



Community  
Consultative  
Committee

13<sup>th</sup> July 2023



# Business Arising

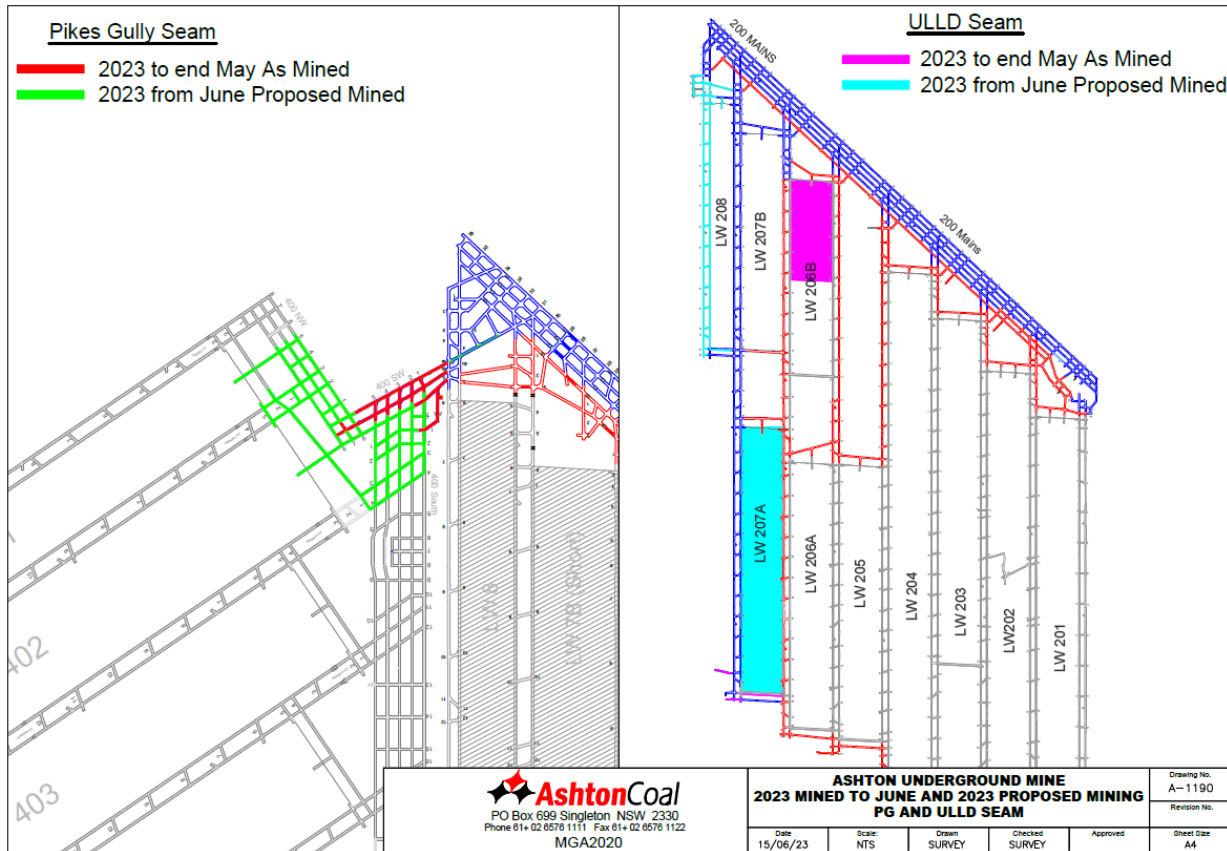
*a. Liz Wyatt (Stratum Archaeology) to attend June meeting and present on Ashton's cultural heritage management*

# Ashton Mine Statistics YTD 2022

## Ashton Coal Key Statistics

	<b>2023 Budget</b> (31.05.2023)	<b>2023 Actual</b> (31.05.2023)
<b>ROM (Mt)</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Product Coal (Mt)</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Total Coal Sales (Mt)</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Total Recordable Injuries (TRI)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Employees (FTE)</b>	<b>351.6</b>	<b>316</b>
<b>Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Environmental Incidents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# Current Mining Plan



# Environment Monitoring Data

- Refer to monitoring data attachment

# Complaints and Incidents

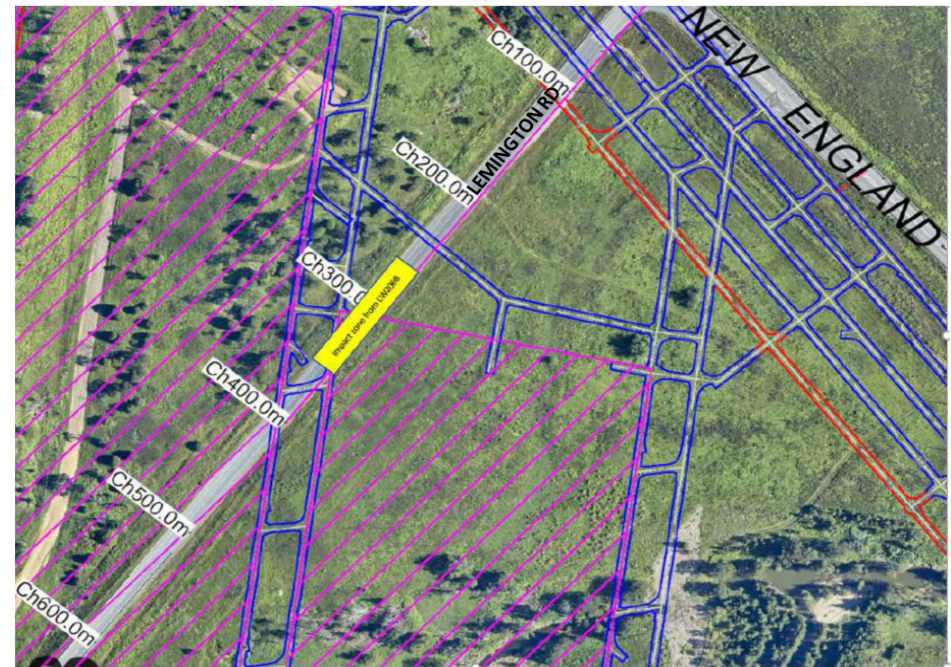
- There have been no community complaints since the last meeting.
- Nil environmental incidents YTD.

# Environmental Update

- Monthly noise monitoring undertaken. No issues identified.
- Ancillary approvals progressing (Mining Lease, Management Plans etc).
- Works are underway on raising the western block banks in Bowman's Creek.
- Bi-annual aquatic ecology monitoring completed in May
  - Considerably drier conditions observed – Bowmans Creek back to ephemeral ponding in large stretches.
  - Species identified (and relocated from isolated ponding) included native eel-tailed catfish and mullet.
- Annual rehabilitation and flora monitoring completed in May
  - Generally drier conditions but increased floristic diversity noted.
  - Northern Brown Bandicoots observed on site for the first time.
- 2022 Annual Review submitted to DPE March 2023
- Independent Environmental Audit submitted to DPE March 2023

# Environmental Update

- Lemington Rd Subsidence Monitoring and Maintenance Program (complete)
  - A-Plus Contracting conducted monitoring and maintenance works over a number of months.
- Minimal maintenance repairs were completed.
- Further works will be communicated ahead of mining in LW207B later in 2023 and early 2024.





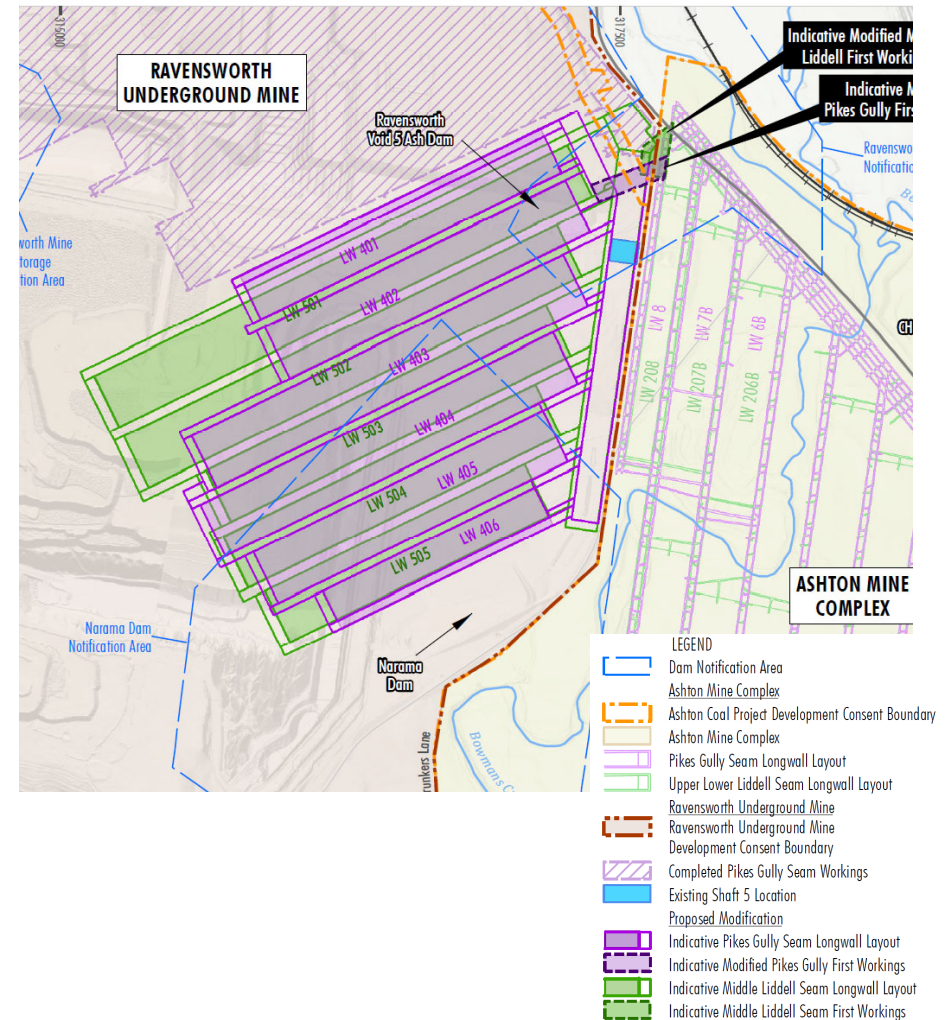
# Environmental Update

- Archaeological salvage works – LW207A.
  - Throughout February-June, our archaeologist (Liz Wyatt) from Stratum Archaeology has been onsite with representatives of the Registered Aboriginal Parties to continue artefact salvage works ahead of mining in LW207A. The current excavation has yielded ~10,000 artefacts and is nearing completion.

# Ashton-Ravensworth Integration (RUMEx)

## Modification Applications Update

- Management Plan updates to integrate RUMEx ongoing.
  - Noise Management Plan, Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas Management Plan, Heritage Management Plan and Environmental Management Strategy approved.
  - Water Management Plan and Flora/Fauna Management Plans still with the Department for approval.
- Extraction Plan approval required prior to mining second workings.



# IEA Actions

Condition	Non-compliance	Corrective action	ACOL Comments	Proposed Action	Action Date
DA 309-11-2001-i					
Schedule 3 Condition 12	<p>Ashton exceeded the 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> three times between 12 September 2021 and 29 October 2021. These exceedances were reported in the 2021 annual review.</p> <p>The most recent modification of the development consent has now formalised that the exceedance of 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> criteria is only applicable if the incremental impact is due to the Ashton Coal Mine Complex on its own. <u>Therefore</u> no corrective action is required.</p>	No corrective action proposed	Modification 11 to Development Consent DA No. 309-11-2001-I approved on 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 changed the Air Quality Criteria to report only if the incremental impact is due to Ashton Mine Complex on its own (Schedule 3 Condition 12).	Nil	Nil
Schedule 5 Condition 1	<p>At the time of the audit, the approved EMS (Version F, dated September 2020) did not identify MOD11 and the updated mining leases currently applicable to the site.</p> <p>Following the approval of MOD11, Ashton Coal wrote to DPE informing them that a review of management plans had been undertaken and that the EMS would be updated to reflect the most recent statutory approvals relevant to the development. The EMS has been submitted to DPE and is pending approval.</p> <p>As no further action can be undertaken Ashton <u>Coal</u> to achieve compliance with this</p>	No corrective action proposed	No action required. EMS modified due to Modification 11 to Development Consent DA No. 309-11-2001-I and is currently with DPE for consideration.	Nil	Nil

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	condition, no corrective action is proposed.				
Statement of Compliance Modification 6, Condition 7.1	The bed and bank of Bowmans Creek are required to be surveyed every five years. This assessment was due to be undertaken in 2022, however was delayed until 2023.	Ensure that the geomorphological assessment is undertaken in 2023.	The delay in carrying out the survey was due to unavailability of Dr Chris Gippell to undertake the work and COVID restrictions.  Soil Conservation Service will now undertake the survey.	Soil Conservation Service to undertake the survey.	30.06.2023
<b>EPL 11879</b>					
M2.1	A non-compliance against this condition was recorded in the 2020 and 2021 EPA Annual Return, where sampling frequency for air quality was not continuous.  The auditor notes that the EPL has recently been modified to include Condition M2.4. Condition M2.4 defines continuous as 95% of the time for the annual return periods for condition M2.2. Non-compliances reported in previous annual return periods had data capture percentages above 95%, and would therefore be compliant under the current EPL and therefore no corrective action has been recommended.	No corrective action proposed.	The EPL was varied on 3 November 2022 to include Condition M2.4 which defines "continuous" to mean the operation of requirement to achieve a minimum pollutant and/or meteorological data capture rate of 95% for the duration of the Annual Return reporting period.  No further action required.	Nil	Nil
M2.2	Condition M2.2 requires PM <sub>10</sub> to be monitored continuously. PM <sub>10</sub> was not monitored continuously in 2020 and 2021 due to outages and maintenance works.		The EPL was varied on 3 November 2022 to include Condition M2.4 which defines "continuous" to mean the operation of requirement to achieve a minimum pollutant and/or	Nil	Nil

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	Refer to M2.1 for discussion regarding data capture in relation to the provisions of M2.4.		meteorological data capture rate of 95% for the duration of the Annual Return reporting period. No further action required.		
M2.3	One monthly surface water sample was unable to be collected from SM9 (EPL Point 6) in March 2021, due to boggy conditions preventing safe access to sampling location. As this has not occurred again since the non-compliance was reported, no corrective actions are proposed.	No corrective action proposed.	127mm of rainfall had fallen in the preceding 30 days prior to the sampling date.  The sampling sheet has been modified to identify mandatory EPL sampling points to ensure that all required samples are undertaken.	Nil	Nil
M4.1	Weather monitoring was not undertaken continuously in 2020 and 2021 as per the requirements of this condition. Refer to M2.1 for discussion regarding data capture in relation to the provisions of M2.4.	No corrective action proposed.	The EPL was varied on 3 November 2022 to include Condition M2.4 which defines "continuous" to mean the operation of requirement to achieve a minimum pollutant and/or meteorological data capture rate of 95% for the duration of the Annual Return reporting period. No further action required.	Nil	Nil
M7.1	Data capture was not undertaken at 10-minute intervals during 2021. Refer to M2.1 for discussion regarding data capture in relation to the provisions of M2.4.		The EPL was varied on 3 November 2022 to include Condition M2.4 which defines "continuous" to mean the operation of requirement to achieve a minimum pollutant and/or meteorological data capture rate of 95% for the duration of the Annual Return reporting period. No further action required.	Nil	Nil
R1.5	The Annual Return for the 2019 reporting period was submitted on 31 March 2020, greater than 60 days since the reporting	No corrective action proposed.			

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	<p>period finished on 31 December 2019.</p> <p>The Annual returns for 2020 and 2021 reporting period were submitted to the EPA within the <u>60 day</u> timeframe. No corrective actions are proposed.</p>				
<i>Standard Conditions Mining Regulation 2016 Schedule 8A Part 2</i>					
16 (2)	The Forward Program is not on the website as per the requirements of this condition, therefore constituting an administrative non-compliance.	Publish the Forward Program on the website.	<p>The Forward Program was submitted to the Resource Regulator on the <u>25<sup>th</sup></u> January 2023.</p> <p>The Forward Program is available on the website.</p>	Nil	Nil
16 (3)	The Forward Program is not on the website as per the requirements of this condition, therefore constituting an administrative non-compliance.		<p>The Forward Program was submitted to the Resource Regulator on the <u>25<sup>th</sup></u> January 2023.</p> <p>The Forward Program is available on the website.</p>	Nil	Nil
<i>DA 309-11-2001-i</i>					
Schedule 3 Condition 40	A bushfire management plan has been prepared for the site, however, was last updated in 2014.	Whilst not a statutory non-compliance, it is recommended that the bushfire management plan is reviewed and updated.	The Bushfire Management plan is an internal document and was in draft form having been reviewed in 2019.	Update Bushfire Management Plan	31.03.2023
<i>EPL 11879</i>					
O5.1	Ashton informed the auditors that minor amendments have been made to the PIRMP. It is recommended that the PIRMP be formally updated through a new revision.	Ensure that the PIRMP is updated as per the outcomes of the PIRMP test. Publish the updated PIRMP to the project website and make available to site staff.		Update PIRMP and publish on the ACOL website	31.03.2023

# 2023 Ashton Coal Community Support Program

- Ashton Community Support Program funded fourteen community groups across the Upper Hunter Valley region, sharing in \$85,000.
- Funding will help purchase equipment, buy school gear, fund training, upgrade buildings and facilities and run various community events.
- All the community groups were pleased to receive the financial assistance – we look forward to seeing the projects and initiatives come to life!



# Camberwell update

- 33 Residential Tenancy Agreements
- 11 Dwellings in Asset Maintenance Program
- 16 Vacant residential lots
- 2 Commercial agreements
- 10 rural areas occupied





**Any Questions?**