Held at the Boggabri Golf Club

Members Present: Cr Cathy Redding (CR) – Narrabri Shire Council, Elizabeth O'Hara (EOH) – Community Representative, Geoff Eather (GE) – Community

Representative, Joanne McFayden (JMc) – Boggabri Coal, Luke Bowden (LB) – Boggabri Coal, Michelle Henry (MH) – Narrabri Shire Council, Mitchum Neave (MN) – Community Representative, Richard Gillham (RG) – Community Representative, Roselyn Druce (RD) – Community

Representative

Apologies: Hamish Russell (HR) – Boggabri Coal, Stewart Dunlop (SD) – Boggabri Coal

Independent Chair: David Ross (DR)

Independent Secretary: Debbie Corlet (DC)

Agenda Items		Who to Present
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	DR
2.	Declaration of Pecuniary or other interests	DR
3.	Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting – Thursday 25 August 2022	DR
4.	Business arising from the previous minutes – Action List Distributed	DR
5.	Company Reports and Overview of Activities	LB
6.	General Business	ALL
7.	Next Meeting – Thursday 23 February 2023	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/By Whom
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies – DR welcomed everyone to the final CCC of the year.	
2.	<b>Declaration of pecuniary or other interests</b> – DR noted that he is paid a fee to chair these meetings as is DC for typing the minutes. RG's property falls under the zone of affectation.	
3.	Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting (25 August 2022) — Everyone was comfortable that the previous meeting minutes appropriately reflected what was discussed.	
4.	Business Arising from the previous minutes — All actions had been completed.	
5.	Company Reports and Overview of Activities by Boggabri Coal Hunter Valley Gas Pipeline – LB observed that the mine has received correspondence from the NSW Office of Energy and Climate Change requesting an Authority to Survey for the Hunter Gas Pipeline corridor. Requests have been received for all BCO owned lots traversed by the route of proposed new Queensland-Hunter Gas Pipeline.  Subsequently, there was a discussion about this. LB clarified that all that is happening at present is for the lots to be surveyed. A decision would then need to be made by Santos as to the preferred route of the pipeline. Idemitsu's legal team is involved in determining how to manage the impact of this proposal on BCO's lots, through time.  MN and LB discussed what does this all mean if the pipeline goes ahead, particularly the impact of an easement on the biodiversity offsets. The mine is here for 30 years and the pipeline beyond that. LB responded that the mine has an agreement with the government with respect to the offsets that cannot be extinguished. The mine would challenge any change to this.  LB continued, observing that the mining lease is on state forest. At this point mining staff believe that the pipeline goes around the mine. When mining is finished, BCO have to put it back to what it said it would be. It'll take another 10 to 15 years to get Government approval that it is back to that.  EOH – A draft Authority to Survey for Santos was sent to landholders in August; they had until the end of November to submit conditions they would like to see applied. These submissions are now being collated. Three stakeholder groups have been told the Dept will meet with them before the ATS is issued. Local feeling is that this is unlikely to occur before the election in March 2023.  EOH further noted that the feedback the mine had received was very different to what the community had received.	ACTION 1 – LB to show easement a next meeting  ACTION 2 – EOH to provide LB with details of her contacts

**Correspondence – NSW Department of Planning & Environment** – Request for Additional Information received re: 2021 Annual Review. Consultation re: water discharge from site. Consultation re: Mod 8 and Mod 9. BCO submitted a request for an extension of time to complete the securing or transfer of offset sites.

**Environmental Protection Authority** – Monthly attended noise monitoring reports and National Pollutant Inventory reports submitted. BCO responded to information request re: PIN review.

**Biodiversity Conservation Trust** – Regular progress meetings are being held regarding Conservation Agreements. BCO has submitted initial 25 conservation agreements. Provided letter supporting BCO's request for extension of time to complete the securing or transfer of offset sites.

LB noted that BCO has requested an extension for April / May next year. In response to comments from RD and EOH, LB observed that the legal requirements behind the agreements are extremely complex. Two conservation agreements still to be submitted.

**Department of Agriculture, Water & Environment** – Query about changes made re: submitted Biodiversity Corridor Plan.

**Operations Update** – LB noted that operations have been severely impacted by heavy rainfall and resultant inability to access the mine. Helicopters are only used as a last resort. 27 shifts lost during October. Crew numbers have improved over the quarter as a range of initiatives have started to bear fruit. In excess of 500k tonnes of sales lost.

RD – The big dam – 2 ML capacity - that you have up the north-western area, what is going to happen with that?

LB – Yes, it has been moved by 2026. We're looking at plans right now. It'll have to be a Modification.

RD – How much water onsite? It's ok, I can see it on the graph, over 2.5GL

LB also listed the six wet weather events experienced by the mine since September.

RG – Have they thought of using a train rather than a helicopter.

LB – We are looking at this.

Biodiversity Corridor Plan – BCO submitted a revised Biodiversity Corridor Plan (BCP) to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment on 20 July 2022. The BCP aims to: provide details for monitoring, reviewing, and implementing the BCP. It describes the measures to manage remnant vegetation and habitat in the corridor. The revised BCP contains a proposed legal mechanism for securing the corridor in perpetuity (BCO does not own the land the corridor is situated in).

MN – I thought that the Biodiversity Offsets were for the life of the mine.

LB - No it's not a Biodiversity Offset, it's a Biodiversity Corridor. It's not in perpetuity.

RD – Why do you need that fauna crossing so close to the infrastructure area – When there is the natural corridor, ACTION 3 - LB to Biodiversity Corridor, between the two mines? report back re the LB – I don't know – I'd have to get back to you. natural corridor MN – When are the rail corridors inspected, during and after the floods? between the 2 mines LB – After a flood event, we send our structural engineers out to inspect. Our guys do this after any event. The rail stood up really well. The road not so well. The bridge was OK. New to Industry Employment - In July, BCOP trialled a new to industry assessment centre in Gunnedah which received great interest from the community. Local candidates were prioritised and strongly encourage new candidates from further abroad to relocate to the region. CR – It's great that you've come up with this view to get candidates into the mining industry. 20 successful. Is that ongoing? LB – It is ongoing. I think they'll review in the new year with resources. Mod 8 will need more people. Looking at our Life of Mine, a lot more work with technical and trades required. Trying to bring in the University students. CR – If you're going down that line of professionals. They could also study at the university centres at Narrabri. We don't just deal with one university; we deal with 40. We have skilled support staff and it's no different to being on campus. MN – What percentage is indigenous. LB – My feeling is around 18%. That is quite high for the industry. MN – New government changes to implement for the retired to get back into the workforce and work more hours – are you looking into that as well? You'd have skilled people in the older side as well. LB – We haven't got a targeted program, but these are open to any age. If they have the skills and can sit in the simulators and pass the tests, they will have great opportunities to get back into paid work. ACTION 4 - LB to MN – Requests that the mine engage Gunnedah buses and work through Red Chief to support workers to get to work. I include a slide re think there's an opportunity for a partnership with buses and the mines to get that going again. retired workers and LB – We are looking at buses and going to market right now. Any business that can be made sustainable for the buses community will be supported. 2022 Tyre Disposal Update - 2021 EPL reporting period - 300 tyres buried. 2022 EPL reporting period - 117 tyres buried in April. 83 tyres buried in June / July. Last 100 expected to be buried in November. EOH noted that decisions have been made by the Environment Ministers on 21 October 2022 to "work with the private ACTION 5 – BOC to sector to design out waste and pollution, keep materials in use and foster markets to achieve a circular economy by report back to next 2030" and "that the Australian Government add end of life tyres to the Minister's Product Stewardship Priority List, meeting about steps signalling the intention to regulate should industry not lift its game." She then asked for an update on tyre recycling. taken for tyre

disposal

Could the mine report to the next CCC outline the steps that have been taken by the mine to investigate and implement tyre recycling.

LB – We want to find a solution. I've had energy / recycling businesses come to me, but they all keep falling over. EOH – It could be a positive thing for the whole community. There's government money for research.

DR – MN has shared information on this before and he's been talking to businesses. Here's a real opportunity for Boggabri Coal to get a contact name and number from him.

LB – Once you (MN) have a proposal, can you come to us, and we will support you.

**2022 Archaeological Salvage Program** – Archaeological salvage work recommenced this week. Archaeologist availability and weather conditions have limited opportunity to complete work. Current salvage works include 2023 tree clearing area and continuing at BC54.

MN – What is your timeframe, and should it be longer to survey that area?

LB – Survey and salvage work – it is up to the archaeologist as they run the program but it's their decision. They work with the Aboriginal parties, and we just facilitate. I can provide that feedback to them.

MOD 8 Update – LB noted that DPE approved proposed amendment pathway April 202?. All technical specialist reports and associated impact assessment is complete. James Bailey & Associates are finalising lodgement documentation. All technical studies for MOD 8 (amendment) report less or same outcome as presented in Mod8 2021 submission. Current submission date proposed week commencing 28/11/22. At this time, the Amendment Report plus the Response to Submissions Report will be lodged with DPE. Mod.8 May or may not be put on exhibition for consultation.

EOH – I believe Tanya Plibersek MP is going to review 18 different coal and gas projects. Mod 8 is definitely one that is being reviewed.

RD – Mainly to do with greenhouse gas. Matters of environmental significance.

LB – I didn't know that. Through our process, we've heard nothing. We haven't even submitted it yet; it'll go in a couple of days. It'll go to the federal government, and this will be captured then.

MN – Is there a number for your carbon output and what is that capped at?

LB – We have to report that number and we have a base number. All the figures will be in the Mod 8. The major component is the trucks. We are going to go solar. We are looking at carbon farming. The focus is the trucks and electric trains. This is very conceptual at the moment.

**MOD 9 Update** – MOD 9 Meeting Room Relocation & In Pit Rock Crushing is on public exhibition from 15/11/22 to 28/11/22 – <a href="https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mod-9-meeting-room-relocation-pit-rock-crushing">https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mod-9-meeting-room-relocation-pit-rock-crushing</a>

	EOH – If the government overturn the approval for Mod 8 –is this still necessary? LB – Yes. This is about efficiency. The 2 mods are not connected.	
	Community Complaints – Two blast complaints in 2022 – Blast event on 2 June. Dust cloud from blast event on 23 July.	
6.	General Business	
	RD – Does the Natural Resource Access Regulator have concerns because of the water situation?  LB – Not so much. They look after all the licencing issues. The real issue is the EPA as they deal with the pollution issues.  RD – Have you had any issues?  LB – Not yet. We're having discussions in case we have a really wet Christmas period. We have discharge under our EPL.  We are very strategic with what happens if a lot more rain comes.	
	RG – Question about the phone service. It's really great that you have a phone tower but when we really need it when the floods come in, it gets turned off. Every time the floods come.  Luke – I don't understand why it would be turned off. I will look into that.  Biodiversity Offset Areas – LB described the activities in the areas.	ACTION 6 – LB t find out why th phone tower is turned off durin floods
	<b>Housing VPA Update</b> – LB noted that BCO has submitted a development application to construct two more dwellings in Boggabri. It is still under assessment by Council and has been referred to Traffic NSW for their assessment due to the driveway entrance being on a state-owned road.	
	MH – The hold-up is with Transport NSW. Letter issued to the architect as they don't like the driveway coming out on the state road. I've had discussions with them. There are 2 lots. 1 should be entitled to have access to the main road. There's already an existing cross over. We are back and forth with Transport NSW.	
	BCO Family Days – Conducted 12/11/22 and 26/11/22 at the Boggabri Showground.	
	Sponsorship 2022 – JMc – We don't do sponsorship for individuals. It's for sporting groups, Not-for-Profits etc.  LB – Idemitsu has values. We don't want to focus on just sports, can be around the arts, education and each application is assessed on its merits.  JMc – It needs to be kept very local. It is open all year and can submit.	

	DR - CCC guidelines being revised after five years of being in place. Next year there will be a requirement for me to talk to you about the revised guidelines. There will be a Terms of Reference that needs to be created specific to the needs of this CCC and its members. We'll have to talk about this at some time.  MN – Is it possible to talk about a sitting fee? Some of us, haven't got an income coming in.  DR – Once we discuss the revised guidelines, I'm happy to raise that again but a decision on travel costs will be up to	ACTION 7 – DR to provide the CCC Guidelines in advance of the next meeting
	each of the mines.  MN – At our next meeting can you bring a report from the Dept about how we are travelling.	ACTION 8 – DR to get a report from the DPE about how the CCC is going
7.	Next meeting date — Next meeting Thursday 23 February 2023 at 9:30 am. Location at the Boggabri Golf Club.	

Meeting closed at 11:49 am

#### Appendix 1: Actions

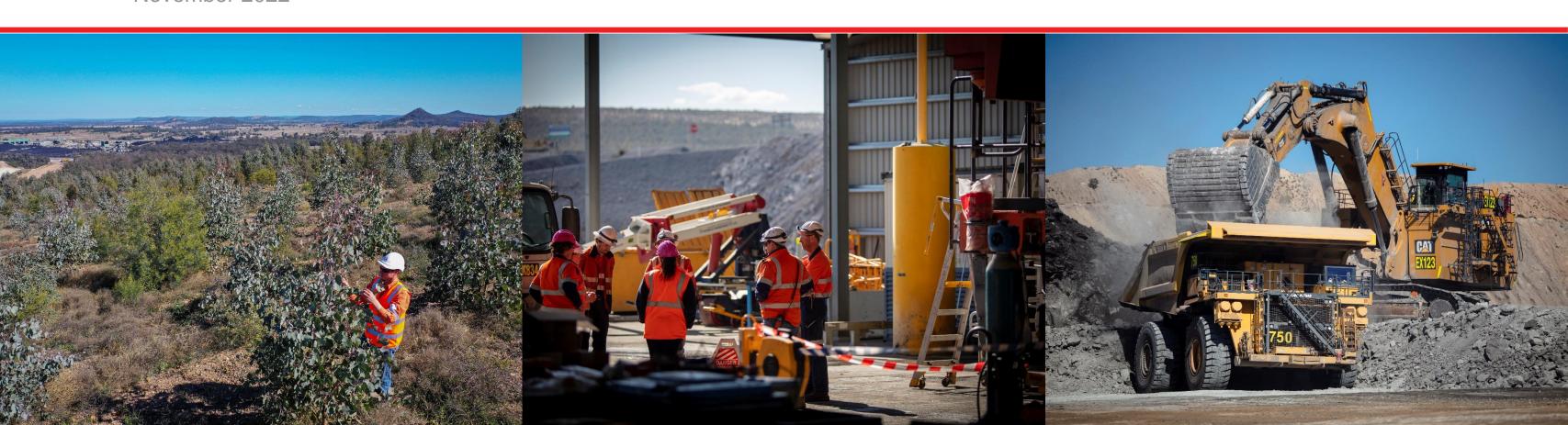
Page No	Action No	Description	Date Raised
2	1	LB to show easement at next meeting	24 November
2	2	EOH to provide LB with details of her contacts	24 November
3	3	LB to report back re the natural corridor between the 2 mines	24 November
4	4	LB to include a slide re retired workers and buses	24 November
4	5	BOC to report back to next meeting about steps taken for tyre disposal	24 November
6	6	LB to find out why the phone tower is turned off during flood	24 November
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6	8	DR to get a report from the DPE about how the CCC is going	24 November





# CCC Meeting November 2022

<sup>24th</sup> November 2022





# Agenda

November 2022



- Apologies
- Business arising from previous minutes
- Correspondence
- Company Reports & Overview
- Community Complaints
- General business
- Biodiversity Offset Areas
- Housing VPA Update
- BCO Family Day
- Sponsorship
- Next meeting









## Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Action	Action to be done	Status	Comments
1	BCOPL to notify DR if MOD 8 amendment will go on exhibition		Ongoing
2	BCOPL to investigate the Hunter Valley Gas Pipeline and report back		Slide 4
3	MH to provide a link re pipeline details NSC has received		MH to provide details









### **Hunter Valley Gas Pipeline**

- BCO has received correspondence from the NSW Office of Energy and Climate
  Change requesting an Authority to Survey for the Hunter Gas Pipeline corridor under
  the Pipelines Act 1967,
- Requests have been received for all BCO owned Lots traversed by the route of proposed new Queensland-Hunter Gas Pipeline,
- BCO received letters from Santos/ HunterGas Pipeline including a factsheet.



















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

- Request for Additional Information received re: 2021 Annual Review
- Consultation re: water discharge from site
- Consultation re: MOD 8 & MOD 9
- BCO submitted a request for and extension of time to complete the securing or transfer of offset sites









### **Environment Protection Authority**

- Monthly attended noise monitoring reports submitted
- National Pollutant Inventory (NPI) report submitted
- BCO responded to information request re: PIN review
- Contacted BCO re: wet weather preparedness

### **Biodiversity Conservation Trust**

- Regular progress meetings are being held regarding Conservation Agreements
- BCO has submitted initial 25 conservation agreements
- Provided letter supporting BCO's request for extension of time to complete the securing or transfer of offset sites









### **Forestry Corporation of NSW**

Ongoing consultation about access/compensation agreements

### Department of Agriculture, Water & Environment

Query about changes made re: submitted Biodiversity Corridor Plan

#### **Narrabri Shire Council**

 Ongoing consultation traffic management on local roads. BCO sent information request to NSC

### **NSW Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR)**

Ongoing consultation regarding the surface water management system









# **Company Reports and Overview**











### **Operations Update**

- Operations have been severely impacted by heavy rainfall and resultant inability to access the mine (see following slides)
- 27 shifts lost during October
- Crew numbers have improved over the quarter as a range of initiatives have started to bear fruit
- We are currently assessing the final impact on our budget for the year, however we will have lost in excess of 500k tonnes of sales



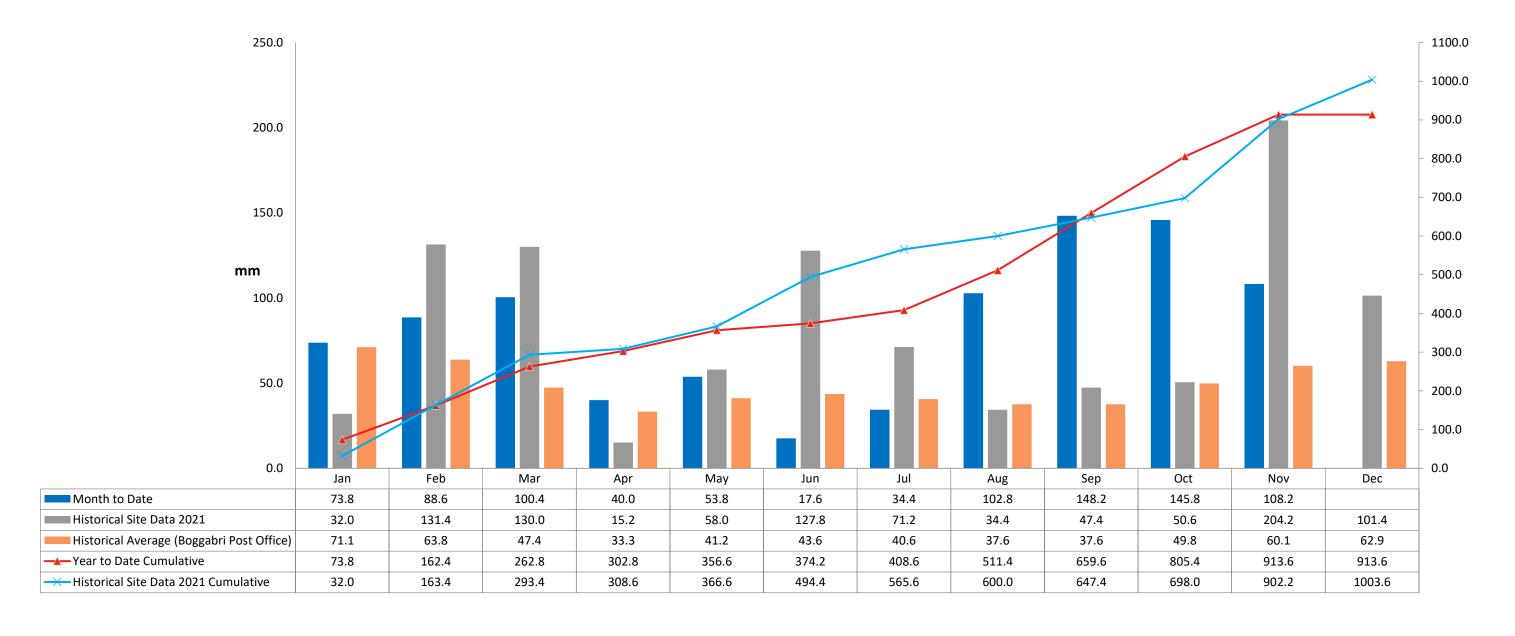








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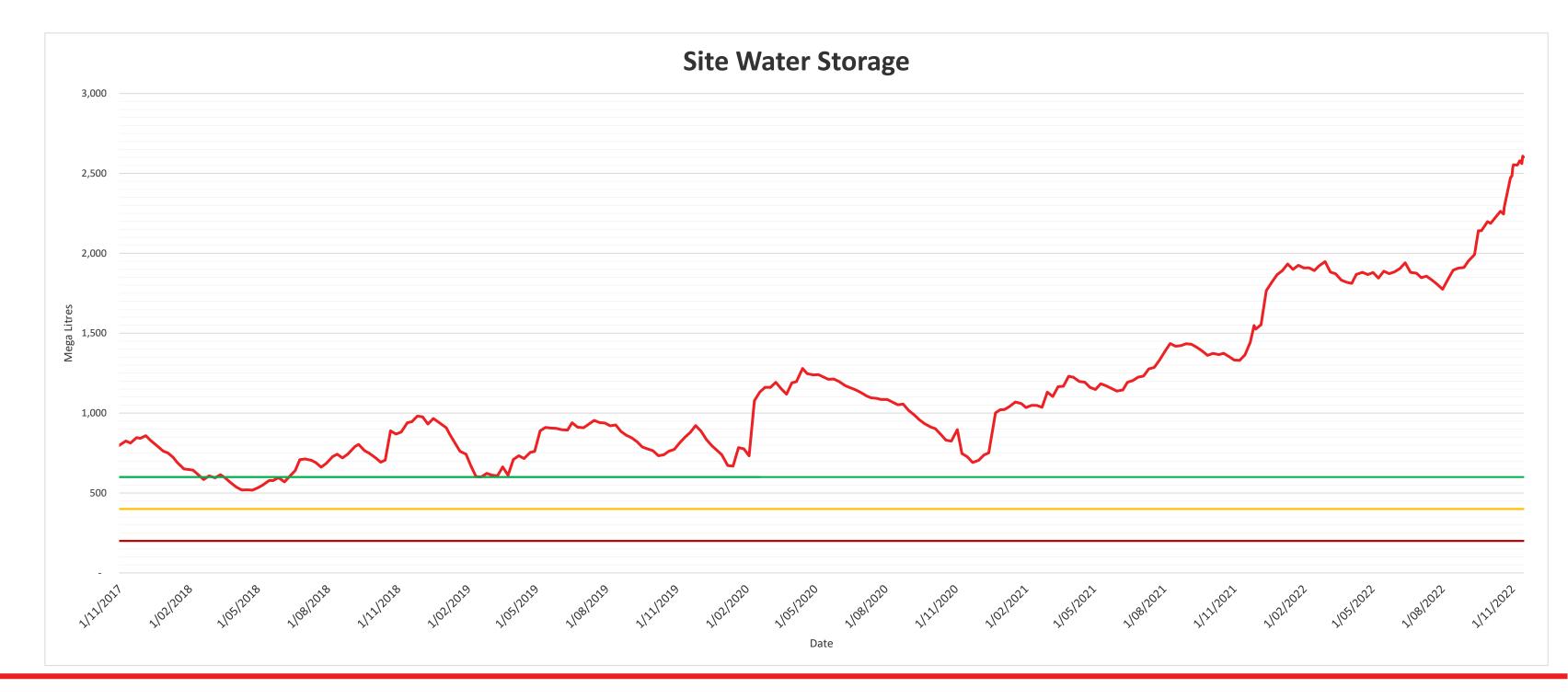




















### **Wet Weather Events**



#### **Event #1 - 17<sup>th</sup> September through to 21<sup>st</sup> September**

- Heavy rains in catchment, 60mm onsite in 1 event
- Staggered shift start for restart

#### Event #2 – 23rd September through to 28th September

- Heavy rains in surrounding catchment, minor rain onsite
- Site utilised helicopter to investigate fire alarms and power outages during site shutdown
- Alternative access utilised for limited activities and site recovery works

#### **Event #3 - 9th October through to 13th October**

- Heavy rains in catchment, 50mm onsite over 2 days
- Alternative access utilised for limited activities and site recovery works

#### Event #4 – 21st October through to 28th October

- Heavy rains in catchment area, Site received 87mm over 4 days prior including 53mm on the 21st itself.
- No alternative access options available due to condition of other roads

#### Event #5 – 2nd November through to 6th November

- Heavy rains in catchment, 50mm onsite over 2 days
- Site recovery works commenced via main access road shift prior to normal access

#### Event #6 – 15th November through to 19th November

- Heavy rains in catchment, 50mm onsite over 2 days
- · Helicopters utilised to commence recovery works, maintain offsite discharge and start mining of coal







# **Fidemitsu**













### **Biodiversity Corridor Plan**

- BCO submitted a revised Biodiversity Corridor Plan (BCP) to the Department of Agriculture,
   Water and the Environment on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022.
- The BCP provides practical measures for managing and controlling the biodiversity associated with the Project as it relates to the corridor. Specifically, the BCP aims to:
  - provide details for monitoring, reviewing, and implementing the BCP
  - comply with the EPBC Act approval 2009/5266
  - describe the measures to manage remnant vegetation and habitat in the corridor
  - describe the practical management strategies (including procedures) to be implemented to achieve the following objectives:
- protecting vegetation and soil in the corridor,
- · controlling weeds and feral animal species (minimising their introduction and spread),
- bushfire management,
- provide a seasonally based biodiversity monitoring program.









### **Biodiversity Corridor Plan**

The revised BCP contains the following administrative changes:

- A proposed legal mechanism for securing the corridor in perpetuity (BCO does not own the land the corridor is situated in),
- Latest monitoring reports and modernised figures,
- Updated vegetation mapping and modernised veg community class references,
- > Threatened species sighting commentary.

Upon approval by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment the BCP will be published on BCO's website.









### **New to Industry Employment**

- In July, BCOP trialled a new to industry assessment centre in Gunnedah with over 58 candidates attending
  - 40 new to industry applicants progressed through to medicals and training
- Additional training new to industry assessment day held on site during September
  - Candidates completed a safety assessment, interviews and a operating scenario in the simulator.
  - Of the 33 candidates, 20 have successfully progressed through to medicals and training.
  - Local candidates were prioritised and strongly encourage new candidates from further abroad to relocate to the region.
- New to Industry employment will continue in 2023









### **2022 Tyre Disposal Update**

- 2021 EPL reporting period 300 Tyres buried
- 2022 EPL reporting period
- 117 tyres buried in April
- 83 tyres buried in June/July
- Last 100 expected to be buried in November

EPL reporting period is 11<sup>th</sup> Jan – 10<sup>th</sup> Jan





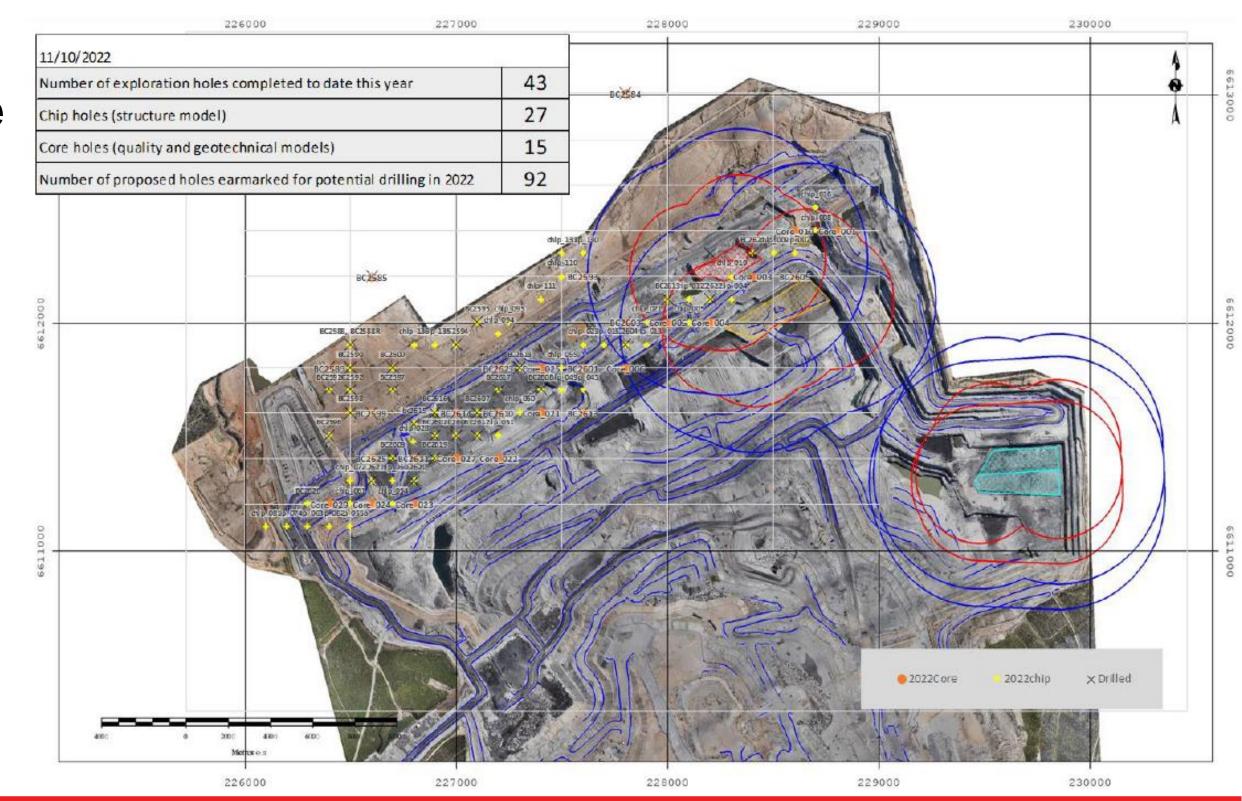






### **Exploration Update**

- 43 of 92 holes drilled to date in 2022. Additional holes have been added to due accessibility issues.
- Orange holes 2022 core
  - Structural quality and geotechnical data.
  - Coal quality
- Yellow holes 2022 chip
  - Structural data





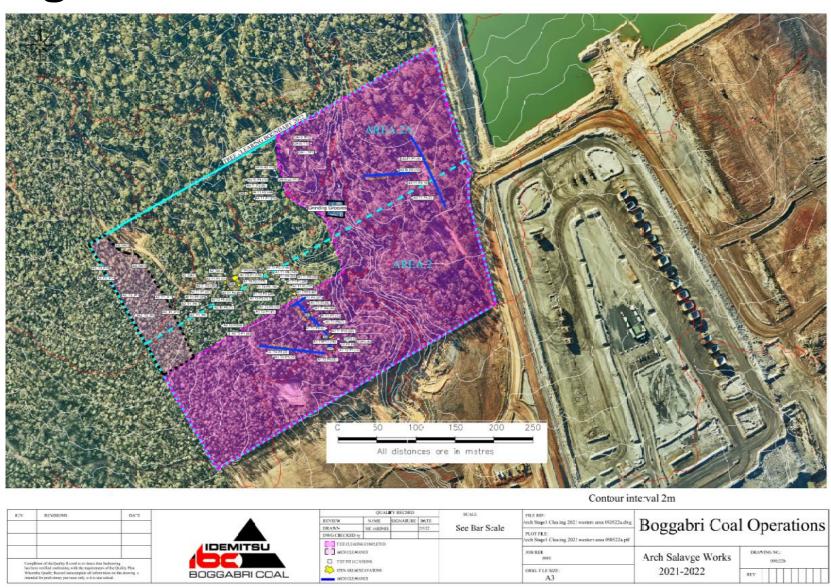






### 2022 Archaeological Salvage Program

- Archaeological salvage work recommenced this week;
- Archaeologist availability and weather conditions have limited opportunity to complete work;
- Current salvage works include:
  - o 2023 tree clearing area, and
  - Continuing at BC54



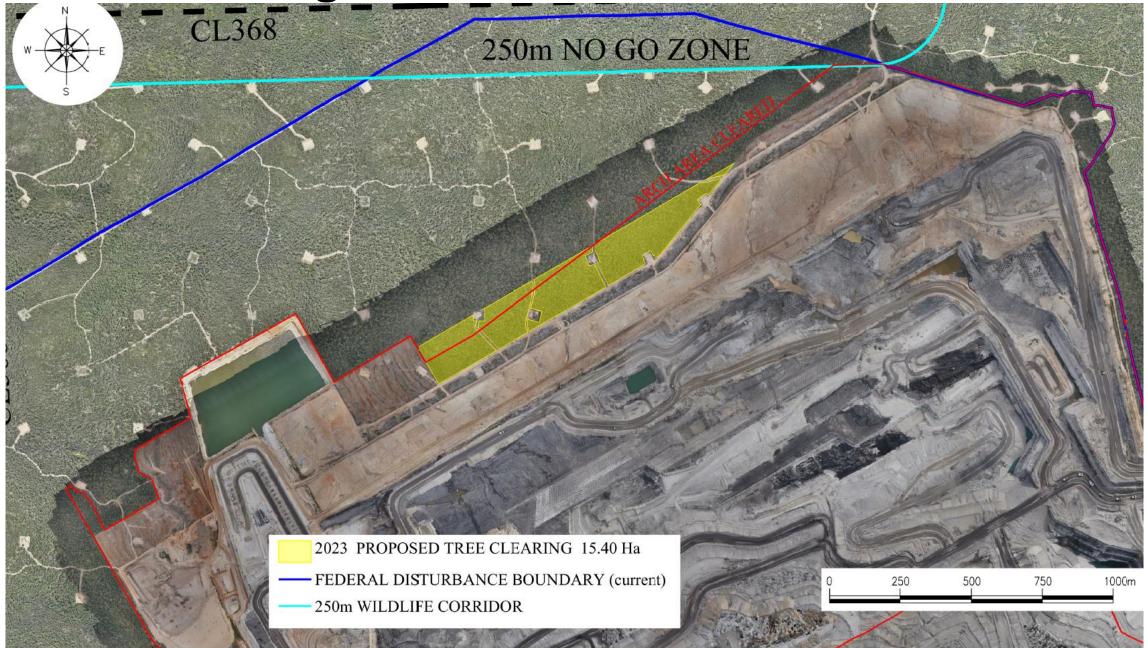








2023 Tree Clearing











### **Modification 8 Update**

#### **Current status**

DPE approved proposed amendment pathway April 2022.

- Impact assessment complete for all specialist studies: Groundwater (including Groundwater Peer Review update), Surface Water, Air Quality, Acoustics, Traffic, Biodiversity, Economics & Social.
- All technical specialist reports and associated impact assessment is complete. James Bailey & Associates are finalising lodgment documentation.

All technical studies for MOD8(amendment) report less or same outcome as presented in MOD8 2021 submission.

Pre-lodgement meeting with DPE, DPE Water, EPA completed 09/11/22.

Project briefing with MEG, Resource Regulator completed 15/11/22.

Current submission date proposed week commencing 28/11/2022. At this time, the Amendment Report plus the Response to Submissions Report will be lodged with DPE.





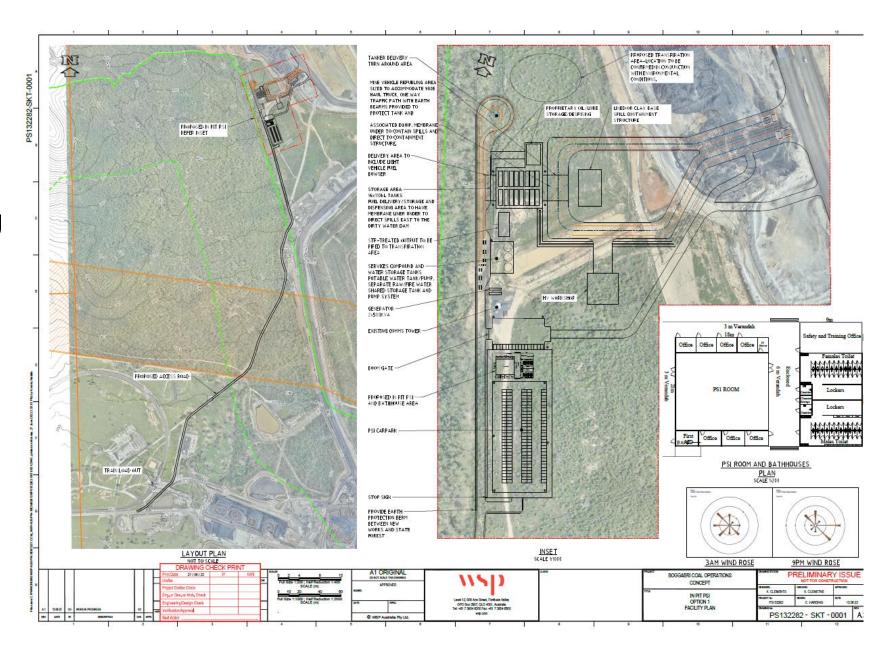




### **Modification 9 Update**

MOD 9 - Meeting Room Relocation & In Pit Rock Crushing is on public exhibition from 15/11/2022 until 28/11/2022.

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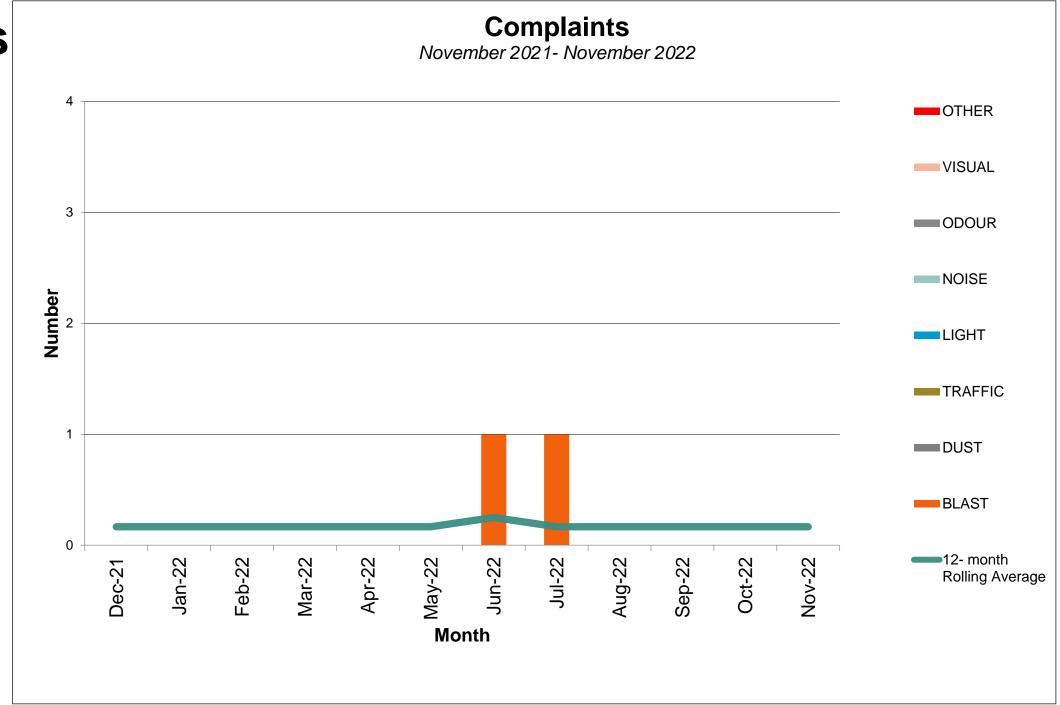




### **Community Complaints**

Two blast complaints in 2022

- Blast event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Dust cloud from blast event on 23<sup>rd</sup> July











### **General Business**





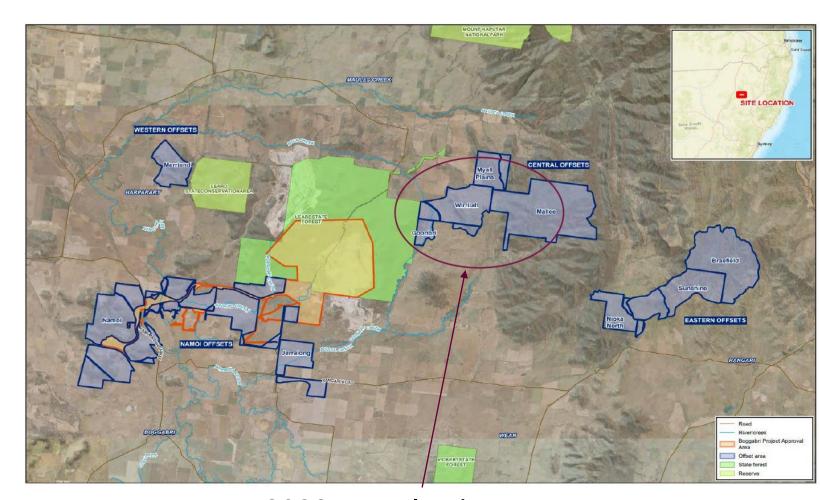






### **Biodiversity Offset Areas**

- Pest management program to commenced in September.
   Targeting Pigs & Goats. Recent delays have occurred due to wet weather.
- 70,000 tubestock ordered for tree planting in 2022 on 'Goonbri', 'Mallee' & 'Myall Plains' offsets. Continued wet weather delayed commencement of planting to mid November. Inspection of all tree planting areas has been conducted by RAPs
- 105,000 tubestocks ordered for the 2023 tree planting program. Includes 4 bush tucker species:
  - Santalum lanceolatum
  - Capparis mitchelii
  - Cinchona pubescens
  - Santalum acuminatum



2022 tree planting areas



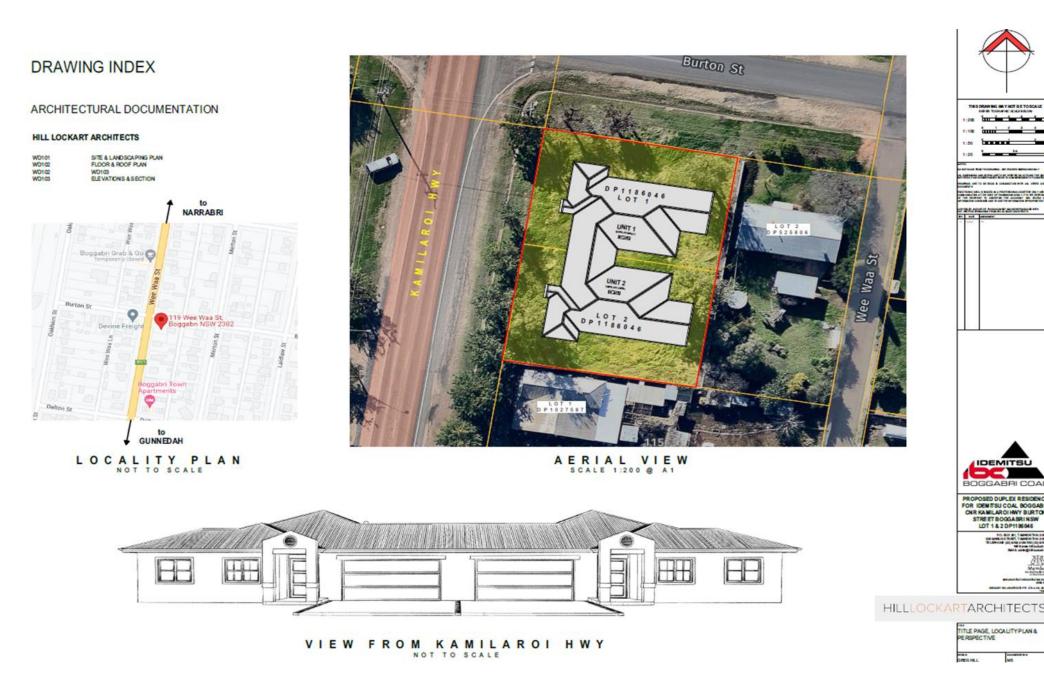






### **Housing VPA Update**

- We have submitted a development application to construct two more dwellings in Boggabri
- It is still under assessment by council, it has been referred to traffic NSW for their assessment due to the driveway entrance being on a state owned road











## **BCO Family Days**

 Conducted 12/11/22 & 26/11/22 at the Boggabri Showground.











# **Sponsorship 2022**

- Formal process for reviewing and approving requests
- Standard application form
- Sponsorship committee meets monthly to consider applications

2022 Sponsorship		YTD	
Westpac Helicopter Partnership	\$	30,000	
Gunnedah Show	\$	15,000	
Maules Creek Campdraft	\$	5,000	
Narrabri Carp Muster	\$	5,000	
Boggabri Carp Muster	\$	4,545	
Boggabri Rugby League	\$	5,000	
Manilla Show	\$	2,500	
Unallocated/Discretionary	\$	25,053	
Total	\$	92,098	









## **Questions?**







