-27 June 2024, was another big success!!

An excellent long term partnership with University of Newcastle, and local organiser Muswellbrook Rotary Club to offer STEM activities to all primary and high schools in the Upper Hunter.

# General Business

**General Business – other?**



# Agenda

1. Welcome (Col)
2. Apologies (Col)
3. Declaration of pecuniary interests / conflicts of interest / Conflict of Interest Forms / Code of Conduct Forms (Col)
4. Business Arising (Col)
5. Correspondence (Col)
6. Confirmation of the previous meeting's minutes (Col)
7. Proponent reports and overview of activities
  - Progress of the project, environmental monitoring and performance, community complaints
8. Other agenda items
9. General business
10. Next meeting

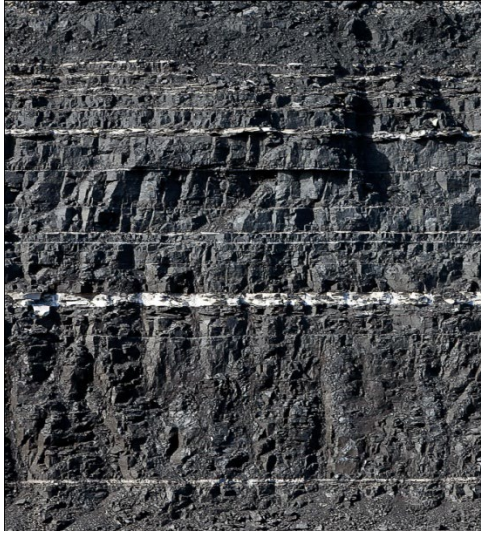
# Future Dates

## **Next Meeting Date**

**Date:** Wednesday - 13 November 2024

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

**Location:** Boardroom, North Warkworth Building



# Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

BUSINESS PAPERS August 2024

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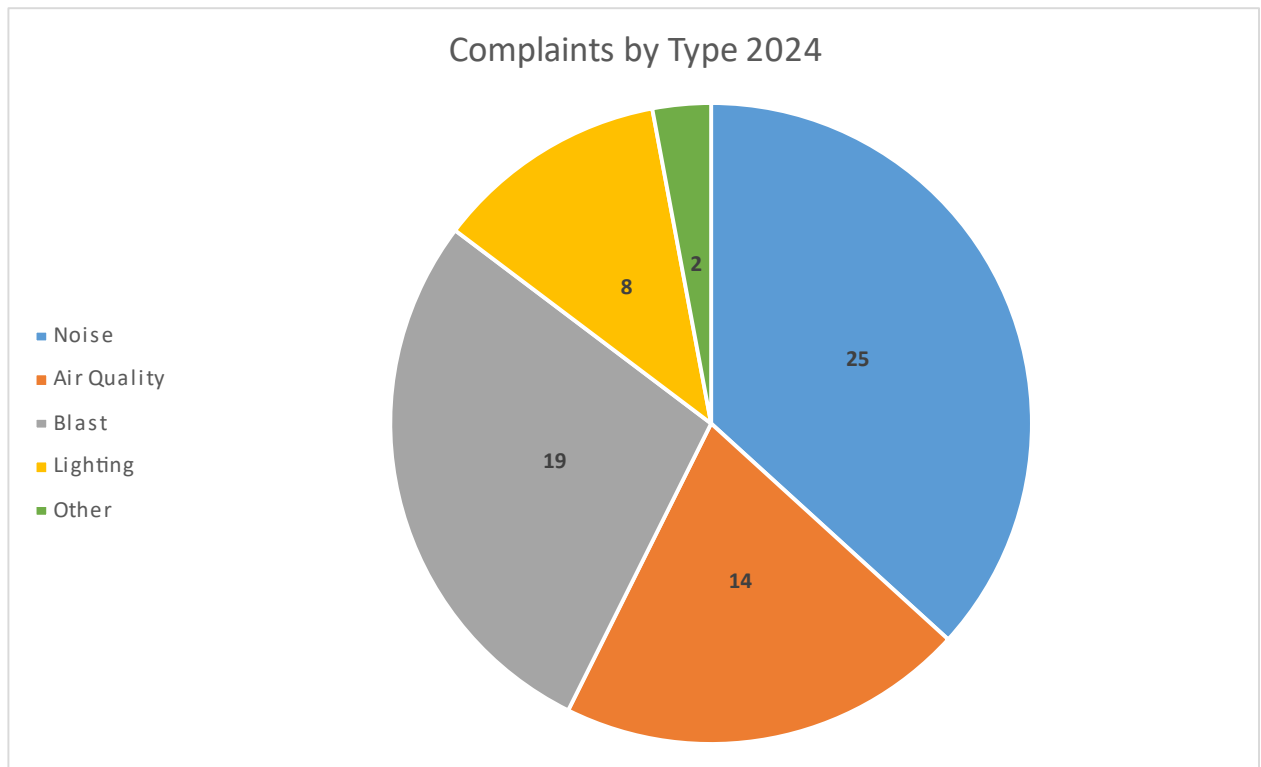
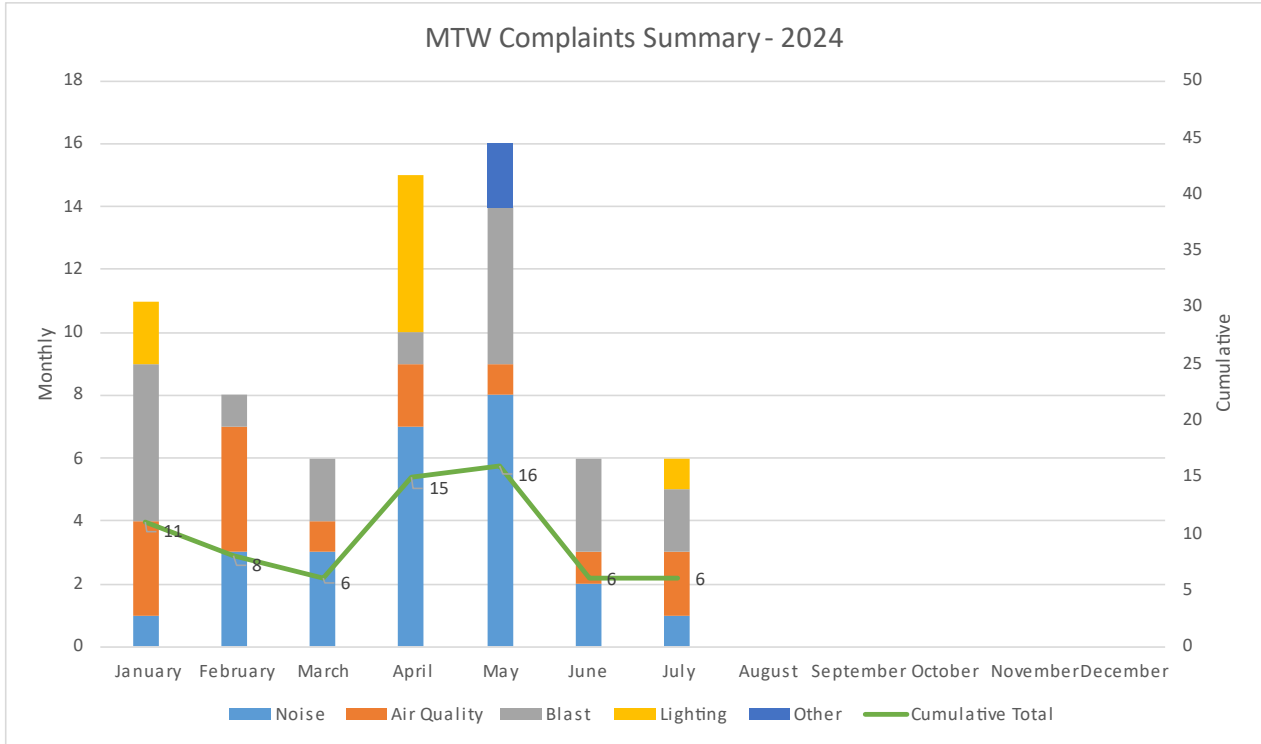
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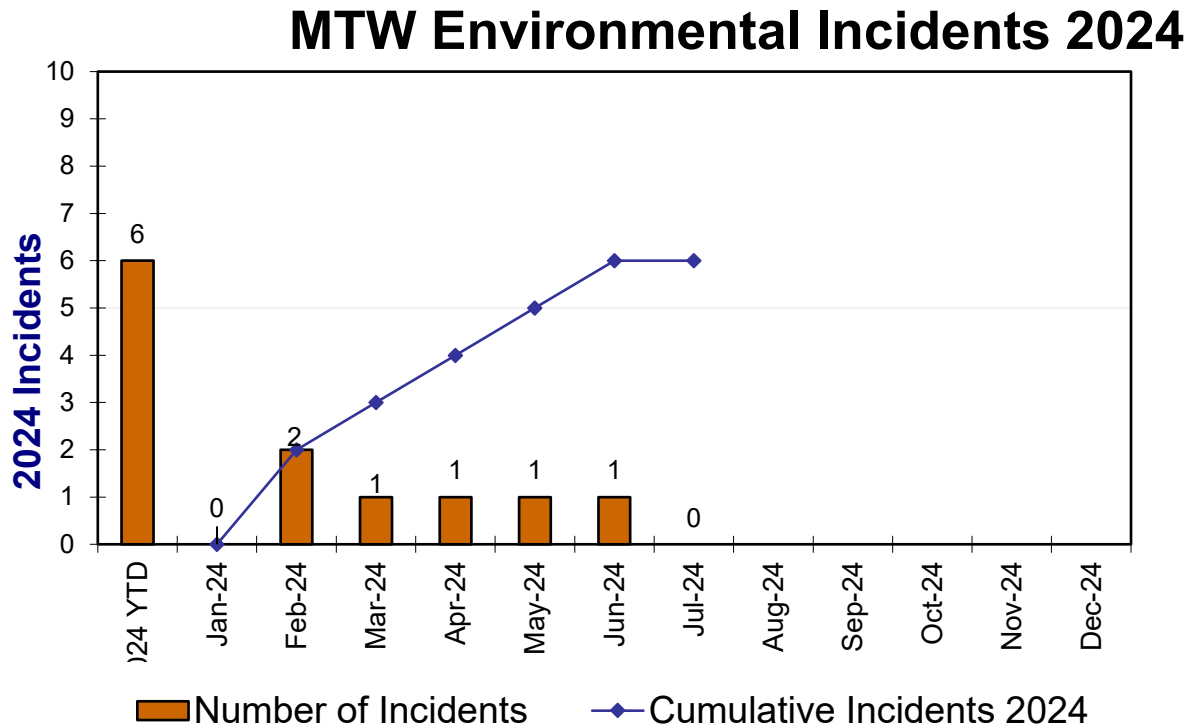
# 1 COMPLAINTS

Complaints overview for period – 1 January 2024 to 31 July 2024



## 2 INCIDENTS

Environmental incidents overview for period – 1 January 2024 to 31 July 2024



### Incident Summary for the period 1 May 2024 to 31 July 2024

Date	Details	Key Actions	Aspect
7/05/2024	During attended noise monitoring there was an exceedance measured at the Inlet Road monitoring location on the 7/05/2024.	DPHI and residents notified of noise exceedance. Follow up monitoring on 14/05/24 was within noise limits. DPHI and residents notified of return to limits. Written report submitted to DPHI on 15/05/24.	Noise
20/06/2024	Blast Overpressure Exceedance at Abbey Green blast monitor and Putty Rd MTIE blast monitor.	DPHI and EPA notified of potential exceedance. Investigation as to cause undertaken via Drill & Blast team. Written report submitted to DPHI and EPA on 27/06/2024.	Blast

### 3 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

#### Monthly summaries of environmental monitoring:

- **March 2024** - Attached as **Appendix A** (included as not provided subsequent to May 2024 CCC Meeting)
- **April 2024** - Attached as **Appendix B**
- **May 2024** - Attached as **Appendix C**
- **June 2024** – **Appendix D** (to be provided at a later date)

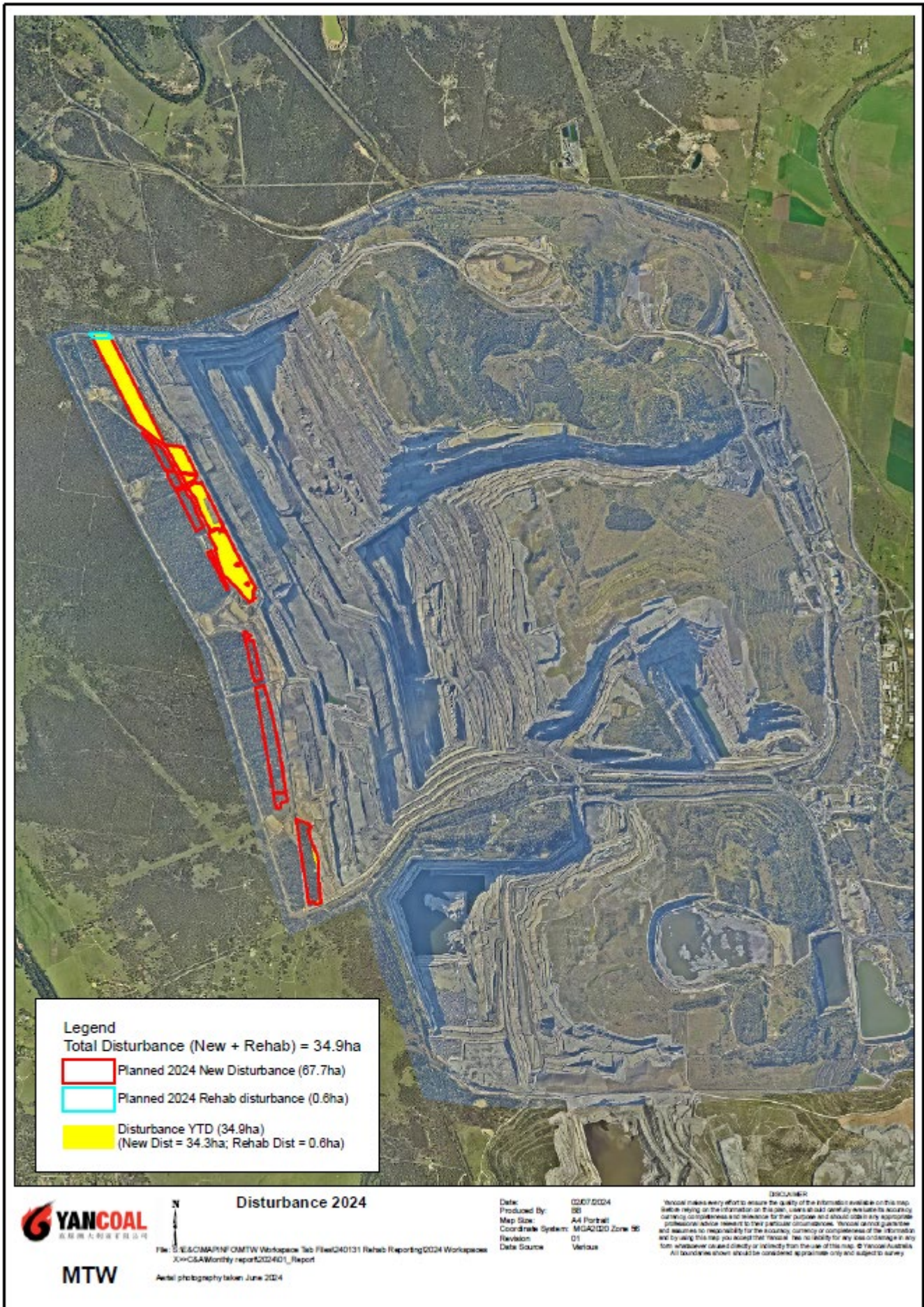
#### **4 REHABILITATION PLAN**

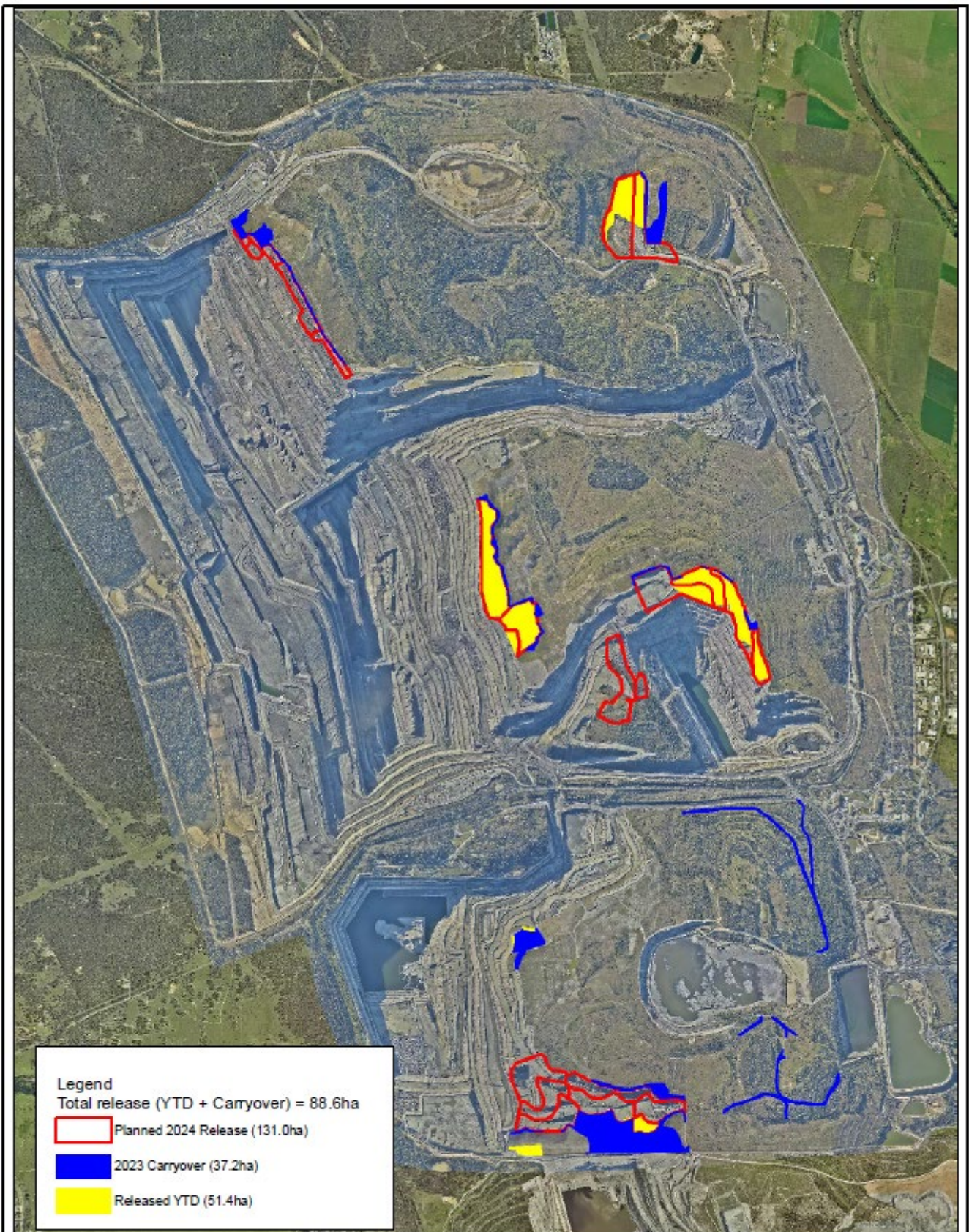
The rehabilitation planned for 2024 is 95ha which is consistent with the Rehabilitation Management Plan target for 2024 (94.4ha). The planned total disturbance is 68.3ha.

The rehabilitation and disturbance progress to the end of June 2024 are presented in the maps below. There is currently 88.7ha of dump released for rehab; and 47.4ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped. Topsoil has been spread on 28.2ha and is awaiting soil ameliorants to be applied to be ready for seeding.

To the end of June 2024, 34.9ha of land has been disturbed to allow for mine progression in North and West Pits in Warkworth.







**Legend**  
 Total release (YTD + Carryover) = 88.6ha

- Planned 2024 Release (131.0ha)
- 2023 Carryover (37.2ha)
- Released YTD (51.4ha)



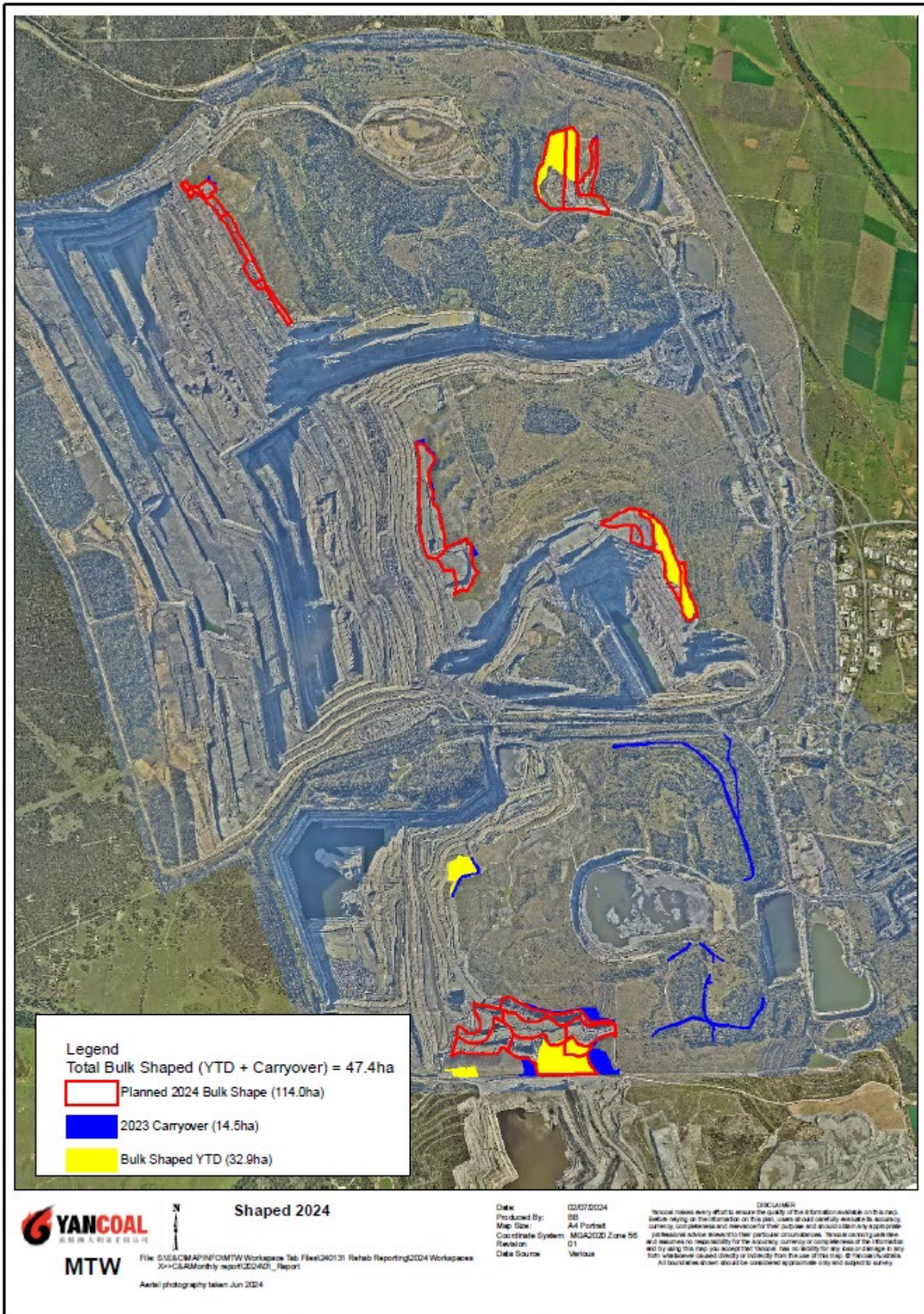
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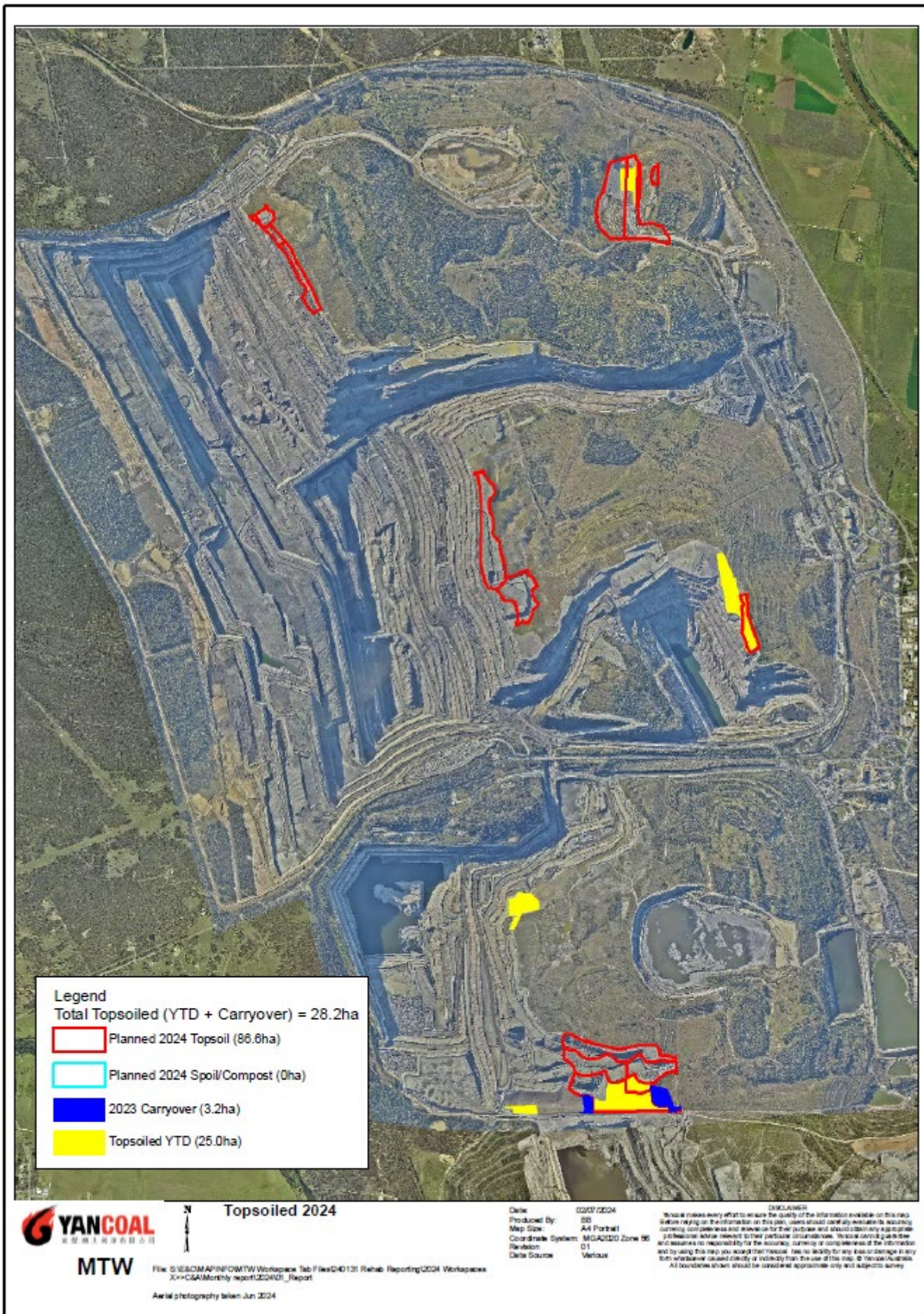
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**Legend**  
 Total Composted YTD (no Carryover 2023) = 6.8ha  
 Planned 2024 Composted Plan (53.8ha)  
 Composted YTD (6.8ha)



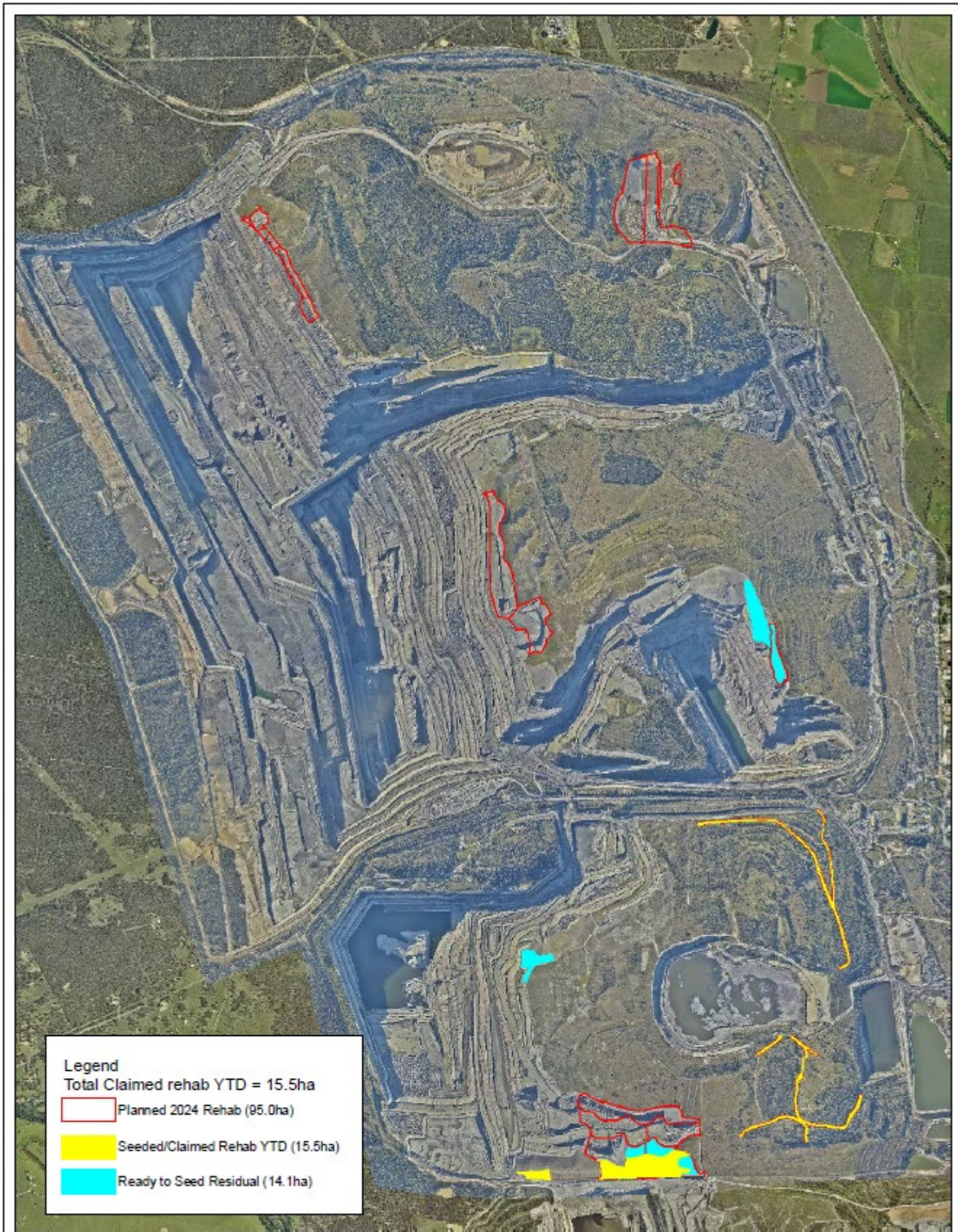
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**MTW**



**Legend**  
 Total Claimed rehab YTD = 15.5ha

- Planned 2024 Rehab (85.0ha)
- Seeded/Claimed Rehab YTD (15.5ha)
- Ready to Seed Residual (14.1ha)



**Seeded 2024**

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### Website Uploads

The table below is a list of all new documents uploaded to the MTW's website from 1 May 2024 to 31 July 2024. Please refer to MTW's new website: <https://www.mtwcoal.com.au/>

Document Title	Upload
EPBC 2002/629 and EPBC 2009/5081 Annual Compliance Report - 1 Feb 2023 to 31 Jan 2024	3/05/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environmental Monitoring Report December 2023	17/05/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environmental Monitoring Report January 2024	17/05/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environmental Monitoring Report February 2024	17/05/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environment Protection Licence 1376 1976 Monitoring Data April 2024	31/05/2024
Complaints register 2024 (to April)	7/06/2024
MTW Community Consultative Committee - May 2024 - Minutes, Presentation & Business Papers	12/06/2024
Complaints register 2024 (to May)	27/06/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environment Protection Licence 1376 1976 Monitoring Data May 2024	1/07/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environment Protection Licence 1376 1976 Monitoring Data June 2024	30/07/2024
Complaints register 2024 (to June)	30/07/2024

## 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.

Organisation	Project
Branxton Golf Club	Zero turn mower
Business Singleton	Business Awards and International Womens Day Luncheon
Jerrys Plains School of Arts Hall Inc	Stage Curtains
Miller Park Bowling Club	Acquiring, Replenishing and Rebuilding equipment
Northern Agriculture Association Inc	Singleton Show and Campdraft 2024
Ridin 4 Mates - MHF	Ridin 4 Mates – Mark Hughes Foundation fundraiser
Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter	Singleton Art Prize 2024
Samaritans Foundation - Diocese of Newcastle	Christmas Lunch in Singleton 2024
Singleton Council	Christmas on John Street 2024 - Fireworks
Singleton Council	Singleton Public Library-School Holidays 2024
Singleton Fire Brigade Social Club	Santa's Lolly Run 2024
Singleton Golf Club - Ladies Sub Committee	Ladies Golf Open Day 2024
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For information please visit our website at <https://www.mtwcoal.com.au-page-community-community-support-program-> or email [mtw.csp@yancoal.com.au](mailto:mtw.csp@yancoal.com.au)



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