

<b>OVERVIEW</b>			
Meeting	Community Consultative Committee		
Date	8/11/2018	Time	9.00am
Venue	Boggabri Golf Club		
Chairperson	David Ross		
Presenter	Daniel Martin		
Attendees	Sarah Torrance (ST), Robert Kneale (RK), Geoff Eather (GE), Hamish Russell (HR), Richard Gilham (RG), Cath Collyer (CC), Kerri Clarke (KC), Ros Druce (RD), Mitchum Neave (MN)		
Apologies	Ray Balks (RB), Peter Forbes (PF)		
Next Meeting	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018, 9am at the Boggabri Coal Boardroom		
ITEM	AGENDA		
1	Apologies		
2	Declaration of Pecuniary or other Interests		
3	Confirmation of previous minutes		
4	Business arising from previous minutes		
5	Correspondence		
6	Company reports and overview		
7	General business/questions		
8	Next Meeting		
<b>Discussion Items</b>			
<p><b>1. Apologies:</b></p> <p>See above</p>			
<p><b>2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:</b></p> <p>(RG) declared that his property is located in the zone of affectation. (DR) declared that he is paid a fee for his chairing services.</p>			
<p><b>3. Acceptance of previous minutes:</b></p> <p>Moved by (RG) that the previous minutes be accepted. (All members) Minutes moved and endorsed.</p>			
<p><b>4. Business from previous minutes:</b></p> <p>PF to carry over SPL overview until the November 2019 CCC meeting.</p> <p>HR - informed the committee that he had spoken with Anna Christie about how to move forward with Bush Tucker Project. BCOP need to understand what they are meant to be apologising for and have decided to take a different approach and involve other stakeholders to move forward.</p> <p>MN - confirmed that the reason for the apology within the Elder community is unclear to him also.</p> <p>HR – BCOP has not rejected any request, if BCOP was to receive some evidence of the request to visit offset properties, we would act upon it.</p> <p>KC – suggested that different approach to resolving the situation should be considered.</p> <p>HR – explained that BCOP would be happy to have a sit down with the Elders and apologise to move forward if he knew what he was apologising for.</p>			

<p>MN – mentioned that because of his dealings with BCOP, he is being branded a traitor in his community. MN suggested that as an alternative, it might work to get other stakeholders involved.</p> <p>HR – explained that the plan is to get as many as possible involved and include those others than stakeholders. HR suggested BCOP could include ecologists, CSIRO and traditional knowledge.</p> <p>RD – suggested that it is important that BCOP reinforces to the group that they are open to having visits in the future.</p> <p>HR – informed the committee that we are continually encouraging them to make the requests for visits. BCOP will take it on board.</p> <p>KC – there is a lot of history and a lot of pain and people are understandably angry, need to considerate that</p>
<p>DR – had no success with finding someone at ARTC to attend the next CCC meeting and enlisted the help of the EPA and they were also unsuccessful.</p>
<p>Former committee member Ron Campbell had an action against him from the August meeting to investigate within the Narrabri Shire Council what the issue is with site access signage on the Kamilaroi Highway.</p> <p>RK – was unaware of this action for RC. He informed the group that signage has been through the traffic committee. A proposal was put forward (unsure where from) but it did not meet RMS standards. RK – will follow up for the next meeting</p>
<p>RG – with regards to Friday afternoon traffic of Braymont Road said that it is a constant stream for the majority of the afternoon/evening.</p> <p>DM – informed the group that RB has put out correspondence to staff that only people with written management authorisation are to use the road.</p> <p>RG – mentioned that the biggest problem is with the speeds people are doing on the roads.</p> <p>CC – backed up this statement from her own experiences while carting hay.</p> <p>RG – told the committee that he believes it is Maules Creek traffic and will bring it up at the joint CCC meeting.</p>
<p>DM - explained to the committee that he will have the answers to the committee’s questions for the hydrogeologists from AGE back to them by the end of 2018.</p>
<p>DR – With regards to putting the Regional Water Strategy onto the November joint CCC agenda informed the group that it was to be discussed.</p> <p>DM – gave a run down on the most recent updates.</p> <p>Discussion was had about BCOP addressing the Regional Water Strategy at the May joint CCC meeting.</p> <p>RD – expressed concern about it being six months away. RD requested that if the Regional Water Strategy is completed before May, can the committee members see it before then?</p> <p>DM – Informed the committee that if it is approved prior to the May meeting, BCOP will let the members know when it is on the website for access.</p>
<p>MOD 7 Consultation Discussions/Actions</p> <p>DR – Biodiversity maps to be tracked down by DR from OEH, David contacted Peter Christy (Regional Director) – There are no biodiversity maps. OEH had been developing their own mapping system, but changes to new state biodiversity policy requires OEH to map according to two mapping formats (systems): high environmental values, and priority identification areas.</p> <p>The OEH found that their current mapping system could not do the job. OEH don’t have the funding to do the mapping – Peter Christy. (CC &amp; MN – conversation regarding lack of funding as below, suggested to write to the Treasury and Barnaby Joyce)</p> <p>The mines already acquired offsets prior to getting the right system.</p>

RD – In the last ‘Extraordinary Boggabri CCC meeting (Mod 7)’ you (question directed to DM) told the CCC that the NPWS didn’t want your Offsets. Which Offsets were they talking about and what was the reason, they didn’t want them? (DM answers this later at the end of the meeting)

\* Mapping to be raised at the Joint CCC meeting.

KC - Royalties are frequently waived and very little money actually makes it into government coffers. Royalties from mining are a bit of a myth.

CC – explained the process of the Treasury issue the funds to these types of groups and believes the problem seems to be with the releasing of the funds. CC would like the CCC committee members to send letters to the Treasury to express their concerns.

MN – suggested writing a letter to MP Barnaby Joyce expressing concerns about getting funds back into the area from which the resources are being mined.

CC – We should raise it at the joint CCC meeting to write letters to MP Barnaby Joyce and the Deputy Premier.

DM – Presentation to be given to the CCC members (actioned)

PF – was to talk to Bridgestone Tyres on site regarding Tyre Stewardship Australia Program – Keep open

PF – will be having a meeting with Narrabri Shire Council to discuss issues with MOD 7 on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

#### 5. Correspondence:

##### **NSW Department of Planning & Environment**

- Nil

##### **NSW Department Industry and Investment – Resources and Geosciences**

- Nil

##### **Department of the Environment and Energy**

- Nil

##### **Environment Protection Authority (EPA)**

- Update monitoring locations with the EPA – administrative as some are no longer used.

#### 6. Company Reports & Reviews:

##### **Presentation**

##### **Noise Monitoring:**

DM –Attended noise now only required at – Sylvania, Picton & Barbers Lagoon. September-October 2018 No exceedences - night time 32dB(A) at Goonbri Feb 18 and June, but mine owned so limits do not apply.

##### **Air Quality Monitoring:**

No Comments

##### **Ground Water Monitoring:**

HR – explained the depressurising of the deep bores ahead of mining which is causing the standing water levels to drop.

HR – explained that BCOP is undertaking a lot of groundwater monitoring of the alluvial bores from site out as far as the river. Standing water levels in these alluvial bores in the area are increasing.

BCOP are to provide charts for alluvial bores standing water levels from outside BCOP in the area at the February CCC meeting.

RD – Bore-field 5, has there been any impacts on/drawdown on local stock and domestic bores, or monitoring bores?

HR – reported no impact.

**Water Storage:**

CC – asked if BCOP was currently pumping?

DM – replied yes

CC – asked if BCOP are still sharing water with Tarrawonga Coal Mine (TCM)?

HR – explained that the agreement for water sharing with TCM expired on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. BCOP and TCM are looking at an extension of this agreement.

CC – asked about the percentages of water being pumped for BCOP and TCM

HR – replied that it is 50/50

CC – asked how much water has been pumped so far?

HR – replied started 15 October with 70 megalitres to date and will continue until mid-late December to pump maximum release.

RD – expressed concerns for the water remaining in Lake Keepit if State Water continue releasing.

Discussion was had about the process of how Lake Keepit releases occur.

HR – commented that the mining industry is a smaller user of the water compared to others utilising the release.

MN – how much water used? Requested a breakdown of water usage on site for the last six months.

HR – explained to the committee that BCOP publishes an annual report each year that includes water usage.

MN – asked if the mines were meant to be self-sufficient for water.

HR – explained that BCOP's project approval accommodates water sharing with Tarrawonga mine.

Whitehaven coal has bought out BCOP share in Tarrawonga, but will still share water.

MN – asked which mine was established first?

RG – said Tarrawonga by about twelve months.

HR – explained to the committee that BCOP takes a very conservative approach to not break the law.

**Rainfall**

No Comments

**Exploration:**

No Comments

**Community Complaints:**

- Currently investigating feedback from local landholders regarding impact to water supply as a result of the operation of our groundwater bores.
  - Update – Running a review to determine the effect on landholder water supplies as a result of the operation of BCOP borefield.

DM – BCOP will be able to provide an update on this review at the next CCC meeting.

MN – how regular are you monitoring?

<p>HR – BCOP have telemetric pressure transducer real time loggers in monitoring wells located near production bores to monitor standing water levels.</p> <p>MN – asked if the committee can get copies of the records?</p> <p>DM – agreed that BCOP will provide an update at the next CCC meeting.</p> <p>RD – asked if BCOP have the results from the experiment investigating if BCOP has had an impact on local landholder bores?</p> <p>HR – informed the group that a verbal conclusion has been drawn on the experiment which was that there is negligible affection on neighbouring bores from mines. Discussion about the fact that there is some impact, but not from the mine.</p> <p>No complaints August/September</p>
<p><b>7. General Business</b></p>
<p>Site Access Signage</p> <p>BCOP to get back to RK with clarification regarding signage.</p>
<p><b>8. Other Business</b></p>
<p>MN – requested a map of the corridors.</p> <p>MN – asked if the corridors were permanent?</p> <p>DM – stated the offset Boggabri Coal have nominated will be secured through an approved mechanism.</p> <p>DM – responded yes the corridors are going to be secured either through title or by an approved mechanism, State Conservation Area 3.</p> <p>KC – Asked if the State Conservation area (SCA) was secure as SCAs are maintained if minerals of interest occur there?</p> <p>DM – responded that it would be a question for the government. State Conservation Area 3 zoning does not allow mining or forestry.</p> <p>RD – asked for the timing when the ‘Wildlife’ corridor between the BCM &amp; MCC started being monitored.</p> <p>DM – responded that BCOP would have to look into the timing, however it has been monitored from approximately 2012</p> <p>RD – asked if it was 2013?</p> <p>DM – believed that was about the right timing but will provide an accurate date at the next meeting.</p> <p>RD – it is apparent that there has been more interest in the wildlife corridor lately</p> <p>DM – since 2012 there has been yearly monitoring</p> <p>RD – Which property is the ‘Central Offset area’ located 10km East of the LSF? And expressed her concern about BCOP referring to the areas as regions rather than properties as the community is more familiar with property names.</p> <p>DM – discussion about locations of the regions: Leard SCA, Namoi, Central Region and East region with mines featured in the centre of the regions.</p> <p>RD – Annual Review 2017 – you have additional surplus Native Veg &amp; Habitat, additional to your current Offset requirements – are you planning an expansion or is this to Offset the Wildlife Corridor in the future?</p> <p>DM – explained the process that BCM would have to go through to mine through the 250m buffer – 500m corridor: 250m BCOP and 250m MCC, with significant coal resource available under the area of the vegetated corridor that both projects will look to recover as conditioned in the EA</p> <p>RD – asked who is responsible for deciding if the alternative corridor is of the same standard as the proposed corridor in the Project Approval?</p> <p>DM – explained that it is up to The Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment.</p> <p>RD – asked if BCOP can guarantee the corridor won’t be mined and if it is what is the timeframe?</p> <p>DM – replied that he is unsure of the timeframe but knows it is not in the next five years based on Boggabri Coal’s current Mine Plan.</p>

CC – asked is there always supposed to be a corridor and can the current corridor be moved?  
DM – clarified that if BCOP was to mine through the current approved corridor, the mine would need to provide a suitable alternate corridor that is equal or better quality as what is required in the condition of approval.  
CC – asked where the alternate locations of the corridor would be.  
RD – commented that she believed it is suggested the alternate corridor will be on the southern side of the mine. RD expressed concern about quality that this alternative won't be mature enough and the like for like quality and The Secretary will still allow it. Believes affects the environmental assessment based on the approval.  
DM – As mentioned at the student visit, BCOP said the company's intent would be to review all options in relation to the resource in the corridor. This is what is conditioned in its approval.  
KC – asked if BCOP has been doing extra monitoring?  
DM – informed the committee that BCOP is continuing with the standard monitoring that is required in the Project Approval and explained when monitoring occurs and for what species – spring Leard offsets, threatened species, summer bats. No additional monitoring.

GE – brought up that there is growing concern in the community about the large number of trees being planted along the river near Gin's Leap floodplain; on good farming, agricultural land. Believes the flood plain drainage will be impacted.  
DM – BCOP has planted out offset properties with the aim to achieve benchmarks as agreed for each vegetation unit. Explained that not all the trees are expected to survive and if there were too many that survived, numbers would need to be managed.  
RG – suggested he would talk with BCOP as they own one of the properties closest to the plantings.  
KC – believes that the trees are required, land clearing affects water flow and historical clearing in other areas create run-off issues.

RD – wants the corridor kept as these were part of the consent conditions – but changed after approval. Community thought the corridor would remain.  
DM – stated that the wording of the PA has always allowed for an alternate corridor.  
MN – disappointed that the corridor to be gone as he sees the corridor as a buffer zone. Stated that he wants BCOP to lock in the 250m and lead by example.  
RK – informed the group that the subject of tree plantings was brought up last week in a council meeting with regards to the Vickery EIS.  
RK – also wondered how the offsets were chosen from day 1 and how they are managed with regards to flooding etc.  
DR – suggested that the issue be discussed at the joint CCC meeting as there will be a representative from DoPE. BCOP to action – concerns of corridor to be addressed in future meetings.  
CC – there has been concern within the community regarding BCOP housing commitments. The community appreciates the change out of a house for the early learning facility but people are asking where the other houses are?  
CC – asked if BCOP has a timeframe for the houses? The other houses were bulldozed and nothing has been built to replace them. Currently housing stock and quality is limited and rentals are tight.  
CC – clearly stated the community wants a timeframe for being replaced, what is planned to do, and when?  
DR - DM taken on notice  
BCOP – to give a timeframe at the next meeting  
RG – When houses were knocked down in Boggabri, BCOP said they were going to build houses rather than units to bring better revenue to the town and attract families to the area.  
CC and RG explained to the committee the locations of where the houses the were bulldozed.

RG – asked if there was a flood that took out the tree plantings at Gin's Leap, would BCOP replant them?

DM – explained that they would but not at the same density. Currently it is at 200 stems/Ha. If the trees are too successful, they will be managed to meet the required benchmark for the vegetation unit  
MN – re: houses, community impact statement Boggabri – 10 houses Boggabri, 20 houses for Narrabri. Heard that the Narrabri Shire Council were the ones holding up the housing commitments.  
RK – would like to discuss this more outside of the meeting.

KC – with regards to the like for like offset properties, has this been ground truthed?

DM – responded that they have been ground truthed and confirmed based on the Federal approval requirement.

? - Question on when the proposal put forward

DM – 11 000 ha offset: 3 000 ha planting, 7 000 ha like-for-like ground truthed by independent audit

MN – asked if there is a maximum radius/distance the biodiversity offsets have to be from the mine and are there any overlapping of offsets with Whitehaven Coal?

DM – explained there is no double counting, no overlapping lot titles and joint properties are split equally. Vegetation mapping occurs across the whole shared property.

HR – explained there are no proximity restrictions.

CC – asked MN if he was thinking of the Sunshine property that BCOP owns.

DM – WHC now own Tarrawonga mine

#### Annual Review

RD – asked what the timeframe was for preclearing animal check and stages one and two of the tree clearing process.

DM – explained what is involved in each stage and that it depends on the size of the area being cleared – pre-clearing occurs just before clearing.

DM - February 15 is a rough time for clearing: pre clearing occurred weeks before clearing, depends

RD – asked how could there be nothing trapped in preclearing and then there were a high number of animals relocated in stages one and two.

DM – will give RD more feedback regarding the process.

DM – 3161 ha surplus native habitat

RD – asked BCOP can offsets be traded?

DM – Yes, when credits are surplus then these can be traded if not required as an offset. BCOP can trade or use surplus credits on offset properties through stewardship agreements

RD – was not aware of this

DM – explained that if they are traded, they will continue to remain biodiversity areas.

#### MOD 7

RD – asked where MOD 7 was up to, has BCOP received an assessment from the government, were there many submissions?

DM – MOD 7 was currently in the assessment phase with the DoPE, was unsure of how many submissions were received but see Major Projects for numbers.

RD – last meeting OEH didn't want offsets for national park, asked DM to confirm that National Parks and Wildlife did not want BCOP offset properties.

DM – explained that the National Parks did not want the offset properties at that point in time. I had further conversations with Peter Christie and Peter said that at that time they were going through the Biodiversity Reform. Limited funding available for National Parks

RD – questioned, aren't the offsets BCOP's responsibility in perpetuity and shouldn't some money go with the land for management?

DM – yes depending on the agreement reached, are trying to open up options.

<p>RK – shared that there are concerns in the community that Narrabri Shire is not getting it’s fair share of benefits that were promised.          HR – responded that Narrabri Shire has a voluntary agreement in place with Boggabri Coal.          RK – told the committee about a Narrabri business that was having great success with BCOP and was upscaling. The business found out mid this year that BCOP was no longer using them which has put a strain on their business.          HR- BCOP can provide details of opportunities where locals have been chosen over bigger, cheaper companies from outside the region.</p> <p>Employment          CC – Explained that there has been talk that a lot of the applicants are not getting any response to applications if unsuccessful. This is reflecting badly on BCOP within the community.</p> <p>CCC Annual Review          DR – asked the group to provide some responses to the below questions              What were the main issues raised at the CCC for the year and responses?              What do you want to talk about or what activities would you like to do in the next 12 months?</p>
<p><b>9. Next Meeting</b>          Thursday 14/02/2019 at 9am at Boggabri Coal Boardroom</p>
<p>Meeting Closed at 11:45am.</p>

Actioned against	Action to be done
Peter Forbes	To provide at the next CCC an overview of SPL monitoring and equipment noise levels.
Robert Kneale	Investigate within the Narrabri Shire Council what the issue with site access signage on the Kamilaroi Highway.
Daniel Martin	Provide written responses to the CCC members questions prepared for James and Laura.
Daniel Martin	Let the committee know when the Regional Water Strategy is approved and on the website if approved prior to the May 2019 Joint CCC.
BCOP	Provide charts for alluvial bores standing water levels from outside BCOP in the area at the February CCC meeting
Hamish Russell	Provide an update of the bore monitoring experiment at the February 2019 CCC meeting
BCOP	Provide Robert Kneale clarification on site access signage
BCOP	Provide timeframe for housing commitments at the February 2019 CCC meeting
BCOP to action	concerns of corridor to be addressed in future meetings
MN	requested a map of the corridors (Kerri would like one as well)





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## CCC MEETING NOVEMBER 2018



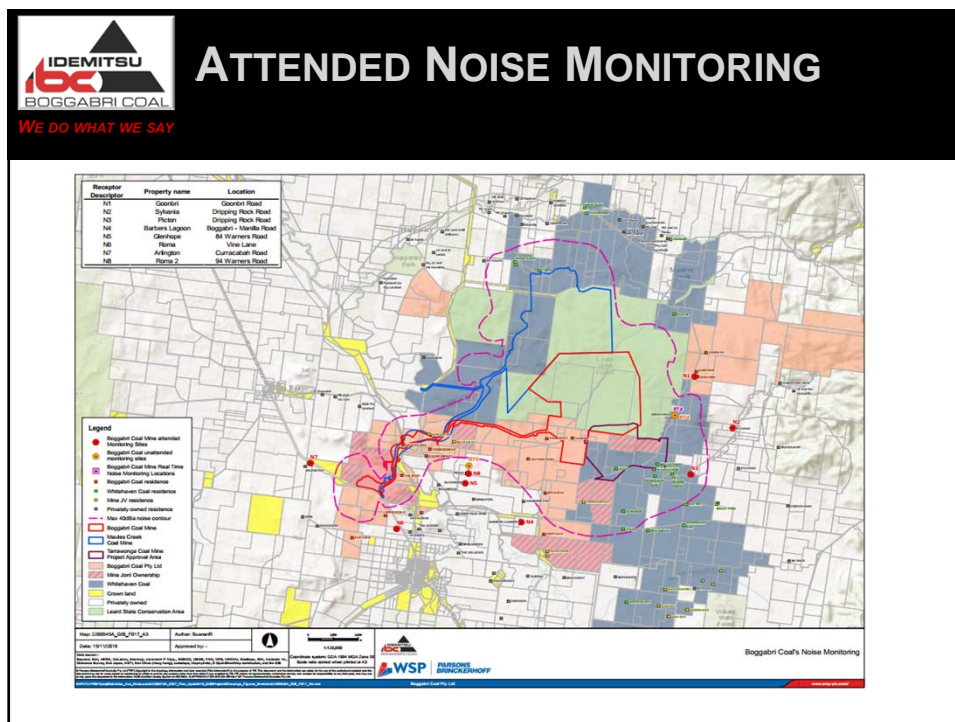
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## AGENDA

- Confirmation of record keeping
- Apologies
- Declaration of pecuniary or other interests
- Confirmation of minutes
- Business arising from previous minutes
- Correspondence
- Company reports and overview
- General Business
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Actioned against	Action to be done
Peter Forbes	Discuss with Ros about getting an expert out to sample the dust that is settling at her home.
Peter Forbes	To provide at the next CCC an overview of SPL monitoring and equipment noise levels.
Hamish Russell	Discuss with Anna ways to resolve the hold up that is occurring with the bush tucker project.
Peter Forbes	Let Anna know how many people can attend the biodiversity offset visit occurring in September.
David Ross	To organise a representative from ARTC to attend the November Boggabri Coal CCC meeting.
Committee Members	Provide DR questions that you would like to ask the ARTC representative.
Ron Campbell	Investigate within the Narrabri Shire Council what the issue with site access signage on the Kamilaroi Highway.
Richard Gillham	Let Boggabri Coal know rough times of the Friday afternoon/evening traffic that he has been seeing.
Daniel Martin	Provide written responses to the CCC members questions prepared for James and Laura.
David Ross	Put the Regional Water Strategy on the agenda for the Nov Joint CCC meeting.

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<b>NSW Department of Planning &amp; Environment</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approval of the air quality, noise and blast management plans</li> <li>- Submission of Modification 7</li> </ul>	
<b>NSW Department of Planning &amp; Environment Resources Regulator</b>	
Nil	
<b>Department of the Environment and Energy</b>	
Nil	
<b>Environment Protection Authority (EPA)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of the Environmental Protection Licence</li> </ul>	




**ATTENDED NOISE MONITORING**

Monthly monitoring conducted in September and October 2018.

Night-time monitoring

Carried out in accordance with requirements of the EPL and Australian Standards


There were no exceedances of EPL or Project Approval criteria during the monitoring



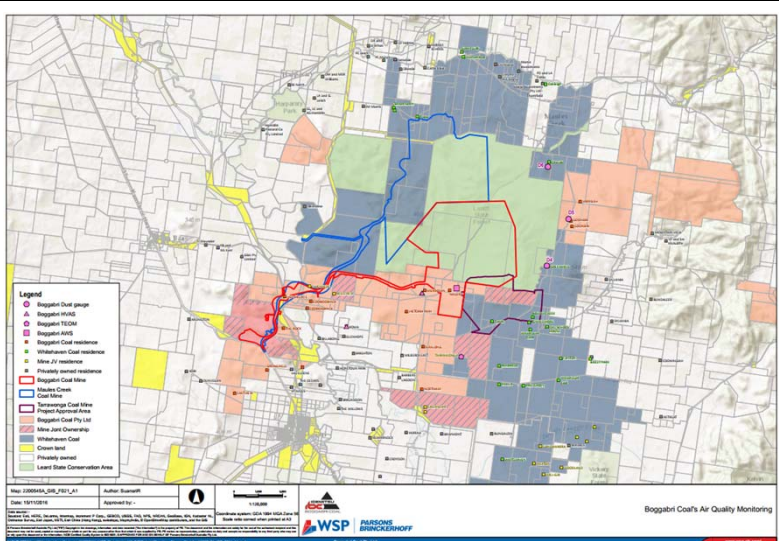
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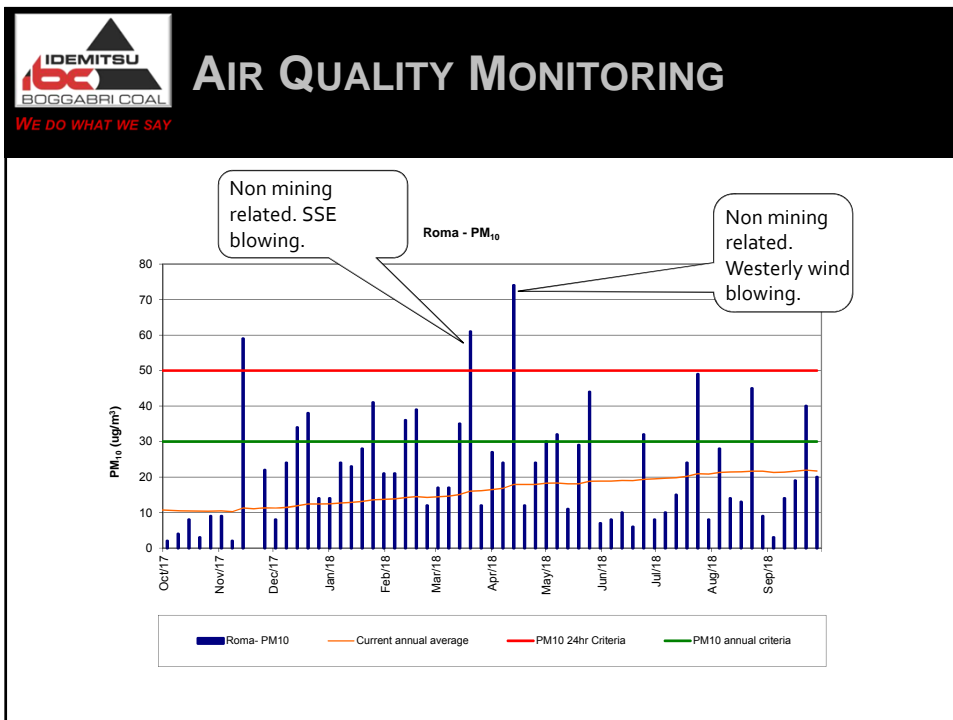
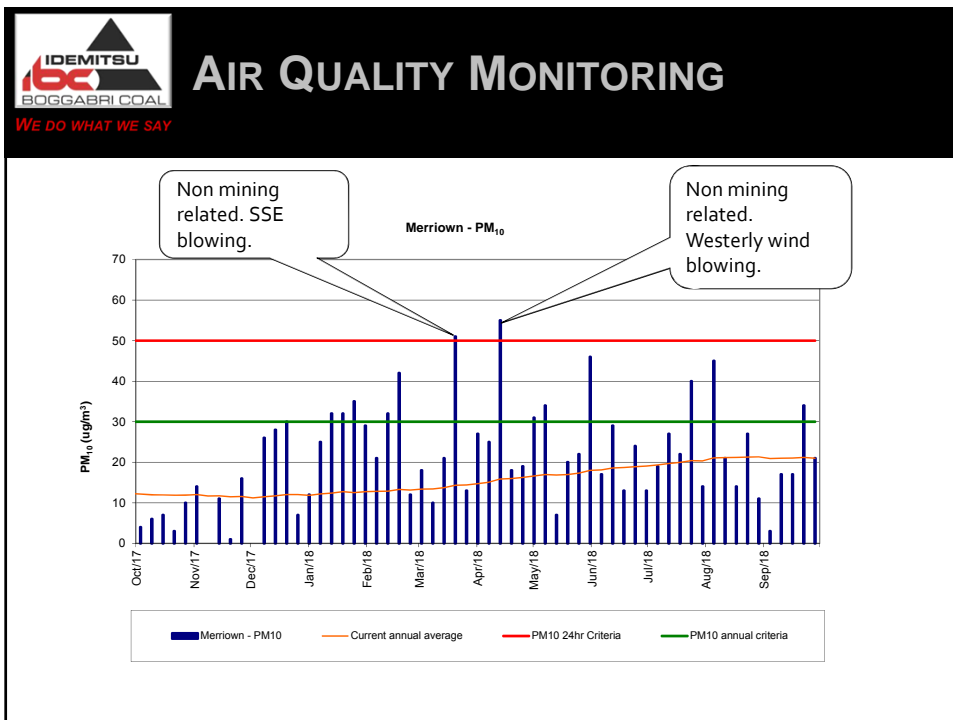
Attended Noise Monitoring	LAeq,15min Impact Assessment Criterion	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	June-18	July-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
Goonbri	0	0	32	0	28	29	32	31	29				
Sylvania	35	0	0	0	<25	0	0	<25	0	0	0		
Picton	35	0	0	<20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Barbers Lagoon	35	0	<25	<25	0	0	0	0	0	0	<30		
Glenhope 84 Warners Road	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0				
Roma Vine Lane	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
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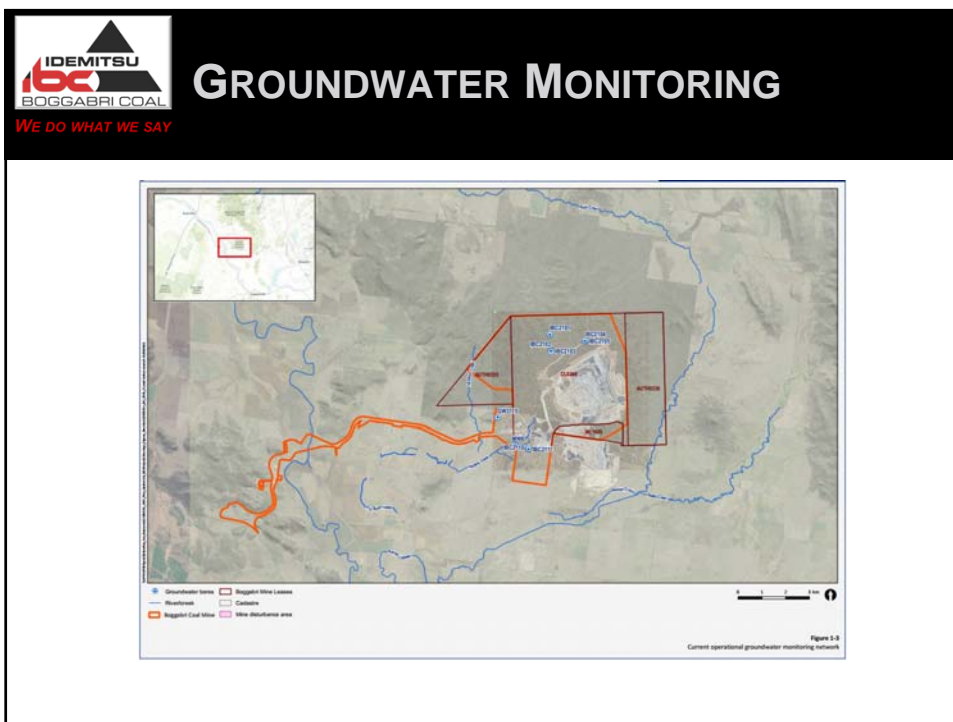
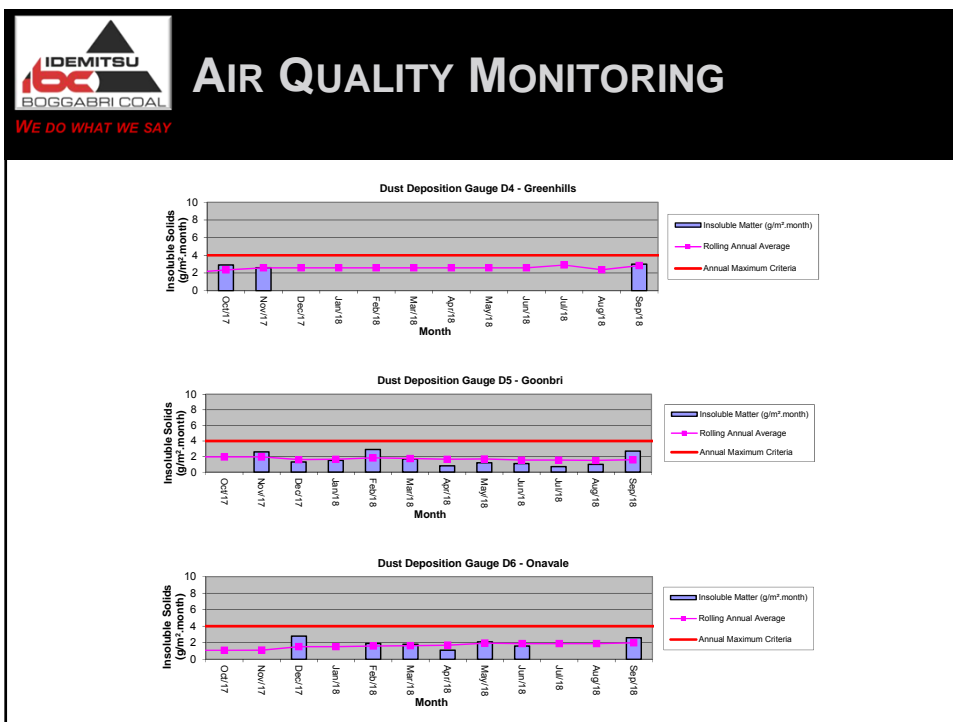
The new Noise Management Plan was accepted by The Department of Environment on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Attended noise monitoring is now only required at Sylvania, Picton and Barbers Lagoon.

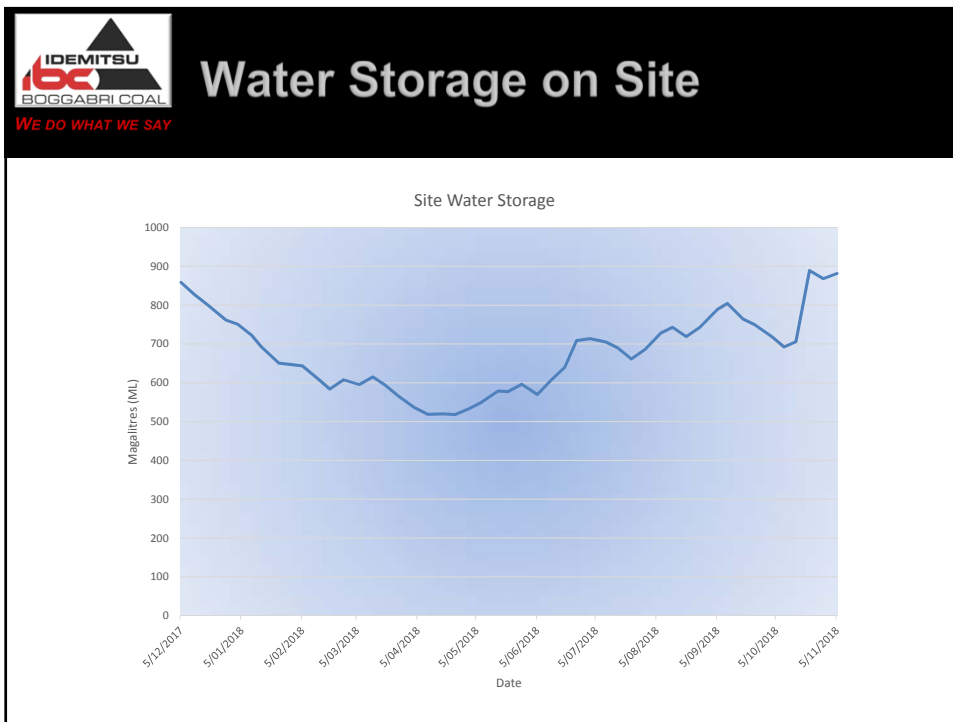
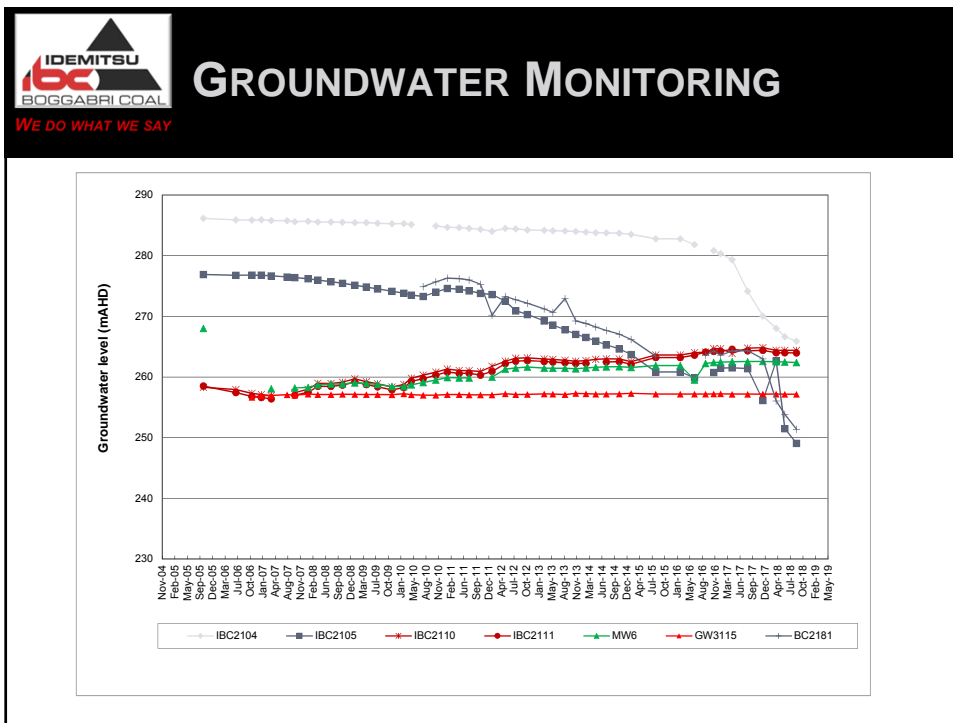


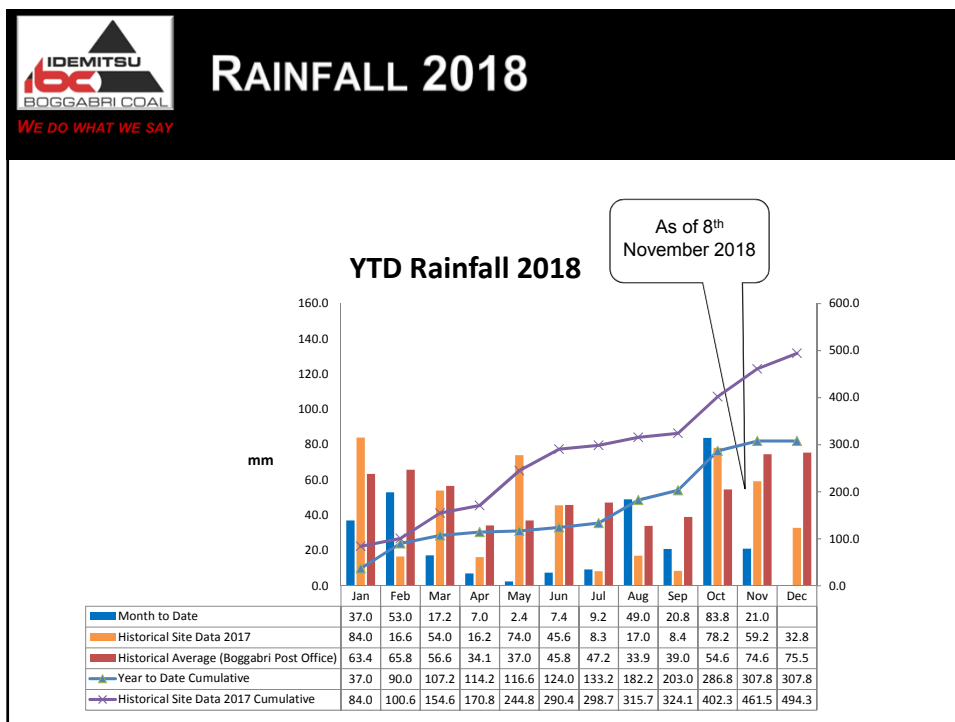
## AIR QUALITY MONITORING











## EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

Exploration activities for 2018 are located on CL368. No physical activities to occur on A339, A355 or ML1755 during 2018

**Boggabri Coal Operations**

Exploration buffer to Shovel

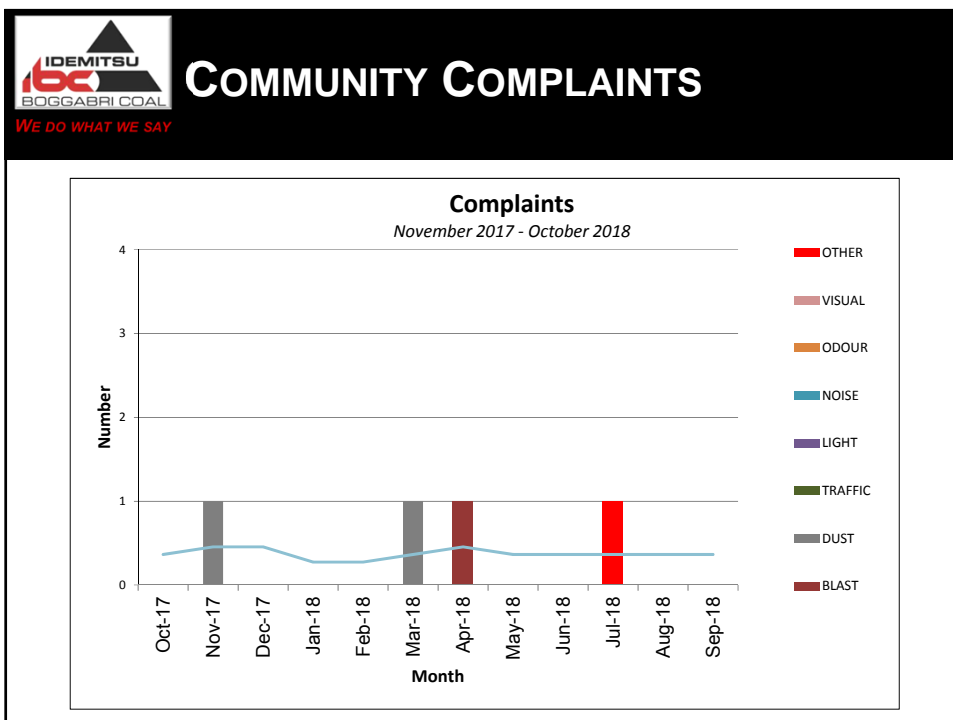
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## COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS/FEEDBACK

- Currently investigating feedback from local landholders regarding impact to water supply as a result of the operation of our groundwater bores.
  - Update – Running an experiment to determine the effect on landholder water supplies as a result of the operation of BCOP borefield.




**GENERAL BUSINESS**  
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- **Community Sponsorships 2018 YTD**
  - Gunnedah Girls Academy - \$30,000
  - Westpac Rescue Helicopter - \$30,000
  - Boggabri Hospital - \$10,000
  - Drivers Campfire - \$10,000
  - Maules Creek Campdraft - \$8,000
  - Namoi Carp Muster - \$5,000
  - Boggabri Carp Muster - \$5,000
  - Dorothea MacKellar Memorial Society - \$5,000
  - Boggabri Rugby League - \$3,000
  - Manilla Show - \$2,500
  - Discretionary Sponsorships - \$21,300
- **Other Business**



**GENERAL BUSINESS**  
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Figure showing corridors with the Biodiversity Offset's

