### Minutes of the Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Consultative Committee Meeting Q1 2025 Date: Wednesday 19 February 2025 Location: MTW Time: 2:04pm – 3:39pm

#### Attendees

#### Role

Colin Gellatly (CG - Chair) Gary Mulhearn (GM) Cris Shadbolt (CS) Tim Veness (TV) Alex Smith (AS) Hollee Jenkins (HJ) Ian Hedley (IH) Stewart Mitchell (SM) Neville Hodkinson (NH) Nerida Manley (NM)

Independent Chairperson MTW CCC MTW Environment & Community Manager MTW General Manager MTW Manager Statutory Functions MTW Environment and Community Advisor Singleton Council Representative (MSTeams dial in) Community Representative Community Representative Community Representative Independent Minute Taker (Atlantech)

### 1. WELCOME

• CG opened the meeting and welcomed CCC members.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Barb Brown (BB)
 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.

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING

### Action Items arising from the 13 November 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 of the actions from the previous meeting.

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. Action still outstanding as all members haven't completed.

Action 2: Advertisement for new CCC members to be advertised given the recent resignation. Advertising completed in the Singleton Argus and Hunter Valley Times in December 2024. Direct letters sent to near neighbours regarding CCC new member nominations in December 2024. Applications closed 17 January 2025.

Two nominations received by Chair, which Chair has provided to DPHI in January 2025 for review and possible endorsement by DPHI.

No new actions raised during business arising.

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

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

• Confirmed at the meeting by CG.

### **GM** presented Operational Environmental Improvements

- GM provided an update on Operational Environmental Improvements for 2024 in review and a look ahead in 2025. GM noted that the improvement projects over the past year have been in reaction to feedback from regulators and community in relation to operational environmental performance.
- Restructure organisational chart. GM noted that TV as manager of Statutory Functions has the Shift Supervisors and Community Response Officers report to him. CS advised that TV is accountable for environmental compliance as well as CS, and TV runs day to day operations for dust, noise and environmental aspects of the operations so is now attending CCC.
- TV Environmental pre start slide include windspeed and temperature environmental conditions.
- The three new CAT 789D watercarts have been commissioned and performing well. Summary provided showing high utilisation rates. Priority from site is on consistently manning water carts.
- CS highlighted that these are not the only water carts on site with over 1 million litres of on board water available across the water cart fleet.
- GM outlined the static haul road dust suppression system trials are continuing.
- North CHPP improvement stockpile sprays are fully commissioned and operational since last meeting.
- North Out Of Pit Dam GM advised mechanical installation complete. Electrical works planned to complete July 2025. This additional storage will assist with water supply fill points, North CHPP water supply and can send water to the southern water storage.
- Dust fogger suppression system two dust fogger units deployed in Q4 2024 as a trial to assist with dust suppression. TV advised they will be moved near Dragline 103 next.
- South CHPP ROM dust hoods (MTO) hoppers use water misting to control the dust created by trucks dumping bulk material. CS advised - Investment is in budget and approved. This is a \$14M project from site which has elected to do, MTW has not been directed to undertake this project. IH asked if stockpiling would still occur in this area to which GM confirmed it would.
- Environmental monitoring via site LTE network the remote ipads allow for monitoring to be observed in pit in real time rather than being observed once operators have returned to the offices. Communications tower on Charlton ridge.

- TV outlined the block review meetings held weekly to discuss safety, health, environment and productivity.
- IH has seen a marked improvement in daytime dust. Early mornings still see a lot of dust. Asked if the water carts being effectively used at night. TV confirmed they are used at night with a high focus at night in advance of a hot weather the next day. TV advised with less evaporation at night, not as many water carts are required to cover the ground.
- CS added that they have to manage dust at night as the trucks cannot see if conditions are dusty.
- IH said the feedback from community is "I wish they would use the water trucks at night".
- TV spoke regarding waterfill point intrashift reporting provides post shift reviews of water cart usage.
- CS advised we will keep giving updates on the operational dust improvements and emphasised that site is consistently getting feedback that they aren't doing what they say they will do, and asked what more the committee would like to see when they are showing operational diligence. CS noted that MTW has done organisation structure changes, operating system changes and has invested tens of millions of dollars, to improve, and can show operating diligence. Challenged that any other site in Hunter Valley or Australia to have a similar environmental management plan and be actively implementing it. Understand that a year ago MTW was not where we needed to be and received feedback from regulators and community regarding this, and we have now over 12 months reacted to the feedback, done the work, and been able to show that we have done what we said we would do. Stated that the tone needs to change against MTW and that site needs support from the committee to share that MTW is listening, and work has been done which shows they are doing what they are saying they will do.
- IH stated that people have noticed and they are saying MTW is doing better. Noted that in reality the community has put up with it for a long time, and before Yancoal it was even worse, so it is pretty hard to get a good name after what the community has endured.
- CS understands, and advised he cannot speak for what happened prior to his time here. Understands there can be emotion and frustration at times. But MTW workers have copped a lot since CS has been on site just over 12 months including personal attacks, noting there had been personal attacks to GM, and personal attacks to himself, and despite the attacks we have shown that we have listened and are improving.
- IH noted that it should be considered where that criticism is coming from. After the last CCC meeting were introduced to Tim and one week later over three days the dust was horrendous and considers at times the criticism comes from solid ground.
- CS stated not shying away from criticism, but the manner in which feedback is delivered needs to change, personal attacks and snipes regarding individuals in our business are not OK and needs to stop. It is not acceptable in our business, and would not be acceptable in any other business. We do want to work together, and believe we have shown that, and will continue to do so and continue to take this extremely seriously. CS advised we'd be happy to meet community but the narrative has got to change, and we need support from CCC.
- NH noted that at a previous meeting he attended he brought a dust sample form Wollongong area, and noted the reality that dust gets on many surfaces when located close to industry. NH noted that CCC's are intended to receive feedback from community and that is what's happening. NH asked what the EPA have said regarding the work done by MTW.
- GM advised we have let the EPA know the projects we have been working on over the past year, but haven't received any feedback from EPA on those projects. GM added that site are complying with

the development consent PM10 concentration limits which is reported monthly and provided to CCC and on the website. The EPA has different standards that they are applying across the industry and they have been providing feedback, particularly regarding wheel generated dust through the Bust the Dust program and that is what we have been reacting to.

- NH commenced a general discussion regarding dust measuring methods with dust gauges, the Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network, alarms from the air quality network, and asked the question has local community seen an improvement.
- IH noted there has been improvement. Also noted one of the concerns is the speed at which a concern is addressed or if something is done at all when a complaint is made.
- CS reiterated that development of the new organisational chart was made so that site is faster to respond.
- NH added that the other thing that needs to be addressed is the angst between the community and site. How do we stop that? Where is it coming from and how do we minimise it?
- IH stated that Yancoal will have trouble with the fact drag lines are dusty and blasting which he doesn't have an answer for. But they are dusty and added that MTW are at a disadvantage that they still have two operational draglines.
- CS stated that one dragline hasn't swung a bucket in 2025 and the draglines are not full time operating machines at MTW.
- IH you can often see of an afternoon you can see dust, he doesn't know the answer but keeping the wheel dust down has made a difference.
- SM added that depositional dust is gravity affected. He has recently had some consultants sample some dust on a table on a verandah, only way dust could get there was if it was in a suspended sense. How the fine particulate dust gets into areas and into houses. People are saying they can't understand how the dust is accumulating inside their house.
- GM it is suspended in the air and does settle. The roof over your head doesn't stop it getting in your house.
- HJ no additional comments. Added that she did make a comment last meeting that site should walk the walk and talk the talk and thinks site should keep progressing and the community may have greater confidence in what the mine is doing.
- CG good to see company has taken on board the issues, and doing something about them, spending money to improve. Noted comments from IH that things have improved and the key will be continuing that improvement and monitoring.
- CS added that site will continue looking at ways to better operate and continually improve.

### 7. PROPONENT REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

### **MTW Operations**

- GM provided update on MTW operations and production. Mining progressing to the west.
- CS noted that draglines are operating deeper in the pit for the basal seams, not at the surface.
- Putting in new drains and sediment basins moving to the west all the way to the approved disturbance commenced November 2024 and will be completed Q1 2025.
- Aviagens infrastructure has been demolished.

• WML Visual Bund along Putty Road has completed the next stage of construction with hydromulching to be completed on that section. Visual Bund to be extended after next water management drain / dam completion.

### North Out Of Pit Dam (NOOP)

Refer to presentation

• GM provided a brief update on the NOOP Dam upgrade status.

#### MTO Discharge Upgrade

Refer to presentation

- GM provided a brief update on the discharge point upgrade status.
- 75ML/day to 300ML/day as per approval in Mt Thorley consent. Commenced in August 2024 with works still progressing.
- EPL variation is required and consultation with the EPA prior to the variation has occurred.

#### Exploration

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on exploration for 2025.
- GM noted exploration undertaken as shown in the presentation slides as per usual ahead of mining and is scheduled to continue to the end of the year.

#### **Groundwater Monitoring Bores Installation**

Refer to presentation

- GM noted 2 new ground water bores, one next to Putty Road. Same rig used for groundwater bore as is used for exploration and noted specifically there is not exploration licence in that area. Signage to be used to state that it is a ground water bore.
- NH asked if this was a requirement of groundwater monitoring.
- CS stated that as the mine changes this is a pre mining requirement.
- GM added that it is additional groundwater monitoring that site has committed too.

#### **MTW Operations**

Refer to presentation - summary of downtime

- GM presented information on equipment downtime and CRO noise assessments completed year to date.
- CS noted a recent visit to Tomago to review new truck fleet of CAT794s and the extensive work being done for noise attenuation. The current Komatsu 830 trucks will be replaced by the new fleet once they arrive.

### **Rehabilitation / Disturbance**

- GM provided an update on rehabilitation progress and disturbance YTD.
- New rehab contractor has commenced on site and confident in meeting site requirements in calendar year.
- Rehabilitation is progressing right behind dump progression.
- 100.6Ha seeded and rehabilitation in 2024 which exceeded the 2024 forecast of 95Ha.

- 89Ha of rehabilitation is planned for 2025.
- Disturbance forecast for 2025 53.7 Ha

### Vertebrate Pest Management

Refer to presentation

- GM advised of control programs completed so far and planned for 2025.
- Pig trapping has continued which has been successful.
- Noisy miner control program at the Goulburn River Biodiversity Areas to assist Regent Honeyeater conservation is continuing.
- Additional programs as required.

### Weed management

Refer to presentation

- Weeds continued to be targeted.
- Removing planting guards as areas are established.

### **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 September 2024 to November 2024 were provided. December 2024 MEMR to be provided at a later date.
- IH noticed complaints have dropped off from November December and believes that has been attributed to improvements in dust and said it was very positive. One thing that was noticed over the Christmas break the weather was bad but the site must have been operating well.
- CS noted that site will continue working on changing operational mindset of operators who have been there a long time, some over 40 years.

### Management Plans / Reporting

Refer to presentation

- Annual Reporting
  - 28/01/2025 Submission of Annual Return for Warkworth Mining Ltd for Environment Protection Licence 1376.
- Management Plans
  - MTW will progress Management Plan updates for several management plans in 2025.

### Heritage Update

- NPWS Land Acquisitions and Dealings Team advised Dec 2024 they have progressed documents relating to the registration of conservation agreements to their legal team for lodgement with Land Registry Service.
- MTW-50 PAD Investigation completed November 2024.
- Annual Cultural Heritage Inspection completed November 2024.
- Meeting with working group (CHWG) meeting scheduled for March.

### **Historic Heritage**

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an updated on Historic Heritage activities.
- Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) meeting scheduled 9 April 2025.

### 8. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

• Nil.

### 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Refer to presentation

- GM advised that the Community Support Program. The 2025 round of applications were advertised from August September in 2024 with 33 applications received and two existing partnerships.
- A morning tea was held on 19 December 2024 for all successful applications, and more than \$190,000 is being invested with local community groups / events.

### General Business MTW – MTW Voluntary Planning Agreement

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on the contributions made. After January 2025 payment, MTW has contributed \$9.05M (of \$11M total).
- Overview of new VPA Committee members provided.
- First meeting has been completed at Bulga community hall. Council website has minutes and reports of meeting. Next VPA Community Committee meeting to be held 20 February 2025.

### **Bulga Tavern Update**

- In February 2025, the Tavern licensee provided notice they will not continue as license. The Bulga Tavern has temporarily closed.
- MTW acknowledges the significant efforts of the outgoing licensee in operating the Tavern in the Bulga community for 6 years, and wish them well.
- Yancoal has commenced process to seek a new licensee to operate at the Tavern. MTW to provide update to CCC in due course.
- IH noted that they had done a good job. The community will open the Bulga Hall on a Friday as a community get together and raffle.

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

- GM provided an overview of the underground unleaded fuel storage tank issue at the Bulga Service Station. No change since last meeting. MTW has been working to find an alternative fuel storage, but the DA is lodged for a temporary tank above underground storage tanks to ensure unleaded fuel is maintained.
- DA exhibition period concluded 13 February 2025. Subject to DA approval site will be installing the temporary tank to make fuel available again.

### General Business MTW – MTW Amenity Resource

Refer to presentation

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

### **General Business – CCC Members**

- HJ- emailed a request for waste management which GM advised he would provide the details in the
  minutes. Details from email: "Councillor suggested that the elected Members on the CCC's for mining to
  advocate through the CCC's to seek commitment from Mine Operations to sort their waste material that is
  supplied to Councils Waste Management Facility to support broader waste reduction objectives." GM
  noted that site has a total waste contractor for waste separation and recycling across site to separate
  waste into separate stream and to minimise waste going to landfill.
- IH all questions he had have been answered bar one, a truck driver has asked what is happening on the corner (old south pit) are the tyres being buried there?
- CS responded that no they are being moved it is currently an old handstand area. The tyres will not be buried there.
- SM asked if there been any surveying done for the Bulga exclusion zone.
- GM confirmed that the Bulga Exclusion Zone is published with a map in a State Environmental Planning Policy, and there is no surveying on the ground from the Department of Planning that he is aware of. MTW not permitted to do open cut mining in the exclusion zone.
- SM added that the plan he had looked like a rushed area that did not contain defined boundaries.
- GM has spatial file from DPHI to put into site systems to outline where those boundaries are. SM asked for a copy of spatial file. GM agreed to provide.
- SM asked where MTW is currently operating is it part Warkworth / part MT consent. How is that split up or is the section that's MT part of which consent.
- GM stated that SSD 6465 is the MT consent and SSD 6464 is the Warkworth consent and the EIS describes that the two mines will be operated as a complex.
- SM asked if the MT consent has been surrendered.
- GM stated that there are old consents that are required to be surrendered, one for Warkworth and one for MT. One of them has been surrendered, and one hasn't been surrendered yet due to some administrative reasons. The application to surrender both was submitted some time ago, perhaps in 2018, and there was back and forthing with the Department which stopped at some time, and needs to be completed.
- SM asked if there is any reason why blasting has started on Saturdays.
- CS stated that blasting has occurred on Saturdays in the past but site tries not to blast on weekends where possible. Due to where the mine has progressed and due to environmental triggers and conditions it has forced a blast to occur on a Saturday to blast in favourable environmental conditions.
- GM added that the consent permits blasting on weekends.
- SM asked if there is no more mining to occur on the southern side of Putty Road. GM advised the main coal extraction has finished in MT, but there is a small section of coal that could be extracted as the MT pit is backfilled.
- SM missed last CCC but reading through the minutes asked if there is no requirement from site to act on health just concentrate on environmental conditions.

- GM said that the site is not monitoring for health in the community but by meeting the consent requirements site is currently meeting its obligations in that space.
- CS stated internally they do monitor for health and held accountable by the Regulator to monitor for health standards and MTW was audited in October last year and was one of the only mines that received 100% compliance.
- SM added from the health perspective that is the most social aspect and asked what steps site is taking to protect local properties.
- GM replied that when site leases out properties that are close to the mining operation they need to provide them with the information regarding health impacts of dust and they can then make their own informed choices on whether they want to stay there or not. The residential tenancy agreements includes the requirements that MTW is required to provide them.
- SM added that Bulga properties bought for being in a danger zone yet pointed out that the mine currently has those properties tenanted.
- GM replied that acquisition of those properties was acquisition upon request for some of the properties predominantly based on noise and the reason they are permitted to have tenants in them as long as they are informed and making their own choice in that regard.
- NH 10 years since the mine was approved and believes it's time for a 10 year review. He acknowledged that 3 yearly audits are done but the Singleton Shire Healthy Environment Group (SSHEG) doesn't accept that the audits review the original commitments made by the original consent.
- NH stated that SSHEG does not accept and agree to the 2015 consent and thinks what was committed to in the original consent that was agreed to with the community but does not remember the details contained in the original consent.
- GM said there is no requirement for MTW to undertake a 10 year audit. The requirement is for a 3-year independent audit. It is not the CCCs place to be an auditor. Independent auditors are approved by the DPHI and follow the Independent Auditing guidelines.
- NH to get approval of the mine, the conditions that were granted will be documented and have not been reviewed. Does site think there is a need for an audit?
- GM stated he did not agree there was a need, noted there has been several audits, and the most recent audit was approved by the Department of Planning and the audit is available on the MTW website, and suggested that NH could read the audit, which goes through all of the development consent conditions.

### **10. NEXT MEETING**

Next CCC Meeting: Wednesday 14 May 2025 at 2pm. CG thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

### MEETING CLOSED 3:39pm.

### SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

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.

Action 2: Advertisement for new CCC members to be advertised given the recent resignation. Awaiting endorsement from DPHI.

Action 3: MTW to provide SM with a copy of the spatial data for the Bulga exclusion zone.

### Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW)

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Wednesday 19 February 2025

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Time: 2pm – 4pm Location: MTW Boardroom Independent Chairperson: Col Gellatly Minutes:

Atlantech (on behalf of Chair)

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### 3. Declaration of pecuniary interests / conflicts of interest

# All members must declare interests. Still awaiting updated declaration form from one CCC member.

### 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.

### 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 one CCC member.

**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.

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

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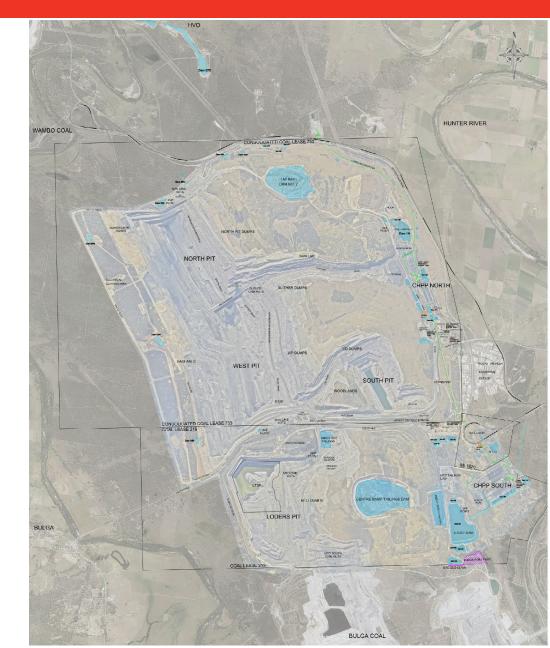
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# **MTW Operations**

 Operational Environmental Improvements – Feb 2025 Update

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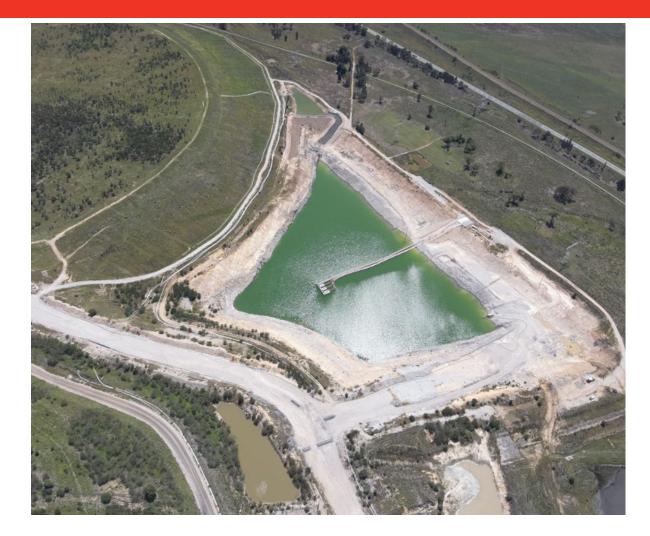
- MTO: Coal production ceased at MTO in early 2021. Load and haul waste will continue to be dumped in the pit from the WML. Opportunity for coal in western highwall benches during backfill operations identified.
- WML: DL103 has been working in the lower passes of North Pit while DL 101 is working in 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.
- Aviagen infrastructure demolition completed November 2024.
- WML: Water management drains & sediment dams commenced November 2024 and will be completed Q1 2025.



## **MTW Operations – NOOP Dam**

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

- North Out of Pit (NOOP) Dam main mining excavation completed Q2 2024.
- Pumping infrastructure in progress: Mechanical installation complete. Electrical completion by June/July 2025 (Air photo is 18 Feb 2025)



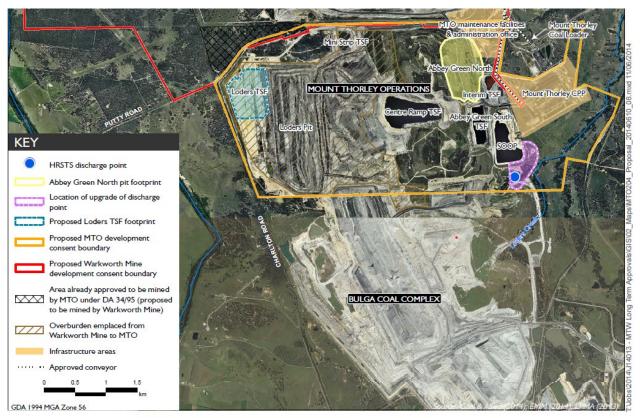
# MTW Operations – MTO Discharge Upgrade

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 commenced August 2024.
- Civil works and pipeworks Q4 2024.
- Electrical works and systems (SCADA) integration / programming expected Q2 2025.
- MTO Environment Protection Licence 1976 variation required as part of project prior to use. Consultation with EPA prior to variation has

occurred.

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The proposal Mount Thorley Operations 2014 Environmental Impact Statement Figure 2.4

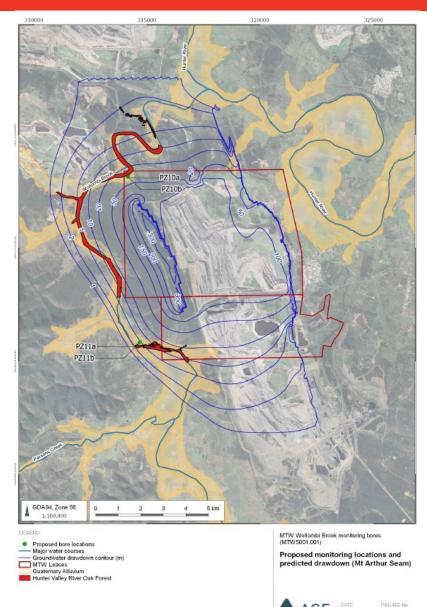
# **Exploration**

- All exploration sites are on Yancoal owned land and mining tenements.
- Exploration will be within the yellow polygon and no activities are taking place outside the disturbance limit.
- Exploration drilling for 2025 has started and is expected to continue until the end of the year.

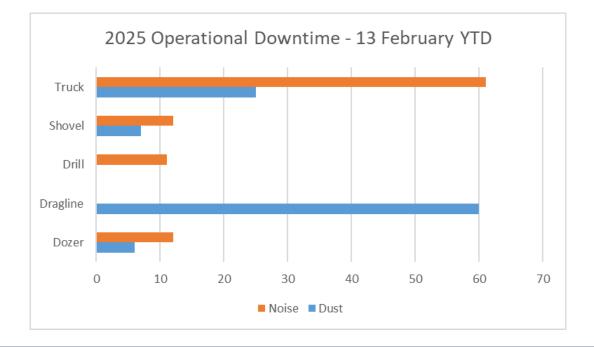


# **Groundwater Monitoring Bores Installation**

- MTW plan to install ground water monitoring installations along the Wollombi Brook at two locations based on groundwater consultant recommendations.
- The groundwater monitoring installations will compliment existing monitoring network to monitor potential mining related impacts to surface water or groundwater aquifers nearby MTW.
- A normal exploration style drill rig will be used to complete the drilling and one location will be visible from Putty Road on the north side of the Bulga Bridge.
- MTW does not hold exploration licence / mining lease in the area near Putty Road – the drilling is purely for groundwater monitoring. Signage s intended to be placed near the drill rig explaining this.
- Works are schedule to be completed Q1 Q2 2025.



### **MTW Operations**



### MTW CRO Noise Monitoring YTD

	# CRO Assessments	# Individual assessment above trigger	# Nights above with assessment above trigger
2025 (YTD)	915	6	3
2024	7599	161	81
2023	7293	143	66
2022	7226	106	59

### MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

Rehabilitation completed for 2024:

- 100.6Ha seeded (shown in yellow)
- exceeded the 2024 reforecast of 95Ha shown in red)



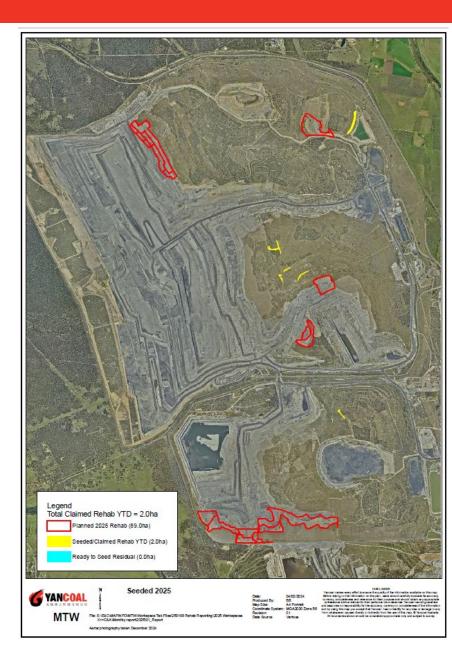




### MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

Rehabilitation planned for 2025 – 89Ha seeded (shown in red). Progress to end Jan 2025:

- 36.9Ha of dump released for rehab; and 12.7ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped.
- 1.8Ha spread with topsoil and is awaiting ameliorants to be applied to be ready for seeding.
- 2.0Ha of area reclassified to claimed rehabilitation (shown in yellow).



### MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

Disturbance forecast for 2025 – 53.7Ha

Progress to end of Jan 2025:

Disturbed = 15 Ha



# **MTW Vertebrate Pest Management**

### 2024 programs undertaken:

- Vertebrate pest thermal ground shoot at Goulburn River Biodiversity Area
- Wild deer and feral pig ground shoot at Bowditch Biodiversity Area
- Rabbit ground shoot at Seven Oaks Biodiversity Area
- Hoggone ground baiting program targeting feral pigs at the Northern Biodiversity Area
- Two aerial shoots (NPWS) at the Goulburn River and Seven Oaks Biodiversity Areas
- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Autumn and Spring
- MTW and local offset pig control program
- Noisy Miner programs at the Goulburn River and Bowditch Biodiversity Areas

### The following 2025 programs have been scheduled:

- Feral pig baiting and trapping at MTW and the local Biodiversity Areas (undertaken in January and February)
- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Autumn and Spring
- Noisy Miner program at the Goulburn River Biodiversity Areas
- Ground shoot at the Biodiversity Areas (Goulburn River and Bowditch)
- Additional programs as required

The 2025 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.

### 2024 Results

Vertebrate Pest Controlled	Total
Wild dogs and foxes	449
Feral pigs	117
Deer	5
Cats	4
Rabbits/Hares	24
Noisy miners	358



HogEye pig trap used in MTO rehabilitation area

## **MTW and Local BA Weed Management**

### Weeds targeted in MTW operational and local Biodiversity Areas in Q4 2024 included:

- African Box Thorn (Lycium ferocissimum)
- African Lovegrass (Eragrostis curvula)
- African Olive (Olea europaea)
- Blue Heliotrope (Heliotropium amplexicaule )
- Brome Grass (Bromus catharticus)
- Common Evening Primrose (Oenothera biennis)
- Coolatai Grass (Hyparrhenia hirta)
- Fireweed (Senecio madagascariensis)
- Galenia (Galenia pubescens)
- Golden Wreath Wattle (Acacia saligna)
- Green Cestrum (Cestrum parqui)
- Lantana (Lantana camara)
- Lily of the Nile (Agapanthus sp.)
- Mother of Millions (Bryophyllum delagoense)
- Common/Prickly/Tiger Pear (Opuntia sp.)
- Rhodes Grass (Chloris gayana)
- Southern Silky Oak (Grevillea robusta)
- Telegraph Weed (Heterotheca sp.)
- Whisky Grass (Andropogon virginicus)
- Wild Oats (Avena fatua)



Sprayed African Lovegrass and Blue Heliotrope, SBA5

Low volume spraying Common Pear, NBA



Low volume spraying Stinking Roger, SBA3

## MTW and Local BA Weed Management Cont.



Lantana treated (sprayed), South CHPP

African Boxthorn cut and painted South CHPP

Flowering Mother of Millions treated along Charlton Ridge

# **Regional BA Weed Management**

#### Weeds targeted in MTW Regional Biodiversity Areas in Q3/Q4 2024 included:

- African Lovegrass (Eragrostis curvula)
- Blackberry (Rubus armeniacus)
- Blue Heliotrope (Heliotropium amplexicaule)
- Bridal Creeper (Asparagus asparagoides)
- Castor Oil (Ricinus communis)
- Cats Claw Creeper (Dolichandra unguis-cati)
- Common Ragwort (Senecio jacobaea)
- Cootamundra Wattle (Acacia baileyana)
- Creeping Pear (Opuntia humifusa)
- Fireweed (Senecio madagascariensis)
- Green Cestrum (Cestrum parqui)
- Jacaranda (Jacaranda mimosifolia)
- Lantana (Lantana camara)
- Narrow-Leaf Cotton Bush (Gomphocarpus fruticosus)
- Paterson's Curse (Echium plantagineum)
- Prickly Pear (Opuntia stricta)
- Queensland Wattle (Acacia podalyriifolia)
- Robinia (Robinia pseudoacacia)
- Sticky Nightshade (Solanum sisymbrifolium)
- St John's Wort (Hypericum perforatum)
- Trad (Tradescantia fluminensis)
- Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus latissimus)
- Whiskey Grass (Andropogon virginicus)
- Willows (Salix sp.)



Prickly Pear sprayed, Bowditch BA





Whiskey Grass sprayed, Putty BA

Sticky nightshade sprayed, Condon View BA

## **Offsets Other**



Tree guards were reaffixed across the WSW planting area in SBA5



Spray rings were created around the 2024 WSW tube stock to aid in establishment





Water Dragon, Putty BA



Christmas beetle in SBA5

#### SBA5 fence replacement

## **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 September 2024, October 2024, November 2024
- Appendix D December 2024 MEMR to be provided at a later date.

# Management Plans / Reporting

### **Annual Reporting**

 28/01/2025 – Submission of Annual Return for Warkworth Mining Ltd for Environment Protection Licence 1376.

#### **Management Plans**

- MTW will progress Management Plan updates for several management plans in 2025:
  - Blast Management Plan, Noise Management Plan, Site Water Management Plan, Air Quality Management Plan, Environmental Management Strategy, Cultural Heritage Management Plans.
  - Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP), consultation with CCC is a requirement of development consent. RMP was provided to CCC for consultation 22 February 2024. Feedback on the content of the RMP is again invited from CCC. RMP is available on MTW website: <u>https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-documents/#mgt-docs</u>

# Heritage Update

- Cultural Heritage Conservation Areas
  - NPWS Land Acquisitions and Dealings Team advised in Dec 2024 they have progressed documents relating to the registration of conservation agreements to their legal team for lodgement with Land Registry Service.
- MTW-50 PAD Investigation completed November 2024
- Annual Cultural Heritage Inspection completed November 2024
- Cultural Heritage Working Group (CHWG) meeting scheduled for March



MTW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Areas

# **Historic Heritage**

 Springwood access upgrade on-hold pending finalisation of scope of works and suitable ground conditions. Cultural Heritage new finds in November require reconsideration of route. Route options constrained due to ACH, topography and property boundary.





- RAAF Cook House access track works delayed due to ongoing soft ground conditions during storm season. Initial works to be scheduled once accessible.
- Routine maintenance has continued at each site.
- Annual Historic Heritage Inspection completed November 2024.
- Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) scheduled for 9 April 2025.

## Heritage Houses schedule tracking

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## **Future meetings**

### • For comment: indicative yearly meeting cycle

Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Community												
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Historic Heritage				
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Cultural Heritage									
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34 Timings are indicative. Notice of meetings, meeting dates, and call for agenda items will occur in period prior to meetings.

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- 2. Apologies (Col)
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# **Other Agenda Items**

Nil

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### **Community Support Program**

The Community Support Program has continued. The 2025 round of applications were advertised in Aug-Sep 2024. There were 33 applications received, and two existing partnerships. The following organisations are being supported in 2025 through the CSP.

Organisation	Project	Sponsorship Amount 2025
Business Singleton	2025 Events Program – Business Awards / International Women's Day / 1 x Chamber Breakfast / October Business Luncheon	\$10,000
Family History Society Singleton Inc	The Beginning of Singleton Fire Station 444 (1878) – Book printing	\$4,000
Hunter Valley Amateur Bee Keeping Association	Varroa Controller Biosecurity Protection Equipment	\$6,330
Maitland Saints AFL Club	Boundary Protection Netting	\$13,791.50
Northern Agriculture Association	Singleton Show and Campdraft 2025	\$6,000
Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter	Singleton Art Prize 2025	\$10,000
Rural Fire Service Bowthorne/Hinton	Portable Lighting and tools	\$3,374
Samaritans Foundation	Christmas Lunch in Singleton 2025	\$4,000
Singleton Clay Target Club Inc	2025 Champion Season – Trophies /prizes	\$4,000
Singleton Council	Christmas on John Street 2025	\$8,880
Singleton Council - Library	Digital Support for Library Outreach	\$1,150
Singleton Council	Seniors High Tea & Expo	\$5,500
Singleton Dressage Club	Dressage Championship Prizes	\$4,000
Singleton Fire Brigade Social Club	Santa Lolly Run 2025	\$500
Singleton Golf Club – Lady Members	Ladies Golf Club Open Day 2025	\$500
Singleton Heights Pre School	Weatherproofing the Soft Fall Area	\$12,000
Singleton Mountain Bike Club	Picnic Tables and Shade Shelters	\$13,239.







### **Community Support Program (cont.)**

Organisation	Project	Sponsorship Amount 2025
Singleton Neighbourhood Centre	Volunteer Training – Senior First Aid	\$3,250
Singleton Rugby Club Ltd	Improve Car Park at the Club	\$1,120.59
Singleton Strikers Football Club	Senior Goals	\$6,600
Singleton Theatrical Society	2025 Productions	\$2,500
Towns With Heart Inc	Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival 2025	\$5,000
United Hospital Auxiliary - Singleton	Hospital Bed Upgrade	\$25,075.20
YWCA Hunter Region Inc	YWCA Encore	\$10,000
Singleton Roosters AFL Club	IT equipment (laptop and printer)	\$2,597.00
Westpac Rescue Helicopter	Charity Golf Day 2025 Sponsorship	\$2,300.00
University of Newcastle	Science & Engineering Challenge (Year 3 of 3 year agreement)	\$ 13,619.00
University of Newcastle	SMART Science School Tour (Year 3 of 3 year agreement)	\$ 20,460 .00
TOTAL		\$194,286.29









### MTW Voluntary Planning Agreement - Update

- After the January 2025 payment, MTW has contributed \$9.05M (of \$11M total).
- At the commencement of election caretaker period all community membership positions on the MTW VPA Community Committee become vacant.
- Applications were invited for community members to apply via Singleton Council letterbox drop and other advertising means. MTW's September newsletter also advertised the application process, and via MTW CCC.
- New MTW VPA Community Committee has been endorsed by Council for current Singleton Council period.
  - Community Representatives: Ian Hedley, Pauline Rayner, Neale McCallum, Stirling Keayes, Sarah Purser.
  - MTW representative: Gary Mulhearn
- Next VPA Community Committee meeting is 20 February 2025.
- All VPA Community Committee agendas and minutes are available on Singleton Council website.
- <u>https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/Council/Community-Funding-Programs/VPA-</u> <u>Community-Committees/Mount-Thorley-Warkworth-VPA-Community-Committee</u>

### Bulga Tavern update

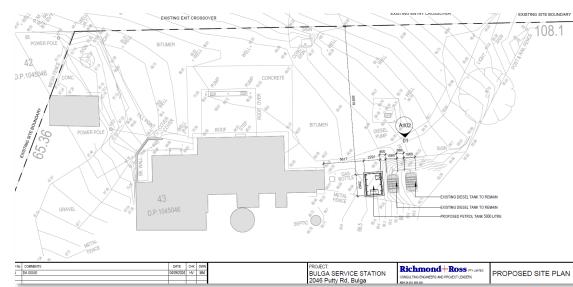
- In February 2025, the Tavern licensee provided notice they will not continue as licensee. The Bulga Tavern has temporarily closed.
- Investment from both MTW and the licensee has contributed to the quality of the Tavern as a community facility and local business. MTW acknowledges the significant efforts of the outgoing licensee in operating the Tavern in the Bulga community for 6 years, and wish them well.
- Yancoal has commenced process to seek a new licensee to operate at the Tavern. We will update CCC in due course.



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

- 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, and the sale of unleaded fuel has not been possible since that time.
- We have since investigated alternate temporary unleaded fuel storage solutions amid site constraints, and after consultation with Singleton Council, a development application for a temporary above ground tank solution was submitted 11 November 2024, with the aim of reestablishing unleaded fuel services whilst renovation or redevelopment options progress.
- The public notification period for the DA concluded 13 February 2025. Subject to DA approval we will be installing the temporary tank to again make ULP available.





# **Community Amenity Resource – Tank Cleaning**

- Amenity Resource works from Social Impact Management Plan recognising air quality contribution by MTW
  - Invitation to participate remains open
- During 2024 works at 8 residences comprised:
  - Cleaning of 10 tanks
  - Installation of 5 new filtered water taps
  - Supply of replacement and spare filters
- Year to date works in 2025 have included:
  - 7 tanks cleaned
  - 1 new filtered water tap installed
  - Filter supply
- Program remains ongoing. Please direct enquiries to site.

## **General Business**

**General Business – other?** 

# Agenda

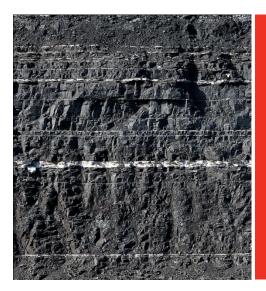
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## **Future Dates**

### **Next Meeting Date**

Date: Wednesday - 14 May 2025 Time: 2:00PM - 4:00PM Location: Boardroom, North Warkworth Building





## Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

**BUSINESS PAPERS February 2025** 

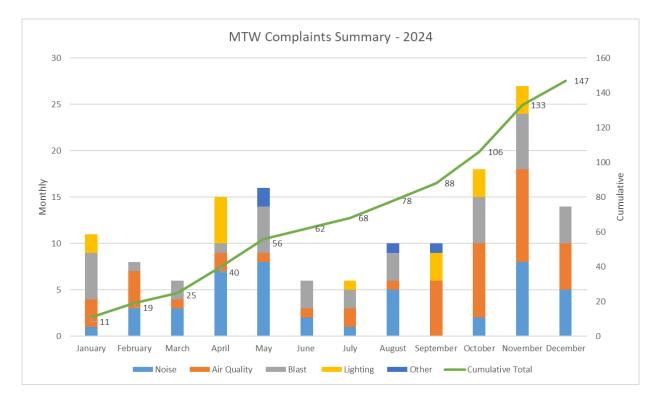
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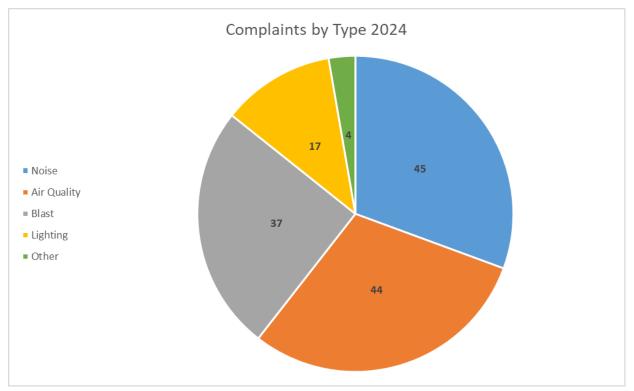
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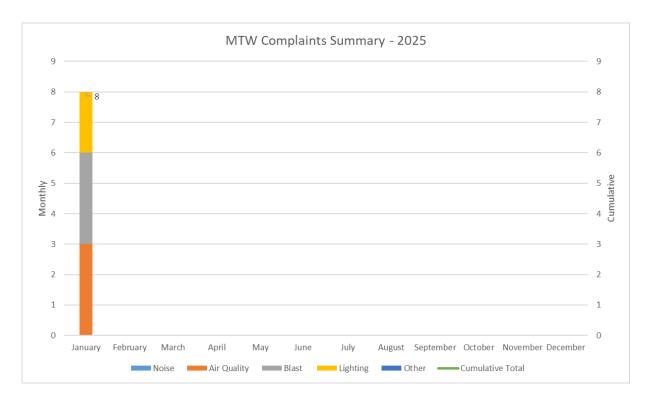
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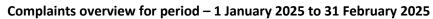
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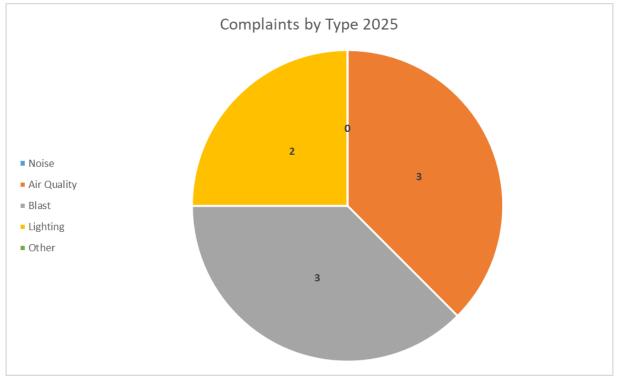


#### Complaints overview for period – 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

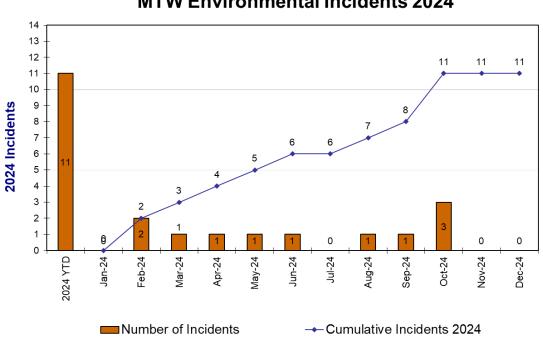






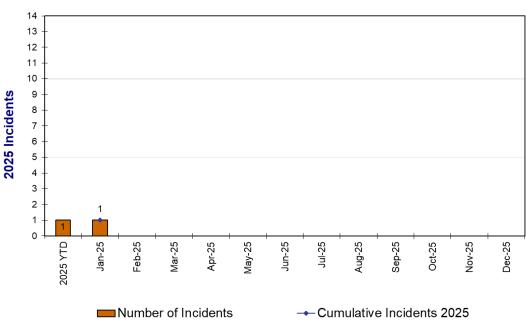


#### 2 INCIDENTS



Environmental incidents overview for period – 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 MTW Environmental Incidents 2024

#### Environmental incidents overview for period – 1 January 2025 to 31 January 2025



#### **MTW Environmental Incidents 2025**

#### Incident Summary for the period 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025

Date	Details	Key Actions	Aspect
25/01/2025	Coolant, diesel and oil spill to ground in Workshop due to pipework failure.	Pipework isolated, spill contained and cleaned up. Investigation commenced.	Hydrocarbon

#### **3** ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

#### Monthly summaries of environmental monitoring:

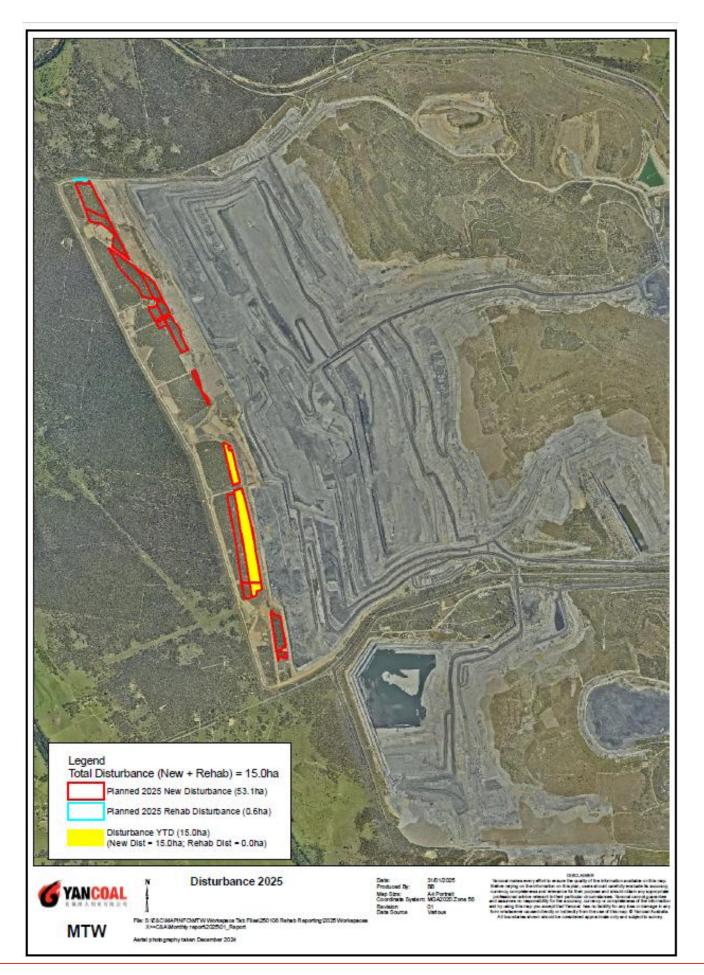
- September 2024 Attached as Appendix A (included as not provided subsequent to November 2024 CCC Meeting)
- October 2024 Attached as Appendix B
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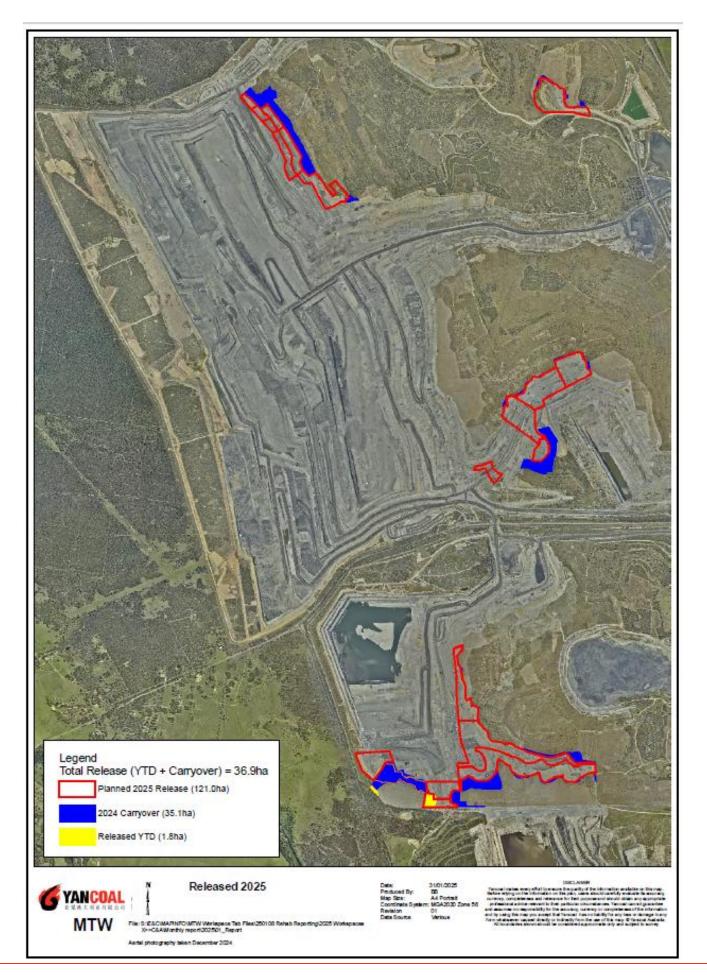
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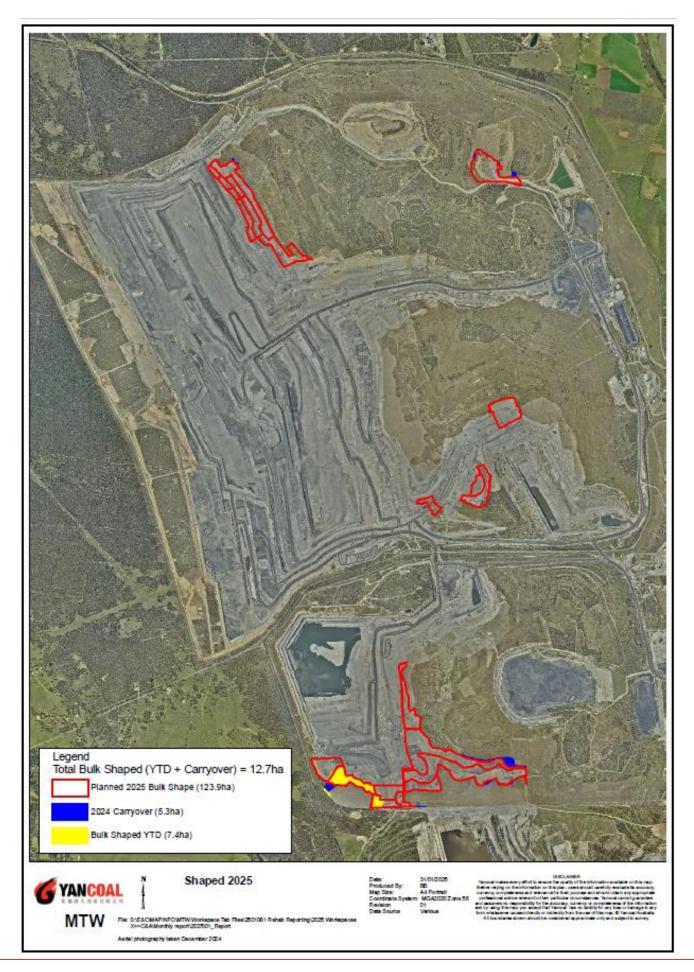
The rehabilitation planned for 2025 is 89ha which is consistent with the Rehabilitation Management Plan target for 2025 (89ha). The planned total disturbance is 53.7ha.

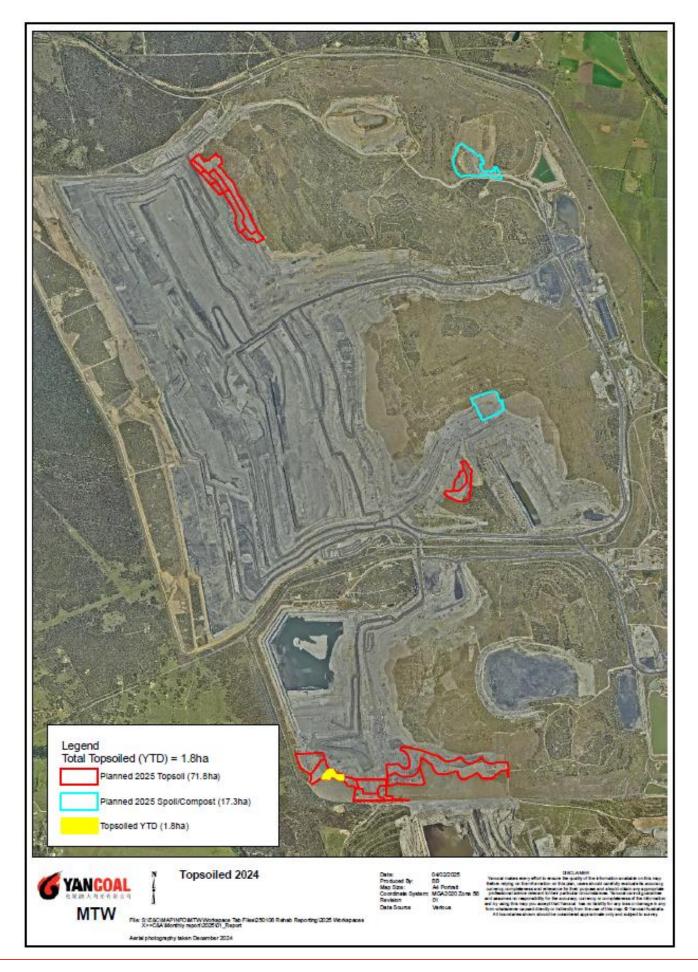
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To the end of January 2025, 15ha of land has been disturbed to allow for mine progression in North and West Pits in Warkworth.

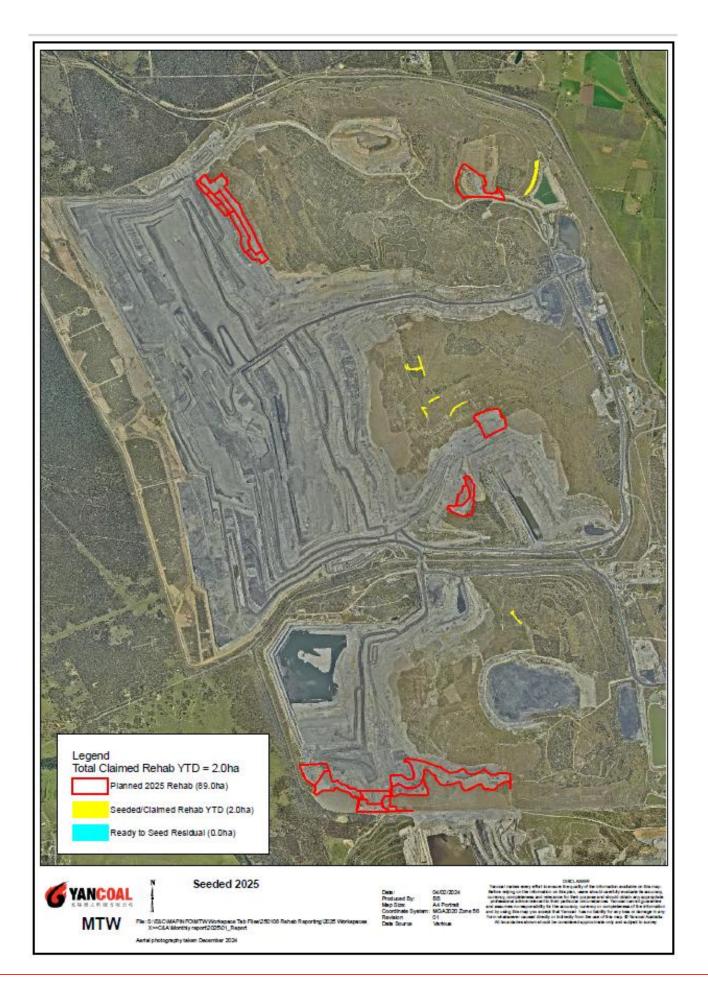












#### Website Uploads

The table below is a list of all new documents uploaded to the MTW's website from 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025. Please refer to MTW's new website: <u>https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-warkworth/</u>

Document Title	Upload
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environment Protection Licence 1376 1976 Monitoring Data September 2024	1-Nov-24
MTW Complaints Register 2024	1-Nov-24
Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report June 2024	8-Nov-24
Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report June 2024	8-Nov-24
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EPL Monitoring Reports October 2024	29-Nov-24
MTW Complaints Register 2024	29-Nov-24
EPL Monitoring Reports November 2024	31-Dec-24
MTW Community Consultative Committee - –November 2024 - Minutes, Presentation & Business Papers	14-Jan-25
MTW Complaints Register 2024	21-Jan-25

#### 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 2025 through the CSP.

Organisation	Project
Business Singleton	2025 Events Program – Business Awards / International Women's Day / 1 x
	Chamber Breakfast / October Business Luncheon
Family History Society Singleton Inc	The Beginning of Singleton Fire Station 444 (1878) – Book printing
Hunter Valley Amateur Bee Keeping	Varroa Controller Biosecurity Protection Equipment
Association	
Maitland Saints AFL Club	Boundary Protection Netting
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For information please visit our website at <u>https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-documents/</u> under Community Documents, Community Support Program or email <u>mtw.csp@yancoal.com.au</u>

### Appendix A: September 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

### Appendix B: October 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

### Appendix C: November 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

### Appendix D: December 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

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