



## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 15/08/2024 – From GM - MTW CCC Q2 2024 - Final Minutes - Amendments after August CCC meeting.
- 15/08/2024 – From SH - MTW CCC Q2 2024 - Final Minutes - Amendments after August CCC meeting.
- 15/08/2024 – HJ provided response to CCC members regarding DM and BB questions to Singleton Council.
- 16/08/2024 - MTW CCC Q3 2024 - Draft Minutes.
- 22/08/2024 - MTW Community Support Program 2024 - Applications Open.
- 30/08/2024 - CCC Action regarding fence modification adjacent to Recreation Ground access – update. IH questioned whether approval could be sought to modify another area of fence line owned by Yancoal.
- 10/09/2024 - MTW CCC Q3 2024 - Final Minutes.
- 17/09/2024 - MTW Community Newsletter Example - September 2024.
- 25/09/2024 - FW: MTW CCC Q3 2024 - Final Minutes and PAC Factsheet.
- 30/10/2024 - MTW CCC Meeting Q4 2024 - Draft Agenda.
- 8/11/2024 - MTW CCC Meeting Q4 2024 - Business Papers.
- 12/11/2024 – Copy of CCC Member’s Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interest forms.

## **8. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS (brought forward in Agenda by Chair) – Dust Management**

### **IH presented regarding Dust Management**

- IH declared he is not anti-mining as part of business being Hedweld. Business has been operating for 44 years. Very aware of mining industry and importance of it.
- Aware of dust generated by operations and impacts on residents.
- IH had provided slide images to CS and GM on 14 October 2024. Images are off site looking back towards MTW. IH noted that GM had responded to IH with photos regarding dust on 14 October 2024.
- Multiple images were presented by IH of deposited dust on surfaces of house, vehicle, equipment, solar panels, and roof/gutters at various locations from recent months.
- IH then presented images received from another community member on 8 November 2024.
- IH presented dust impact on himself and family. Community meeting was held on 12 November 2024, and they would like MTW representatives to attend next community meeting and provide overview of how MTW can reduce dust impacts. No one anti-mining just wants the dust reduced.
- IH also presented image of personal vehicle on Bulga side which accumulated dust while away on holidays.
- IH presented there is a push around world for improvement to Environment. IH presented some examples from the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) from overseas relating to silica dust.
- IH noted that it is not just inconvenience, but also health concerns of dust. IH advised this is his fourth presentation in two years. Would like Yancoal to come and meet with community members to discuss dust.
- BB Good idea for Yancoal to come and include more than one person. Also inclusive of more than one person as well as Col as CCC Chair. Also provide some thought what is being done about dust. BB believes it is good for multiple members to meet with community and discuss the issue. Important for community to hear not just empathy, but what can be done about it. A lot of community members live there and are concerned about the impacts of dust on their health.
- CS stated MTW will investigate it and hopefully provide some worthwhile information in CCC Presentation.
- GM discussed mining is extractive there is dust being generated by site, we understand that and it's up to MTW to manage dust from operations. MTW recognise not just local issue but regional dust issue. When driving around the area in general you can see a lot of particulates in the air, MTW is monitoring surrounding conditions and our operations all the time. Also hoping today's presentation provides overview of what site is currently doing and how seriously site is taking it.

### **GM presented regarding Dust Management**

- GM presented photos taken from MTW on 14 October 2024, the same day IH took images. GM noted the images show regional dust and particulates in the area such that you cannot see the mountains when looking across Singleton to the north and to the east of MTW.
- IH stated he did not agree with GM and considered the images presented are looking through MTW dust, and from the other side of the mine in IH photos he believes it is clear. GM stated it is a matter of geography of where you are standing in the valley.

- CS understands IH emotion regarding this issue, and we had all listened to IH presentation without interrupting. Asks that IH provide the opportunity for MTW to go through MTW's presentation and we can have the discussion at the end. IH agreed to that approach.
- GM noted that's what we see when driving around the area, and why the images were provided to IH on 14 October looking to the east. It is a significant fog and dust mass in the area which is not solely generated from MTW operations.
- GM presented slides regarding dust in response to IH's presentation provided prior, and also of subsequent dates up to 31 October where a thickness of particulates has been visibly present in the Hunter Valley region and hanging in the valley as a visible layer in the atmosphere. GM noted the particulates mass moves around with weather conditions, at times can also be over MTW operations. GM noted that changing wind direction can concentrate particulates, providing a recent example of observations prior to a weather front in response to a photo provided by IH. GM not stating that MTW does not contribute into the air mass but wanted to explain what is happening in the area.
- Summary points that there is a visible mass of particulates in the air within the region, and depositional dust does occur within Singleton area and around mining area, not just in Bulga. MTW offers tank cleaning and under sink water filters through MTW's Amenity Resource Program to assist depositional dust and is reported through the CCC. In relation to health, MTW does not monitor health effects of particulates, we monitor environmental impacts. Health is a difficult issue which is not something MTW can tackle. MTW focusses on operations dust and what they can do to monitor and manage dust within the operation as efficiently as possible.
- CS asked if any other comments on the dust specific presentation.
- IH disappointed the MTW is not owning the problem. IH stated he has driven around different mines and believes high levels of dust is generated by MTW, and MTW is not mining cleanly.
- GM stated, when IH's comments are received which in MTW's view is regarding regional dust conditions, there is not anything MTW can do. If the issue identified is in relation to a point source that we can deal with, then we can act on that immediately. GM stated that each enquiry or complaint is considered on their merits and whether MTW can act on or not.
- GM explained that CS will provide an overview during the next presentation of the work MTW are completing.
- IH noted that Bulga Coal has community barbecues and come to Bulga Tavern to discuss items with community. Believes general community comments are that MTW is making much of the dust within the area rather than any other nearby operations.

### **CS presented regarding Dust Management**

- CS opened. MTW has taken feedback on board from previous IH presentation and feedback from previous CCC presentation. A lot of work has been done on sustainable change. MTW recognise this does not happen overnight. CS stated MTW does generate dust but not all the dust. MTW is in process of making change to how dust is managed from day to day and how we manage dust into the future going forward. CS stated community expectations are greater than development consent. Understands frustration in the community when MTW responds in relation to compliance with development consent requirements. CS noted that MTW could continue to only do that, but we are not doing that. CS stated site will do more and have begun to do more in this space. CS noted that MTW had been trying to arrange a meeting with IH to take him through the work we are doing. CS open to discussing talking to

community at the Hall, and we'll see where that discussion goes. Today want to take time to take CCC through dust management changes properly.

- HJ was welcomed joining the meeting online.
- CS concerned with how we are set up to manage the site and how we are set up to be sustainable to manage the operation. Have taken on feedback from regulators, from community, and from CCC and considered we needed to do something different and had to change the way we operate. CS Social license to operate is very important to site. CS provided overview of senior leadership team strategy day and provided overview of MTW Mission Statement. Key word included in the sites new Mission Statement is responsibly. The mission statement is made of 5 key pillars with responsibly one of the pillars.
- CS explained the need for the right people and to have a plan and an organisational structure to support that. Need to have an operating system to support the plan. Tim Veness (TV) has now been promoted to a new role Manager Statutory Functions and now directly owns the responsibly portion of the updated MTW Mission Statement. TV directly reports to CS as part of senior leadership team and is looking after the responsibly aspect of our Mission Statement. Focus will be on day-to-day deliverables regarding responsibly with the Shift Coordinators and Community Response Officers reporting through TV. This is a significant change. No longer does the production team manage environmental matters. It is also not GM's teams responsibility, it is through TV who reports directly to CS, with this change to organisational structure occurring in the past two months.
- CS provided overview of updated MTW operating system. Over the last six months changes have been made in terms of site focus on dust management to allow better tracking of progress with these items. Over the last two months with organisational chart changes there is specific metrics on dust.
- MTW has generated plans and invested a significant amount of capital on additional dust controls for the operation. MTW has had plan and then to seek justification on the level of investment and prove to business it is the right thing to do, and this value is over \$50M. MTW also making sure it has the operating systems daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and yearly to hold each other to account. And finally we will review and optimise to identify what is the next thing we can do better. This does not happen overnight and involves short-term and long-term projects to make sustainable change.
- CS provided overview of organisational chart including the statutory functions team that manages the responsibly aspect and includes the Shift Supervisors and Community Response Officers on shift 24 hours per day, and again this is separated from the team that manages production.
- HJ raised the idea of remote mines where people do not live locally and it was found that the mentality of site operators had no emotional connection with surrounding area. What is MTW doing to actively employ personnel in Singleton LGA. Are there any management actions in place to change perception of operators who have connection of area.
- CS stated MTW looks to hire within 70km from site. The majority are locals within LGA or neighbouring LGA such as Cessnock LGA. MTW does a 3-2 shift rotation which is not preferred for those who travel long distance. MTW focus on locals, however, some personnel are outside 70km based on required skill set for operation.
- TV developed specific actions to those areas of risk which are presented each day through prestart meetings. Retraining of site personnel have been undertaken to understand risks associated with wind speeds and temperature related risks where mining activities can be exacerbated by their operations.

- BB questioned if there is any benefit of providing this information to wider community. Rest of community needs to know. CS stated CCC is first to know about these updates and further communications will follow.
- TV provided slide on what is being done around site in terms of signage aligning to Regulator requirements such as EPA dust handbook on what is good and what is unacceptable practices.
- CS presented initiatives currently being undertaken in response to dust management at MTW.
  - Delivery of 3 new water carts for site. CAT789s with 160,000L tanks, at a cost of nearly \$25M, these are the biggest water carts you can get. Much larger capacity for dust management on site through the purchase of bigger fleet.
  - West pit south visual bunding plan in place to extend to the boundary of the lease. Seeding has not taken off on the bund very well, but additional works planned to promote growth.
  - Static dust suppression system trials have been undertaken. Sprinkler systems set up along long term haul roads to be an additional resource on top of water trucks to suppress dust, didn't get as much success with this as we would have wanted with first trial with some issues with over watered roads and safety considerations. Looking at further larger scale trials with automation compared to the initial manual trial system.
  - Improvements made to current stockpile sprays to the north CHPP. Improvements are being made through not only additional equipment but also improving existing equipment.
  - Construction of the North Out of Pit Dam as a new water storage facility in the north to allow for long term water storage infrastructure with a pontoon pump to have water in the right places, and feed all of the northern fill point areas to feed dust suppression resources.
  - Water fill point improvements undertaken to allow for bigger capacity trucks and to increase efficiency of refilling trucks. Increase in piping infrastructure to allow for increased flows to fill points.
  - Dust fogger suppression system trial on the west pit on the Putty Road side under the dragline. Two are on site with another three on the way. Infrastructure set up awaiting generators arriving in December to start the trial.
  - South ROM dust hoods - As part of the consent it was put in place on the North bins but not a requirement for our South bins. Site is investing in also putting this infrastructure in place for the South bins. Investing \$14M to design and install the South ROM hoods over this year and 2025.
  - Street sweeper campaign after wet weather. Also, extra 2km of sealed road at South CHPP to minimise trafficked mud which turns to dust when it dries out.
  - Telecommunications within the active pit area are poor but improvements have been undertaken to minimise dust through real time monitoring. The MTW LTE network allows for live monitoring of visual and environmental data to allow for faster changes in operations relating to dust.
- CS restated that MTW could have just not done anything and advised community we are within our consent, and take their feedback on board and done nothing about it, but we haven't. MTW has received a lot of flack, and some of the emails received from IH have emotion behind them which CS understands, but also noted GM has copped inappropriate messages at times which isn't OK.
- CS stated that MTW has not been sitting on our hands. Some of these projects take time, more than 12 months to get across the line, and we've done it in 6 months. Only getting to a point now, where we can communicate these are all the projects we are working on. Recognise that with 40-year history of MTW, talk is cheap. Didn't want to get in front of community and make promises and underdeliver. We want to say we are going to do something, and then go and do it, and show evidence we have done it. Hopes the

community can see we've taken this seriously, there's a heavy investment for MTW getting better with dust management that will only get better. Multiple teams in multiple areas have been taken off other jobs to focus on environmental improvements in the short term, and sustainably we have a team in place where their core role is making sure we operate responsibly. We take that very seriously and take it personally, we don't want it to be known that all other mines are doing great and MTW is not and is causing all the community issues. We are not going to stop at this, this is the start, and we'll be looking to review and improve going forward. CS advised he is happy to take any questions on our dust presentation.

- IH asked if water carts are ground speed watering or operator can turn on and off.
- TV stated water carts vary to speed so slower the water cart goes, the lower the flow rate of water being emitted from the water cart.
- IH pleased to see going to trial the fogging for the draglines, and stated draglines are worst dust generator on site. CS stated draglines are first equipment parked up during weather events. Draglines are also primarily placed in lower portions of pit where it allows for increased shielding.
- IH stated a lot of dust is generated from ROM coal stockpiles and loading activities from stockpiles. CS stated we are always going to have ROM coal stockpiles, and are working on more efficient systems for how ROM bins let truck operators know if they are available for receiving coal. CS advised areas are quite small compared to other operations.
- IH stated that site has improved while CS on site, and also commented his view that controls are not done well at night. IH also asked if TV will be completing work staggered shifts to CS. CS stated this is site wide and not just him. This is a cultural change where the right organisational structure and accountabilities are in place, and all site personnel need to be accountable. IH stated there was a period of about two weeks where he did not observe dust impacts coming from MTW, so the mine can do it.
- CS agreed we can. Noted frustration with some of the photos from community members taken when a weather front comes through with high winds which caused poor conditions across the whole valley all the way from Newcastle. In that example, MTW had already implemented significant controls during that day and mine was looking good, also including shutting down equipment prior to weather front. CS stated it was absolutely wrong that that photos are sent through with somewhat inappropriate comments from community members, that impacts were only pointed at MTW.
- CG asked if site has corporate backing. CS stated that site does, and his role is to explain and communicate internally what we are facing and what we need to do regarding funding requirements, and we are very well backed. Recognised a cultural change to site is required to improve. Some employees have worked at MTW for 40 years, and mining today is different to what it was when the mine started. As a result, we are working hard to develop changes to culture and these will not happen overnight.
- IH stated he is hoping what he has seen today is part of a change. Considers that dust impacts shown in his photos show things have gotten progressively worse over the years since he grew up in the area. IH has more confidence in operation after MTW's dust presentation.
- BB thanked CS for providing overview of dust management and noted CS comments that things are going to be different and she is interested to see the differences. Also acknowledged the big role TV has taken, and recognised GM has received a fair amount of criticism.
- CS provided overview of recent independent employee dust audit by the Resources Regulator for level of exposure to dust for different roles which gained 100% compliance for audit result, a very positive result.
- HJ stated she has been on CCC last 12 years and has previously heard that dust will be managed effectively. She is interested in the proposed improvements and if they are actually working. CS

challenged whether HJ has had someone take her through the extensive list of different controls that are outside the norm, and invested the significant capital, changed the organisational structure that MTW has presented. IH stated the short answer is no. CS stated MTW has done the hard work and put the package together to communicate MTW's progress. HJ stated that it is about talking the talk and walking the walk, what has been presented is world class and is looking forward to seeing the outcome at the end.

- CG interested in how the additional controls proposed by site could be presented to the community.
- IH stated he is on various committees and happy to provide information to other community members but believes this should be presented by MTW, and a meeting with the community would assist that. IH believes there has been change with CS on site, but commented on need for consistency.
- CS advised it's been 6 months since his first CCC, and it takes time to make cultural improvements. IH noted that mobile coverage had gotten worse after 3G had ceased, and provided summary of Telstra correspondence dated 31 October 2024 to a member of the community. These were provided to all CCC members in hard copy. IH considered there has been issues with government funding. GM noted Telstra had approved funding to construct a mobile tower in Bulga, and MTW has had contact from our Telstra contact regarding the timing of the new Bulga mobile tower that was meant to be completed Q4 2024, that has been delayed to Q1 2025. IH advised the proposed Telstra infrastructure was to be put on an NBN tower, but latest is that it does not have sufficient power, leading to delay.
- IH communicated there are methods to improve mobile coverage with additional equipment at the landowner expense, but that Telstra is not willing to support community in terms of those communication upgrades. IH unsure if MTW can support lack of coverage in any way. BB communicated that she was at a recent community meeting and Telstra presented. Telstra noted at the community meeting regional coverage is of concern. IH noted he would follow up with Telstra.

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

- Confirmed at the meeting by CG.

## 7. PROPONENT REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

### **MTW Operations**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided update on MTW operations and production. Mining progressing to the west.
- Construction of new drains and sediment basins moving to the west all the way to the approved disturbance limit, works are currently underway and expected to be completed Q1 2025.
- Aviagen's infrastructure has been demolished.

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

*Refer to presentation*

- Also covered in CS's dust management presentation.

### **MTO Discharge Upgrade**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided a brief update on the discharge point upgrade status.



- Discharge upgrades for the MTO licenced discharge point from 75ML/day to up to over 200ML/day as approved by the Consent. Integration to SCADA to be undertaken.

### **Exploration**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an update on exploration for remainder of 2024 and schedule for 2025.
- GM noted exploration undertaken as shown in the presentation slides as per usual ahead of mining.

### **Groundwater Monitoring Bores Installation**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM noted 2 new ground water bores are to be installed in 2025, one next to Putty Road near Bulga Bridge. The same rig type of drill rig that is used for exploration will be used to drill these ground water monitoring bores. Signage to be displayed to state that it is a ground water bore during the drilling program.

### **Aerial seeding**

*Refer to presentation*

- To continue this quarter targeting dumps to assist with dust suppression measures.

### **MTW Operations**

*Refer to presentation – summary of downtime*

- JVB presented information on equipment downtime and CRO noise assessments completed year to date. Downtime for Dust - 2,318 hours machine hours. Downtime for Noise - 3,612 hours machine hours.

### **Rehabilitation / Disturbance**

*Refer to presentation*

- 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.

### **Vertebrate Pest Management**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM advised of control programs completed so far and planned for 2024.
- Pig trapping has continued which has been successful.
- Noisy miner program continuing.

### **Offsets Fauna**

*Refer to presentation*

- Regent Honeyeaters being seen in areas of the offset.

### **Weed management**

*Refer to presentation*

- Weeds continued to be targeted.

- Removing planting guards as areas are established.

### **Heritage Update**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an overview of weed management activities within operational and offset areas.
- NPWS Land Acquisitions and Dealings Team advised 12 Nov 2024 they have progressed documents relating to the registration of conservation agreements to the Deputy Secretary NPWS for signing, after which the documents will be submitted to Land Registry Service for registration.
- Annual Cultural Heritage inspection planned for November.
- Meeting with the aboriginal cultural heritage working group in December.

### **Historic Heritage**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an updated that the Annual Historic Heritage Inspection planned for late November.
- Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) meeting to occur December.

### **Management Plans / Reporting**

*Refer to presentation*

- **Annual Reporting**
  - GM stated that the submission of the Annual Return for EPL 24 was submitted along with the NPI report to Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).
  - GM also advised that the National Greenhouse and Energy Report for 2023-20224 was submitted to the Australian Government Clean Energy Regulator.

### **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 June 2024 to August 2024 were provided. September 2024 MEMR to be provided at a later date.

## **8. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

- Dust Management (this item was discussed after Item 5. Correspondence - see earlier in Minutes).

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an update on the contributions made and applications recommended to Council of six applications, four applications recommended not to be approved. Two applications recommended by committee to Council to be approved, have been approved by Council and are now active VPA projects
  - Bulga tennis court / multi use court refurbishment \$350k (in tender process)
  - Bulga Stock Reserve Ecological Restoration works (\$500k over 5 years in tender process)
- Overview of Committee members provided.

- First meeting has been completed at Bulga community hall. Council website has minutes and reports of meeting.

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

*Refer to presentation*

- GM provided an overview of the underground unleaded fuel storage tank issue at the Bulga Service Station. No change since last meeting. MTW has been working to find an alternative fuel storage, and a DA has been lodged for a temporary above underground storage tank which aims to ensure unleaded fuel is re-established.

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

*Refer to presentation*

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

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

*Refer to presentation*

- GM advised that the Community Support Program is ongoing and provided an overview of recent projects.
- Applications closed for 2025 CSP. 31 Applications received and under review.

#### **General Business MTW – New Yancoal and MTW website**

*Refer to presentation*

- GM advised that Yancoal has created a new user-friendly website for Australian sites which MTW is included. Website went live 1 November 2024.

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

- IH regarding stock reserve VPA funding that it has not been received well due to Yancoal's money going into a block of land owned by Crown Land and managed by Singleton Council and not towards the local community. IH advised that a land claim is going ahead on the stock reserve. GM suggested taking that feedback back to local Council and noted that project was voted for and community VPA committee members were in favour of the project and that is why it got referred for approval and was approved.
- HJ reiterating importance of site to look at local employment options with Singleton LGA favoured instead of outside the area.

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

Next CCC Meeting: Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 2pm.

CG asked that a CCC advertisement for new members be completed given the recent resignation. GM noted that a letter regarding advertisement for new CCC members will be sent to near neighbours. IH suggested that a notice can be put in the shop noticeboard too.

**Action 2: Advertisement for new CCC members to be advertised given the recent resignation.**

CG thanked everyone for attending, wished all CCC members a Happy Christmas period and closed the meeting.

**MEETING CLOSED 4:03pm.**

**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.***



# Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW)

Community Consultative  
Committee (CCC)

Wednesday 13 November 2024

Time:

2pm – 4pm

Location:

MTW Boardroom

Independent Chairperson:

Col Gellatly

Minutes:

Atlantech (on behalf of Chair)

Reaching new horizons together



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# 3. Declaration of pecuniary interests / conflicts of interest

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

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## 4.11 Declaration of interests

All committee members must sign a declaration of interest form (see toolkit of supporting material) before they join the committee and keep this up to date. Committee members will have an opportunity to declare any new interests, or interests relevant to the agenda, at the start of each committee meeting.

The declarations include any pecuniary or other interest that may affect committee operations.

Examples of pecuniary or other interests include:

- holding a private contract with the proponent
- holding voluntary acquisition or mitigation rights under the proponent's approval or consent
- receiving sitting fees or payments for personal expenses from the proponent
- if the member represents a stakeholder group, the stakeholder group receiving funding or a grant from the proponent.

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## 4.12 Conflicts of interest

A chairperson should advise the department as soon as possible of any potential or actual conflict of interest that may affect their ability to fulfil their role on the committee.

Committee members should notify the chairperson as soon as possible of any change of interest that may affect their ability to fulfil their role on the committee.

The chairperson may decide that an interest is significant enough conflict that a member should withdraw from discussion on a particular issue.

# 3. Code of Conduct

**Code of Conduct Form - All members must sign CoC form. *Still awaiting updated declaration forms from one CCC member.***

Department of Planning and Environment



## Community Consultative Committee code of conduct for committee members (excluding chairperson)

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### 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*.

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### 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.

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# 4. Business Arising

Action No.	Action	Response/ Update
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.	Not completed. One CCC member's forms are outstanding. -All completed forms have been provided to Chairperson. -A copy of all completed forms have been provided to CCC members by email 12/11/24.
2	Update wording of Action 2 in the May 2024 CCC meeting minutes to specifically relate to blasting road closure messages and reissue to CCC members.	Completed 15/8/2024. Emailed to CCC members by Sam Hovar.
3	IH to provide GM details of the complaint made by unnamed person and GM to provide feedback to the complainant.	16/08 – JVB contacted IH by phone regarding the action. IH advised he would come back to JVB after contacting complainant. 28/10 – GM emailed IH to ask if he has further details for this action. IH provided contact details for the complainant. 4/11 – JVB called complainant to follow up, and complainant was happy not to pursue a complaint given elapsed time.
4	MTW to follow up with DM regarding the constraints line plan previously presented.	28/10 - GM called DM regarding this action. DM couldn't recall the exact query. GM offered for DM to drop into MTW offices and we can look at plans we have to try to answer any query he has. DM advised he would contact in future when he has time.

# 4. Business Arising

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5	MTW to confirm if road closures on the eastern side of the mine will move west with mine progression.	MTW has reviewed this request. The road closure zone at the eastern side of the mine is able to be moved west with mine progression. The current road closure licence expires at end of 2025, and it is proposed to undertake the planning and application to move the location with the next road closure licence renewal.
6	MTW to confirm if the speed limit between road closure zones is being returned to 100km/hr.	Confirmed with road closure crew and verified. The return to 100km/hr sign is being used.
7	MTW to confirm what species have been planted in the biodiversity area near the Bulga police station.	See following slide.
8.	HJ to request clarification from the Singleton Council General Manager on the acquisition rights factsheet and provide feedback to the CCC committee.	Completed 15/8/2024. HJ emailed CCC members with finding. <i>"Singleton Council have no authority over the department for consent orders given to applicants – we only comment to the PAC our recommendations."</i>

# 4. Business Arising

Item 7. Species list planted in the biodiversity area near the Bulga police station (River Oak Forest (ROF), and Central Hunter Grey Box-Ironbark Woodland (IBW)). 6,200 plantings completed in May-June 2024.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant community
<i>Acacia Implexa</i>	Hickory Wattle	ROF
<i>Acacia salicina</i>	Native Willow	IBW
<i>Angophora floribunda</i>	Rough-barked Apple	ROF/IBW
<i>Breynia oblongifolia</i>	Coffee bush	ROF/IBW
<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	IBW
<i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i>	River Oak	ROF
<i>Eucalyptus blakelyi</i>	Blakely's Red Gum	IBW
<i>Eucalyptus crebra</i>	Narrow-leaved Ironbark	IBW
<i>Eucalyptus moluccana</i>	Grey Box	IBW
<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>	Forest Red Gum	ROF
<i>Melaleuca decora</i>	White feather honeymyrtle	ROF/IBW



SBA5

⑨ 2018 CHGBIW & ROF (MZ2 & MZ6)



# 4. Business Arising

Action No.	Action	Response/ Update
9	DM to provide CG with a written summary of the acquisition rights issue so that a decision on the extraordinary meeting can be made, and convened with the relevant stakeholders if required.	15/10 – DM resigned from CCC via email to CG prior to provision of written summary of issue.
10	GM to clarify if vacant land without a building entitlement is considered by DPHI in the determination of property acquisition rights.	<p>Vacant land was considered in Department's assessment and determination of acquisition rights under SSD 6464 and 6465. The assessment was undertaken in accordance with the 2014 <i>Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy (VLAMP)</i> which sets out noise and air quality criteria for determining these rights. The criteria apply to vacant land but the consent authority should only grant acquisition rights if the exceedance extends over <b>more than 25% of any privately-owned property AND a dwelling could be built on that land under existing planning controls.</b></p> <p>The Department of Planning &amp; Environment in their report dated November 2014 for Warkworth Continuation Project confirmed that voluntary land acquisition rights were considered for privately owned land (and a dwelling could be built on that land under existing planning controls) - no privately owned land without a building exceeded the limits that would qualify for acquisition upon request. Properties with acquisition rights are listed in the consents.</p>



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- 15/08/2024 – HJ provided response to CCC members regarding DM and BB questions to Singleton Council
- 16/08/2024 - MTW CCC Q3 2024 - Draft Minutes
- 22/08/2024 - MTW Community Support Program 2024 - Applications Open!!
- 30/08/2024 - CCC Action regarding fence modification adjacent to Recreation Ground access – update
- 10/09/2024 - MTW CCC Q3 2024 - Final Minutes
- 17/09/2024 - MTW Community Newsletter Example - Sep 2024
- 25/09/2024 - FW: MTW CCC Q3 2024 - Final Minutes and PAC Factsheet
- 30/10/2024 - MTW CCC Meeting Q4 2024 - Draft Agenda
- 8/11/2024 - MTW CCC Meeting Q4 2024 - Business Papers
- 12/11/2024 – Copy of CCC Member’s Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interest forms

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# MTW Operations

- MTO: Coal production ceased at MTO in early 2021. Load and haul waste will continue to be dumped in the pit from the WML. Opportunity for coal in western highwall benches during backfill operations identified.
- WML: DL103 has been working in the lower passes of North Pit while DL 101 is working in the lower passes of West Pit respectively
- WML: Normal load and haul operations have continued, easing of rainfall conditions since November have assisted.
- Coal processing and train loading normal operations.
- Aviagen infrastructure demolition commenced October 2024, and will be completed November.
- WML: Water management drains & sediment dams commenced November 2024 and will be completed Q1 2025.
- WML: Visual Bund along Putty Road – construction of next stage completed. Hydromulch completed on that section. Will be extended after next water management drains/dams completion.

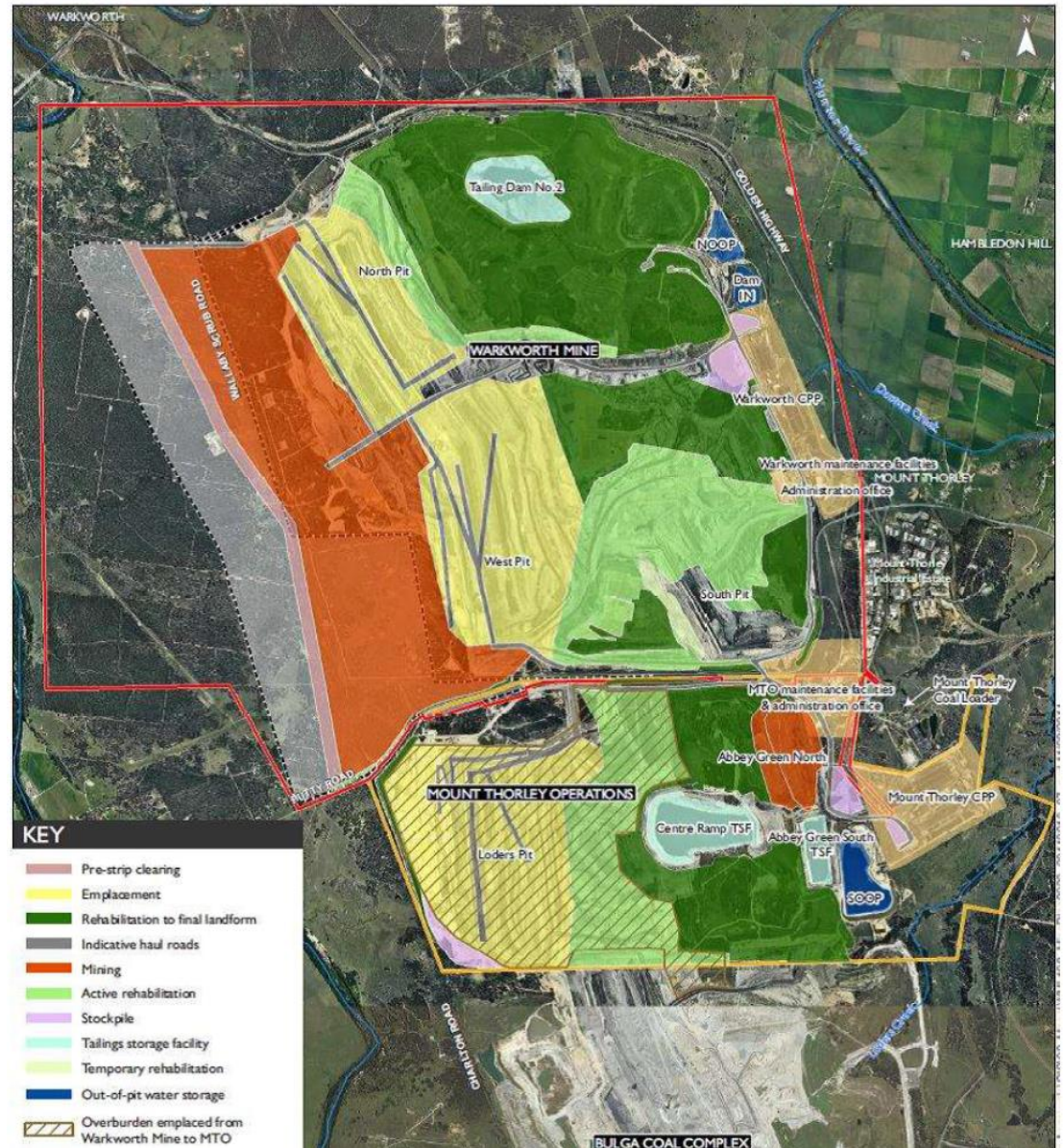




# MTW Operations – NOOP Dam

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 in 2024 (air photo is 6 November 2024)

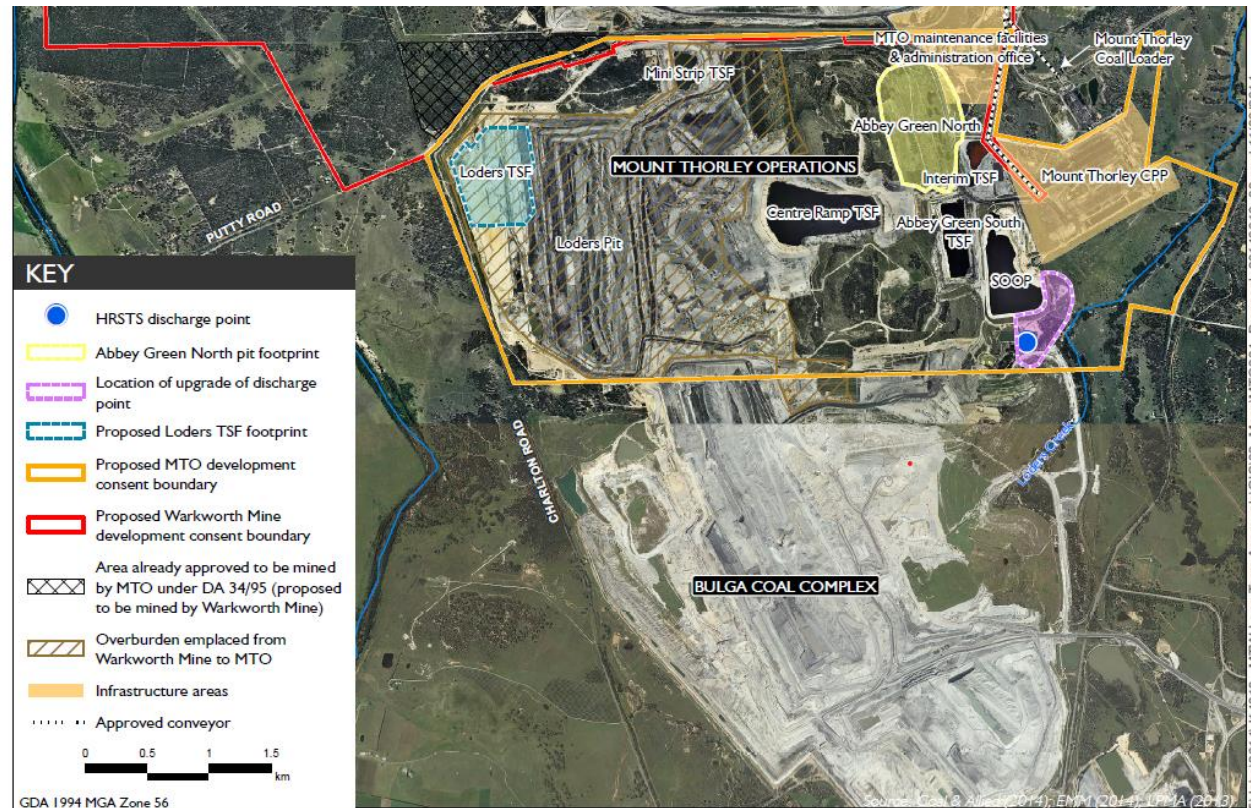




# MTW Operations – MTO Discharge Upgrade

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

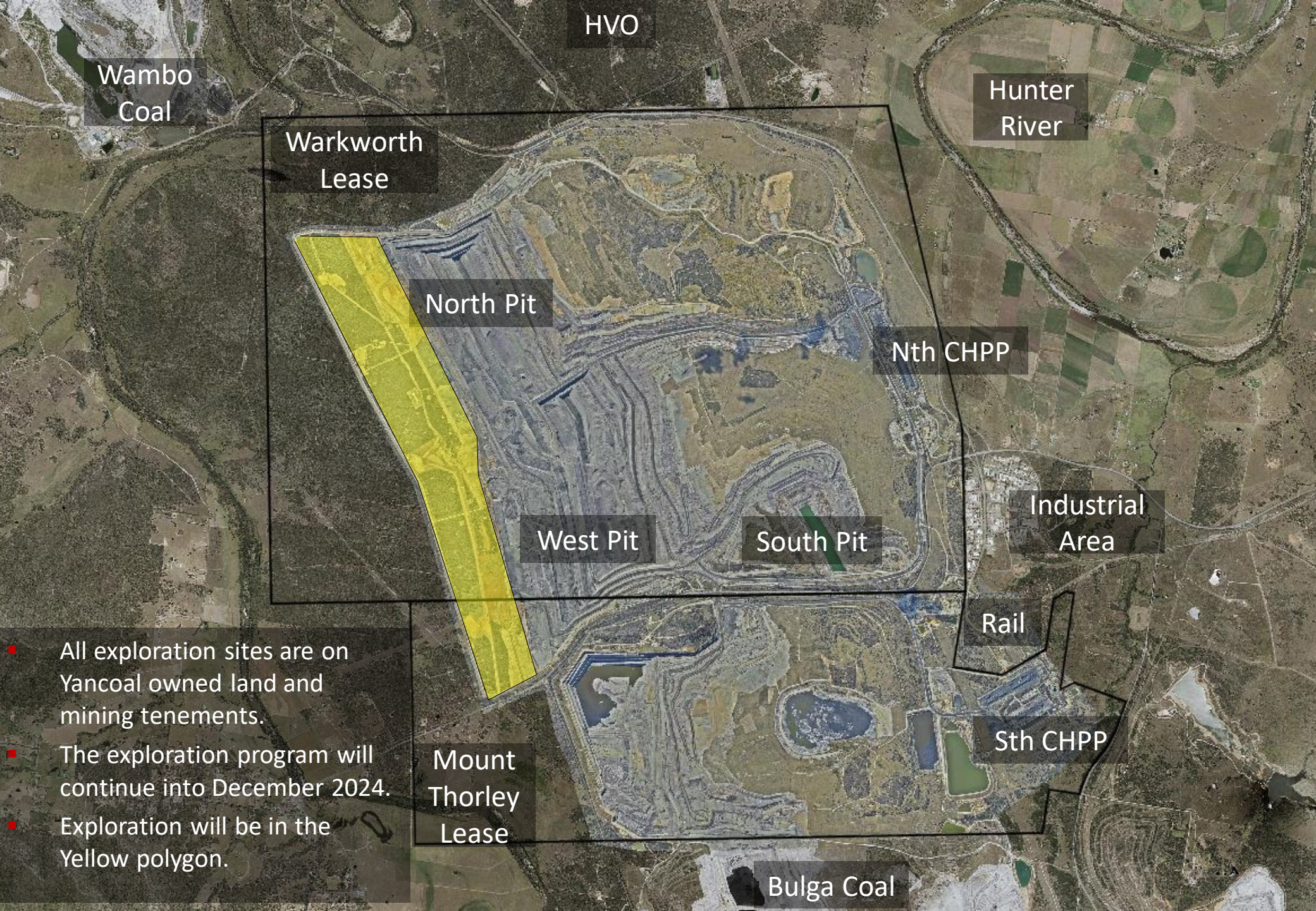
- MTO discharge upgrade works commenced August 2024.
- Civil works completed September 2024.
- Pipework will be completed 2024.
- Systems (SCADA) integration/programming expected Q1 2025.
- MTO Environment Protection Licence 1976 variation required as part of project prior to use. Consultation with EPA prior to variation has occurred.



The proposal  
Mount Thorley Operations 2014  
Environmental Impact Statement

Figure 2.4





HVO

Wambo  
Coal

Hunter  
River

Warkworth  
Lease

North Pit

Nth CHPP

Industrial  
Area

West Pit

South Pit

Rail

Sth CHPP

Mount  
Thorley  
Lease

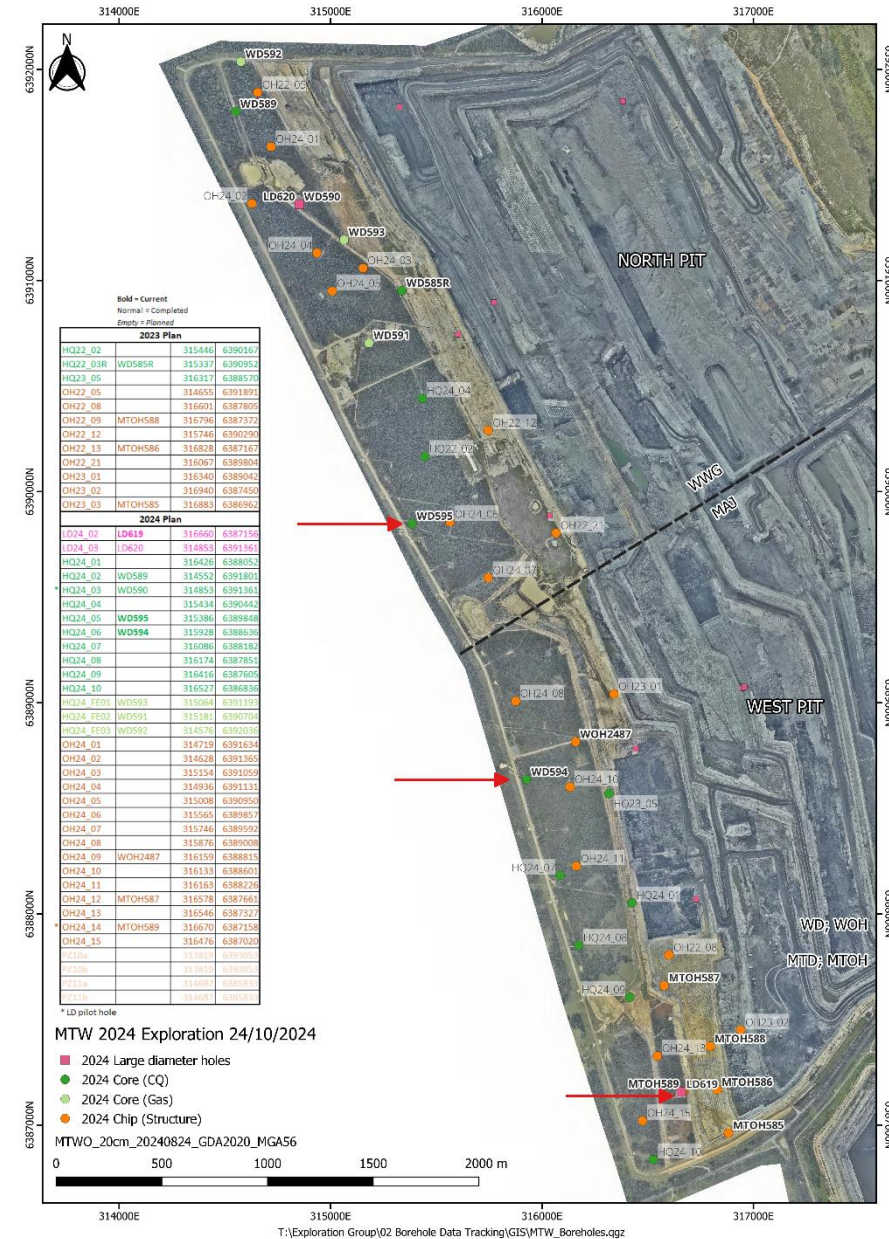
Bulga Coal

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



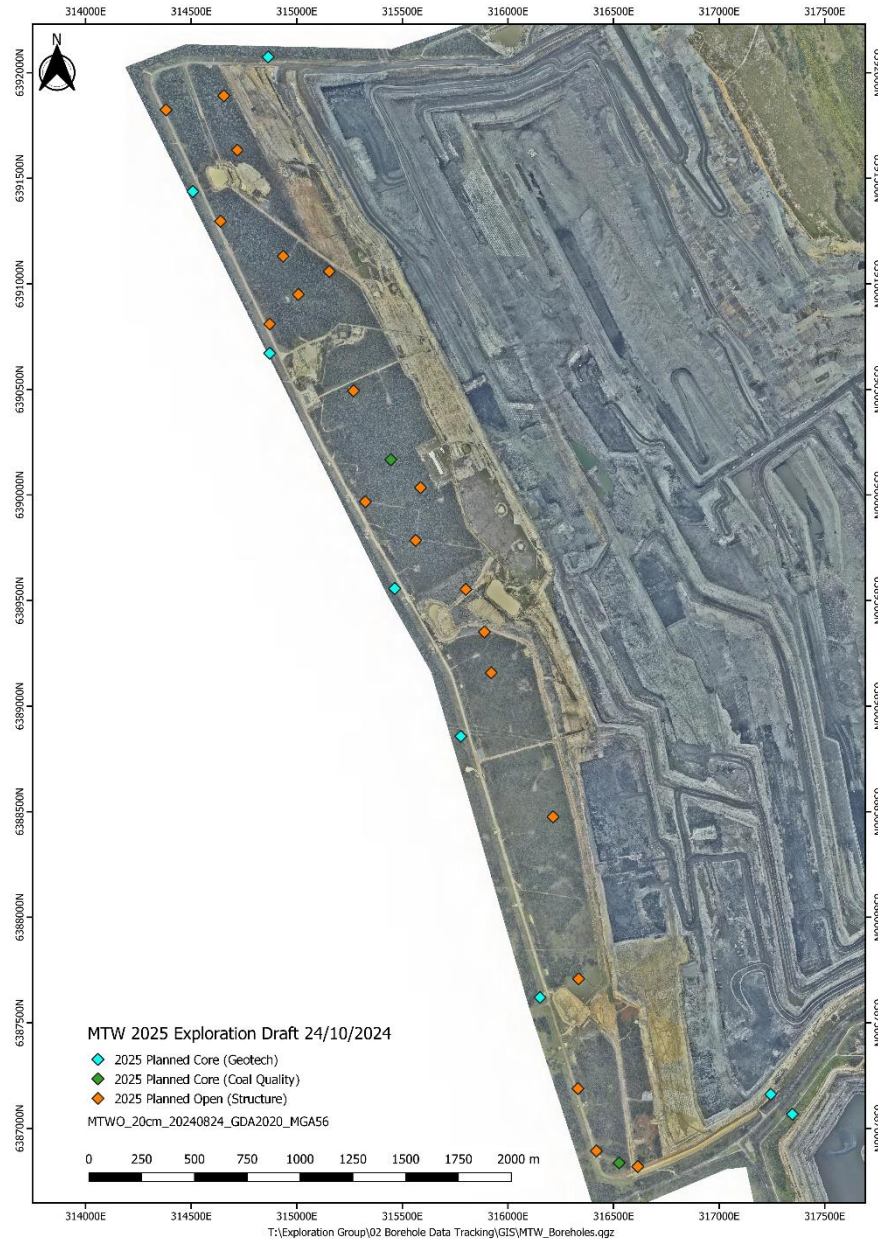
# Exploration

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



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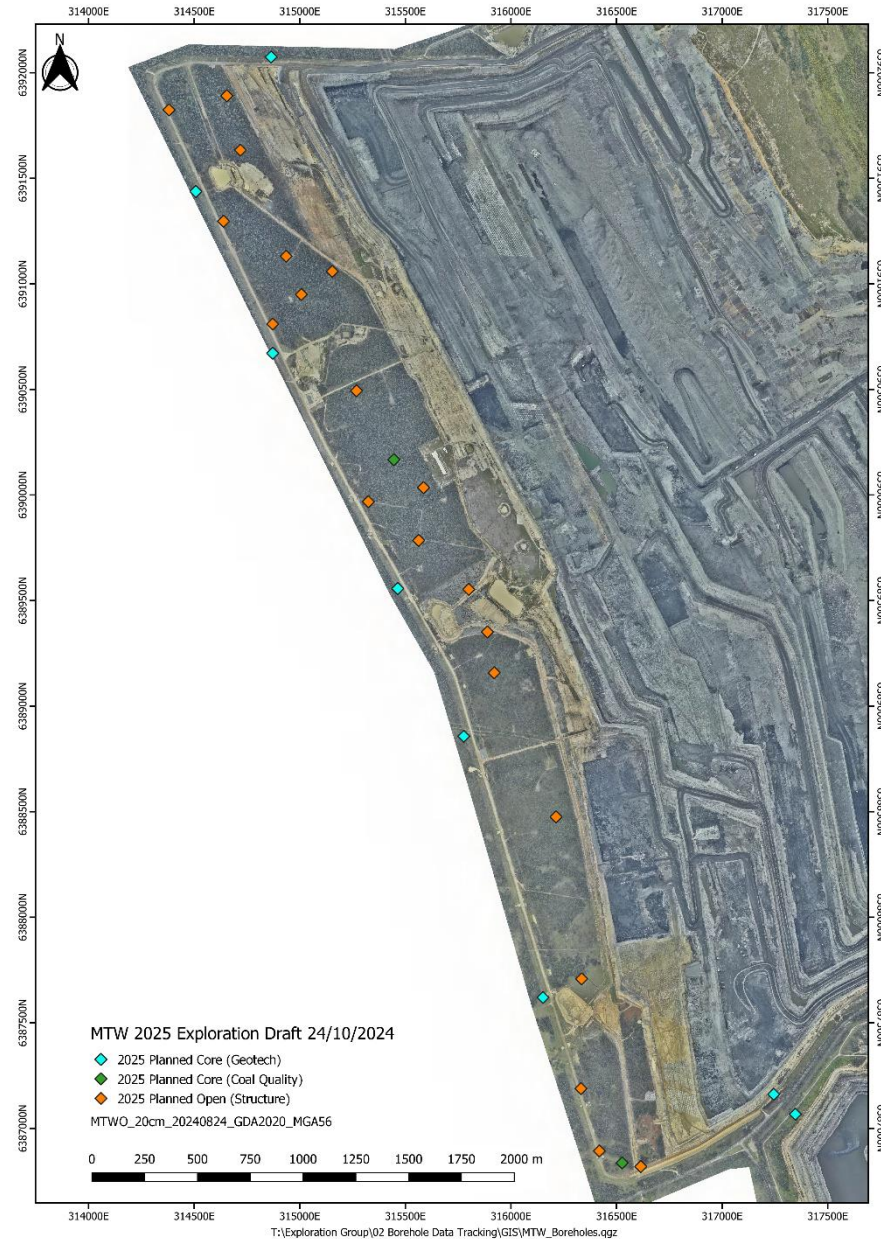
- Planning is in progress for the 2025 exploration program and may consist of:
  - 10 x HQ core holes
  - 20 x open holes
- It is expected that one or two drill rigs and associated staff and equipment will be used to facilitate this exploration program.
- The program is schedule to conclude in November 2025.
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- Hole locations and duration of the program may change – planning in progress.





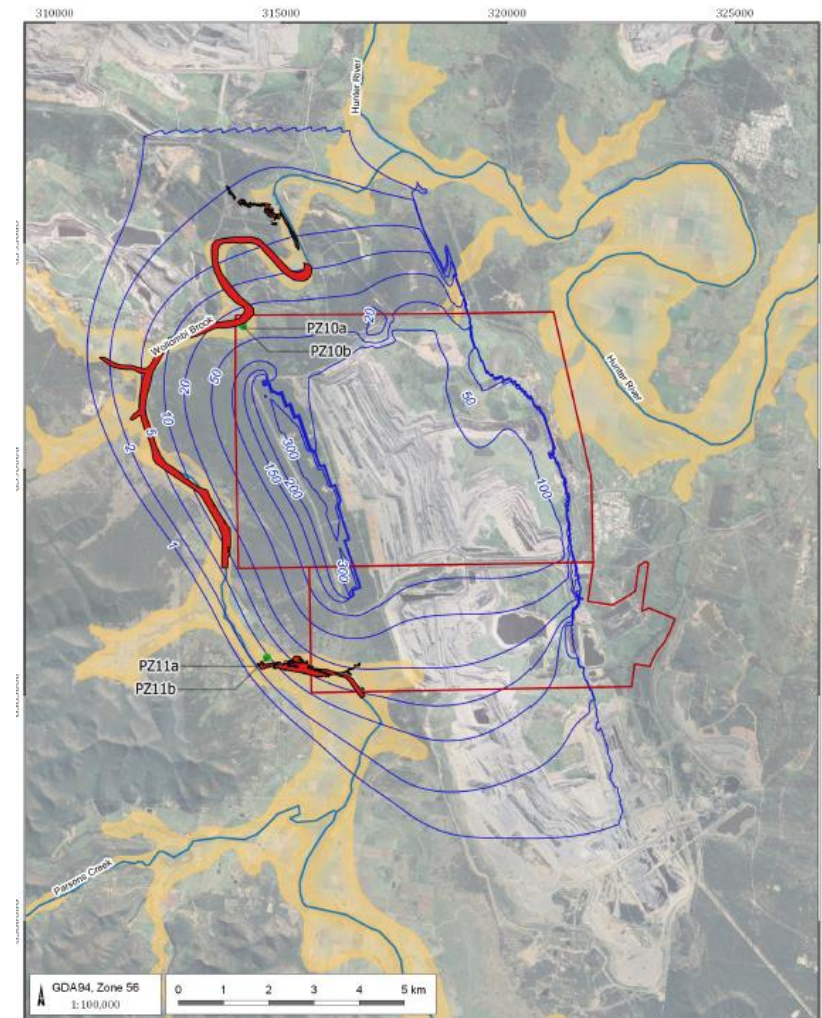
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# Groundwater Monitoring Bores Installation

- 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.



- LEGEND
- Proposed bore locations
  - Major water courses
  - Groundwater drawdown contour (m)
  - ▭ MTW Leases
  - ▭ Quaternary Alluvium
  - ▭ Hunter Valley River Oak Forest

MTW Wollombi Brook monitoring bores (MTW5001.001)  
Proposed monitoring locations and predicted drawdown (Mt Arthur Seam)

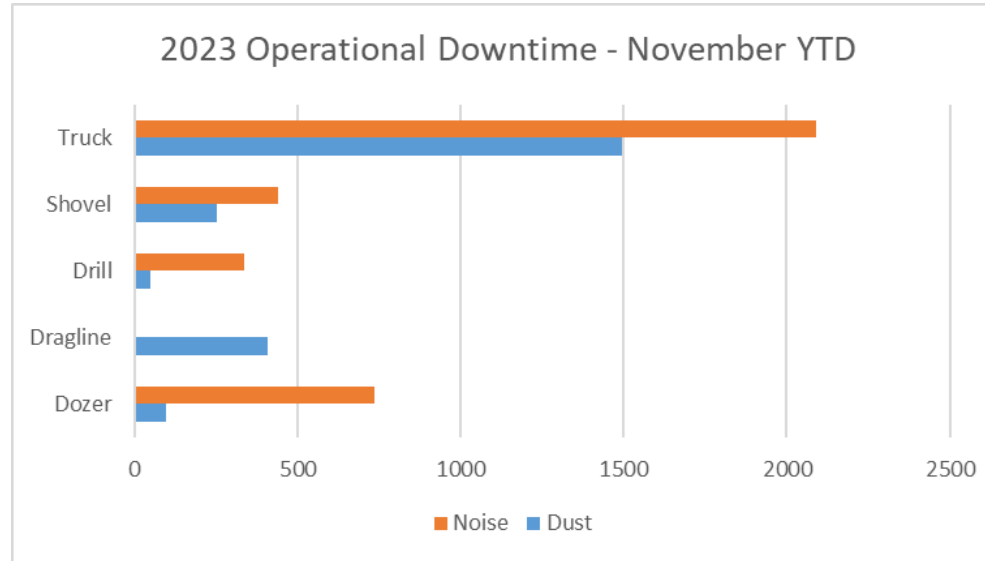


# Aerial Seeding

- MTW plan to complete aerial seeding to treat up to 169Ha total coverage as a dust management measure.
- Targeted areas are on dump edges / other areas identified that will not be moving/changing for some time.
- Seed & fertiliser will be applied by a fixed wing aircraft to selected waste dumps & exposed areas.
- The community may notice a low flying aircraft over MTW during this works.
- Works are schedule to be completed Q4 2024.



# MTW Operations



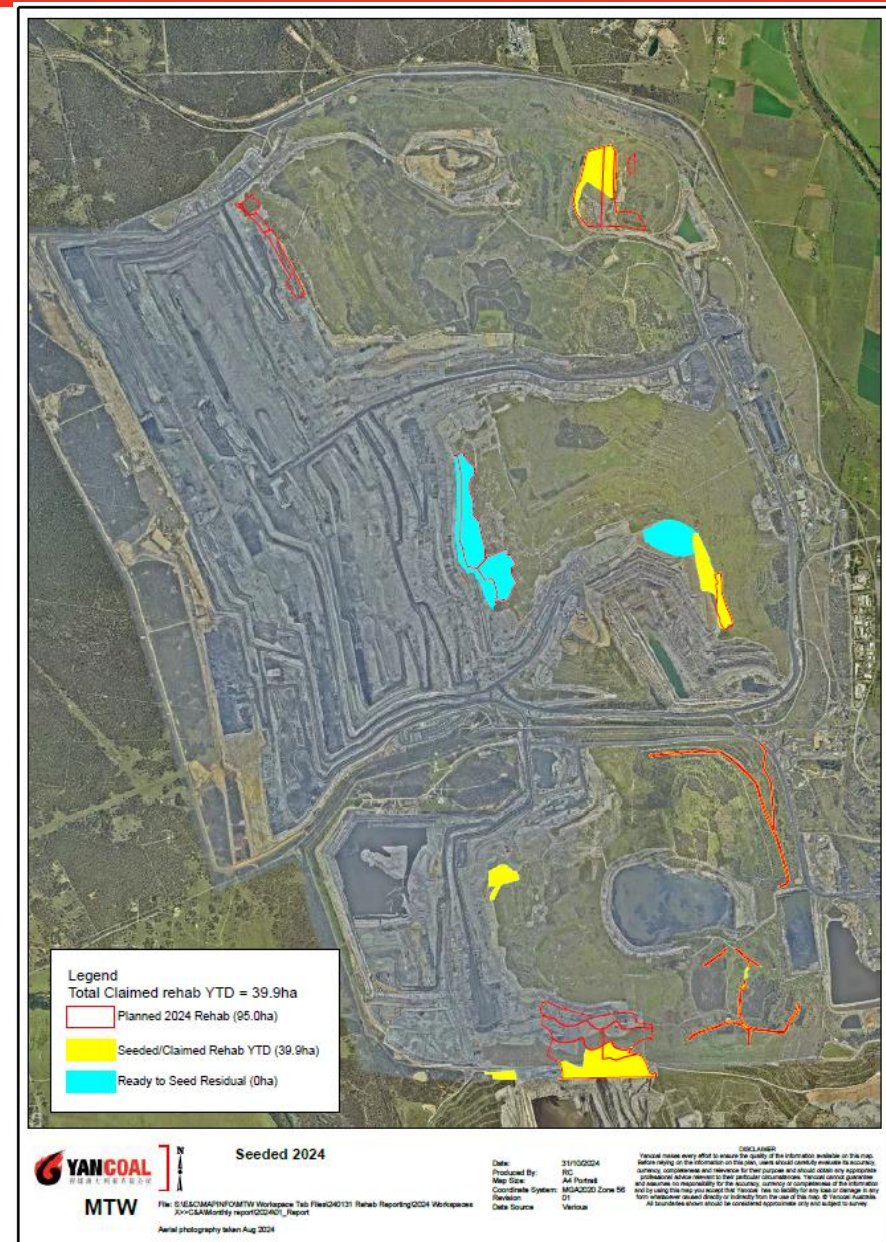
MTW CRO Noise Monitoring YTD			
	# CRO Assessments	# Individual assessment above trigger	# Nights above with assessment above trigger
2024 (YTD)	6345	145	71
2023	7293	143	66
2022	7226	106	59
2021	7043	106	46

# MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

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

Progress to end July 2024:

- 124.2ha of dump released for rehab; and 86.9ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped. D
- 39.9ha of seeding has been completed YTD
- And a further 72.9ha spread with topsoil/ameliorants and ready to be seeded



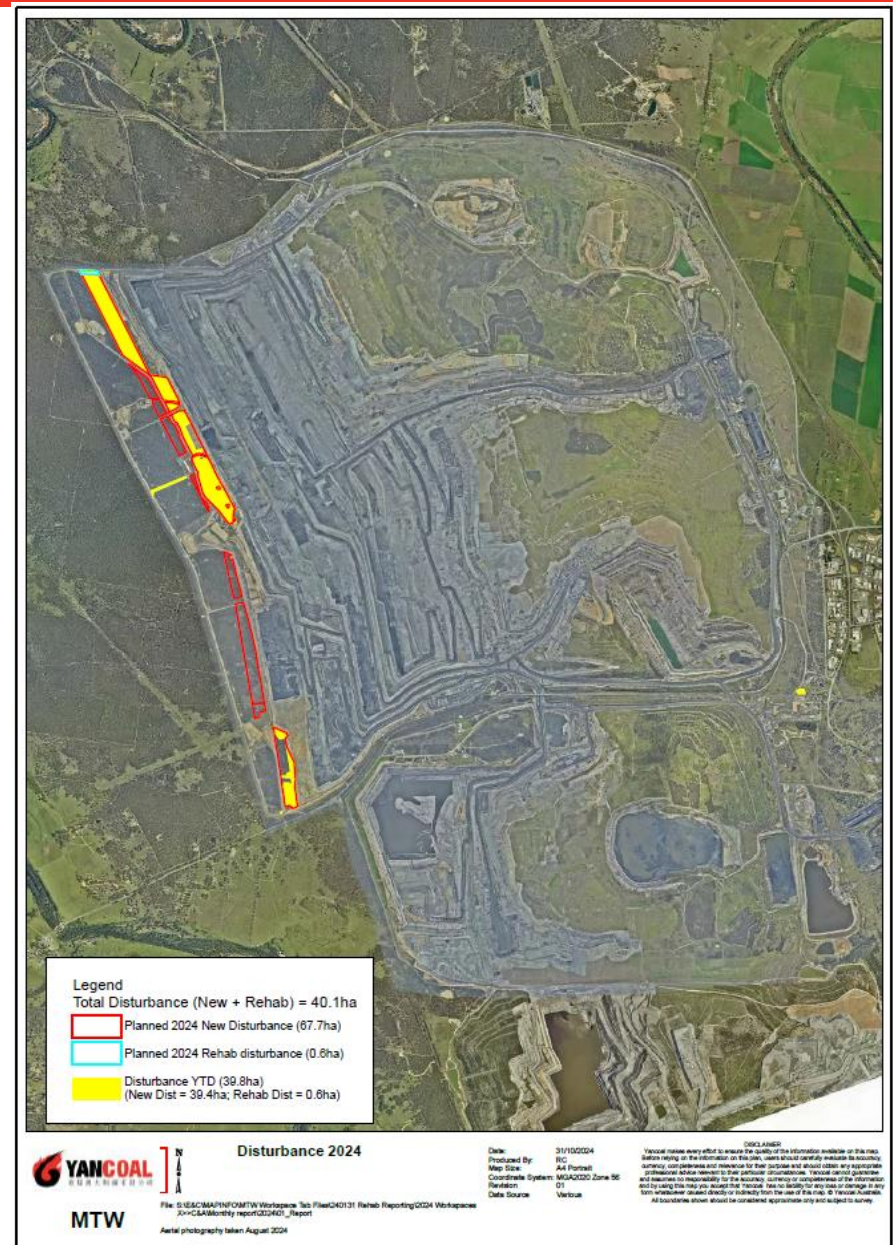


# MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

Disturbance forecast for  
2024 – 68.3Ha

Progress to end of July  
2024:

- Disturbed = 40.1 ha





# MTW Vertebrate Pest Management

## 2024 programs undertaken YTD:

- Vertebrate pest thermal ground shoot at Goulburn River Biodiversity Area in March; 2 cats, 1 fox, two rabbits and one hare were controlled.
- Wild deer and feral pig ground shoot at Bowditch Biodiversity Area in March; 5 feral deer, 1 fox and one rabbit were controlled.
- Rabbit ground shoot at Seven Oaks Biodiversity Area in March; 20 rabbits, 1 feral pig, 1 fox and 2 feral cats were controlled.
- Hoggone ground baiting program targeting feral pigs at the Northern Biodiversity Area in April; up to 11 pigs controlled.
- Aerial shoot (NPWS) at the Goulburn River and Seven Oaks Biodiversity Areas in April (also included neighbouring property and National Park); 7 pigs, 1 fox and 11 goats controlled across all target areas.
- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Autumn; 81 dog takes and 21 fox takes at MTW and Local BA's and 41 dog takes and 76 fox takes at MTW's regional BA's.
- MTW and local offset pig control program in July; 83 pigs controlled.
- Noisy Miner programs at the Goulburn River and Bowditch Biodiversity Areas in July and August, with 303 Noisy Miners controlled at GRBA and 55 controlled at BBA.
- Aerial shoot (NPWS) at the Goulburn River and Seven Oaks Biodiversity Areas in September (also included neighbouring property and National Park); 42 pigs (15 from MTW GRBA along the river).
- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Spring; final numbers pending reports

Note: Additional programs will be scheduled where required

The 2024 vertebrate pest programs were coordinated with LLS and other large landholders in the area so that undertaken at the same time across the broader Hunter Valley area.



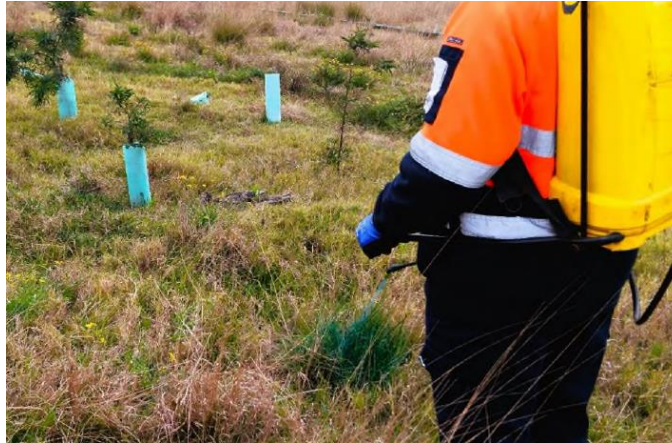
GRBA Noisy Miner Program Signage



# 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*)
- Aloe Vera (*Aloe barbadense*)
- Balloon Vine (*Cardiospermum grandiflorum*)
- Blackberry Nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*)
- Blue Heliotrope (*Heliotropium amplexicaule*)
- Brazilian Nightshade (*Solanum seforthianum*)
- Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*)
- Coolatai Grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*)
- Fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*)
- Galenia (*Galenia pubescens*)
- Green Cestrum (*Cestrum parqui*)
- Inkweed (*Phytolacca octandra*)
- Lantana (*Lantana camara*)
- Mother of Millions (*Bryophyllum delagoense*)
- Moth Vine (*Araujia sericifera*)
- Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*)
- Prickly/Creeping/Tiger Pear (*Opuntia* sp.)
- Rhodes Grass (*Chloris gayana*)
- Stinking Roger (*Tangetes minuta*)
- Telegraph Weed (*Heterotheca* sp.)
- Toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*)
- Turkey Rhubarb (*Rumex sagittatus*)
- Viper's Bugloss (*Echium vulgare*)
- Whisky Grass (*Andropogon virginicus*)



Low volume spraying exotic grasses throughout the 2023/2024 planting plots, NBA



Low volume spraying Mother of Millions, SBA3



Low volume spraying Stinking Roger, SBA3



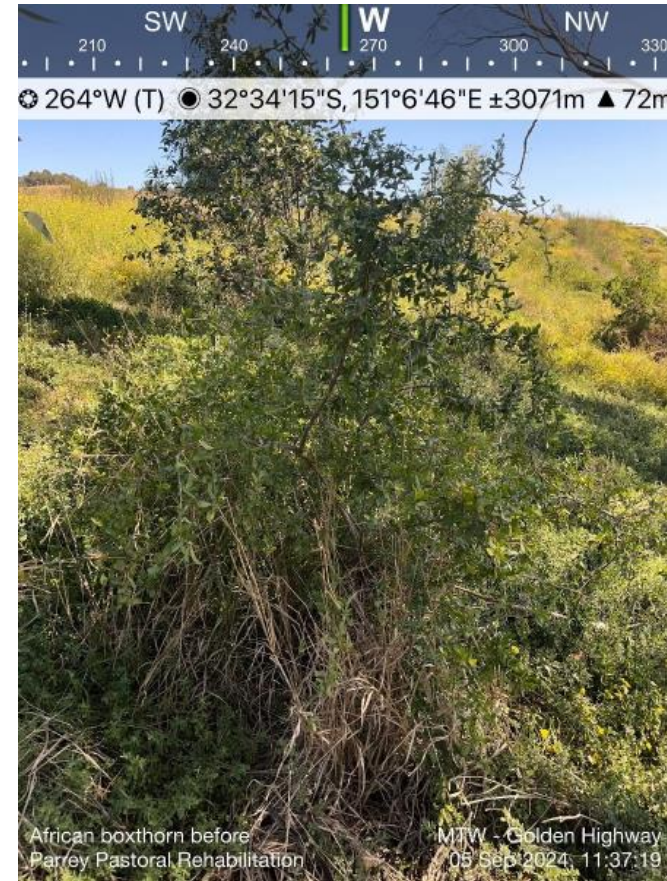
# MTW and Local BA Weed Management Cont.



Lantana and African Boxthorn treated (sprayed),  
South CHPP



Mother of Millions treated along Charlton Ridge



African Boxthorn treated adjacent to  
Golden Highway



# Regional BA Weed Management

Weeds targeted in MTW Regional Biodiversity Areas in Q3 (and part Q4) 2024 included:

- Blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*)
- Blue heliotrope (*Heliotropium amplexicaule*)
- Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*)
- Cats Claw Creeper (*Dolichandra unguis-cati*)
- Common ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*)
- Creeping Pear (*Opuntia humifusa*)
- Fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*)
- Lantana (*Lantana camara*)
- Robinia (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
- Sticky Nightshade (*Solanum sisymbriifolium*)
- Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus latissimus*)
- Whiskey Grass (*Andropogon virginicus*)
- Willows (*Salix sp.*)



Fireweed hand pulled, Seven Oaks BA



Tree of Heaven basal barked, GRBA



Blackberry spot sprayed, Condon View

# Other Management Actions



NBA planting guards were removed from established plants (before)



NBA planting guards were removed from established plants (after)



# Offsets Fauna



Emus at GRBA



Lace monitor at GRBA



A wild regent honeyeater feeding on yellow box blossom at Thompson's Flat, GRBA – Oct 2024



● Regent honeyeater sightings  
● Regent honeyeater nests  
Google Satellite



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Distribution of regent honeyeater sightings and nests at GRBA in 2024

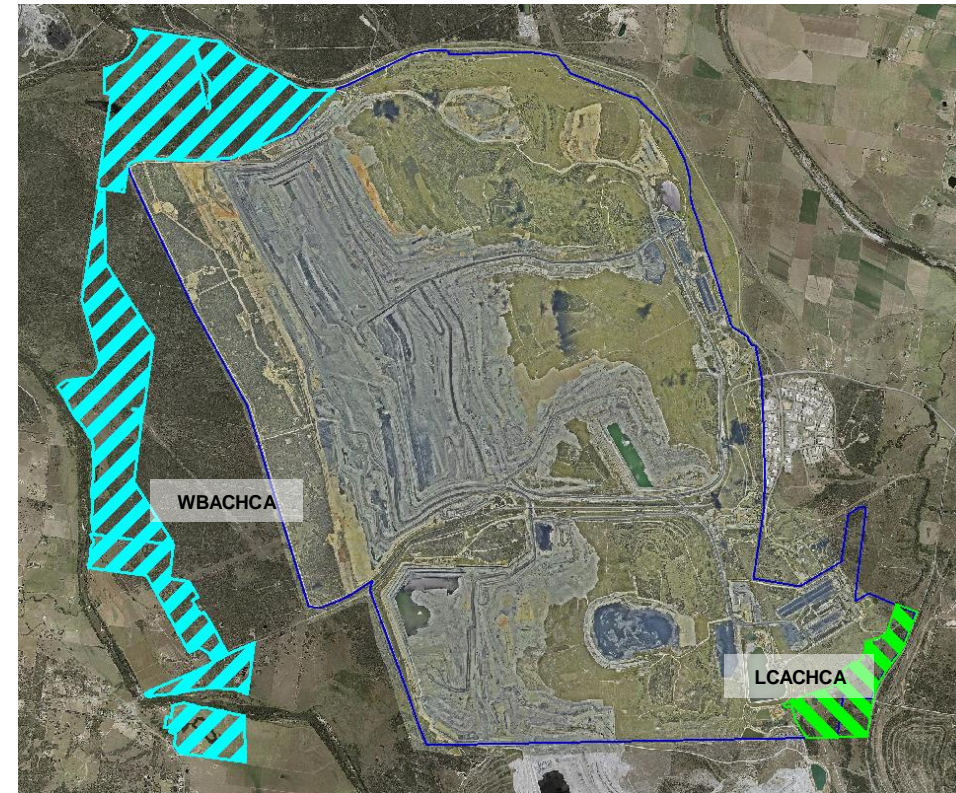
# MTW Operations - Business Papers

- 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 June 2024, July 2024, August 2024
- Appendix D – September 2024 MEMR to be provided at a later date.



# Heritage Update

- Cultural Heritage Conservation Areas
  - NPWS Land Acquisitions and Dealings Team advised 12 Nov 2024 they have progressed documents relating to the registration of conservation agreements to the Deputy Secretary NPWS for signing, after which the documents will be submitted to Land Registry Service for registration.
- MTW-50 PAD Investigation late Nov
- Annual Cultural Heritage Inspection planned for late Nov
- Cultural Heritage Working Group (CHWG) meeting to occur December



MTW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Areas

# Historic Heritage

- **Springwood** access upgrade on-hold pending finalisation of scope of works and suitable ground conditions. Expected to occur mid-late summer (early 2025). Access improvements will enable heavy vehicle access for tree removal and subsequent works.



- **RAAF Cook House** access track works also delayed due to soft ground conditions. Initial works to be scheduled once accessible – expected early 2025.
- Routine maintenance has continued at each site.
- Annual Historic Heritage Inspection planned for late Nov
- Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) meeting to occur December



# Heritage Houses schedule tracking

UPDATED: 12/11/24		Mth / Qtr	24Q2			24Q3			24Q4			25Q1			25Q2			
2024/2025	Status	Comment	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
<b>Heritage</b>																		
<b>Springwood Homestead</b>																		
<i>Current objective: stabilise building</i>																		
Structural Engineering Inspection	Complete	Completed April	■	■														
Initial prop & tie of walls	Complete	Completed August			■													
Access upgrade (MR truck access)	On Hold	Delayed by wet ground cond.				■	■	■										
Tree removal	Not Started							■	■	■								
Structural stabilisation works (per Bligh Tanner)	Not Started								■	■	■							
Scope follow-on works (incl. roof)	Not Started										■	■	■					
<b>RAAF Cook House</b>																		
<i>Current objectives: enable safe access, remove asbestos, stabilise</i>																		
Structural Engineering Inspection	Complete	Completed April	■	■														
Access upgrade (MR truck access)	On Hold	Delayed by wet ground cond.			■	■				■								
Remove asbestos materials from surrounds	In progress	Sourcing quotes					■	■	■									
Remove tree from roof, surrounding trees	Not Started									■	■	■						
Initial prop & tie roof	Not Started										■	■	■					
Remove asbestos from internal footprint	Not Started											■	■	■				
Scope follow on works (incl. asbestos roof & wall removal)	Not Started													■	■			
<b>Red Brick House</b>																		
<i>Current objective: ensure watertight</i>																		
Structural Engineering Inspection	Complete	Completed April	■	■														
Scope roofing & gutter repairs	Not started						■	■	■									
Roof & gutter repairs	Not started									■	■	■						
Scope follow on works (incl. brick repointing)	Not started												■	■	■	■		

Today

# Management Plans / Reporting

## Annual Reporting

- 23/08/2024 - Submission of the HRSTS annual reports for MTO/WML to EPA.
- 23/09/2024 – Submission of Annual Return for Mount Thorley Coal Loader for Environment Protection Licence 24.
- 27/09/2024 - The National Pollutant Inventory reports for MTW and MTCL were submitted to DCCEEW.
- 23/10/2024 - The National Greenhouse and Energy Report (Section 19 Report) for 2023-2024 was submitted to Australian Government Clean Energy Regulator.

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# General Business - Community update

## MTW Voluntary Planning Agreement - Update

- After the January 2024 payment, MTW has contributed \$8.5M (of \$11M total).
- After the MTW VPA Community Committee meeting held on 1 August 2024:
  - Of six applications - Four applications recommended not to be approved. Two applications recommended by committee to Council to be approved, have been approved by Council and are now active VPA projects:
    - Bulga tennis court / multi use court refurbishment \$350k (in tender process)
    - Bulga Stock Reserve Ecological Restoration works (over 5 years \$500k) (in tender process).
- 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.



# General Business - Community update

## MTW Voluntary Planning Agreement - Update

- New MTW VPA Community Committee members were endorsed by Council at meeting on 15 October 2024.
  - **Chair:** Mayor Sue Moore
  - **Community representative:** Ian Hedley, Pauline Rayner, Sarah Purser, Stirling Keayes, Neale McCallum. (Alternate community representative: Judith Leslie)
  - **Yancoal representative:** Gary Mulhearn
  - **Council staff members (non-voting member):** Melinda Curtis, Executive Manager; Kellie Jordan, VPA Projects Officer
- MTW VPA Community Committee meeting was held 7 November 2024 at Bulga Community Hall.
- The agenda of the first meeting ensured all members are inducted into Committee responsibilities and processes, the VPA and an update on the VPA funded projects to date. The Terms of Reference was also reviewed at the meeting.
- The forward meeting schedule including closing dates for application assessments was presented.
- Applications may be received all year round, but will be assessed two times per year (closing March 2025, and September 2025).
- Council publishes all relevant information and minutes of meetings on their website:
- <https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/Council/Community-Funding-Programs/VPA-Community-Committees/Mount-Thorley-Warkworth-VPA-Community-Committee>

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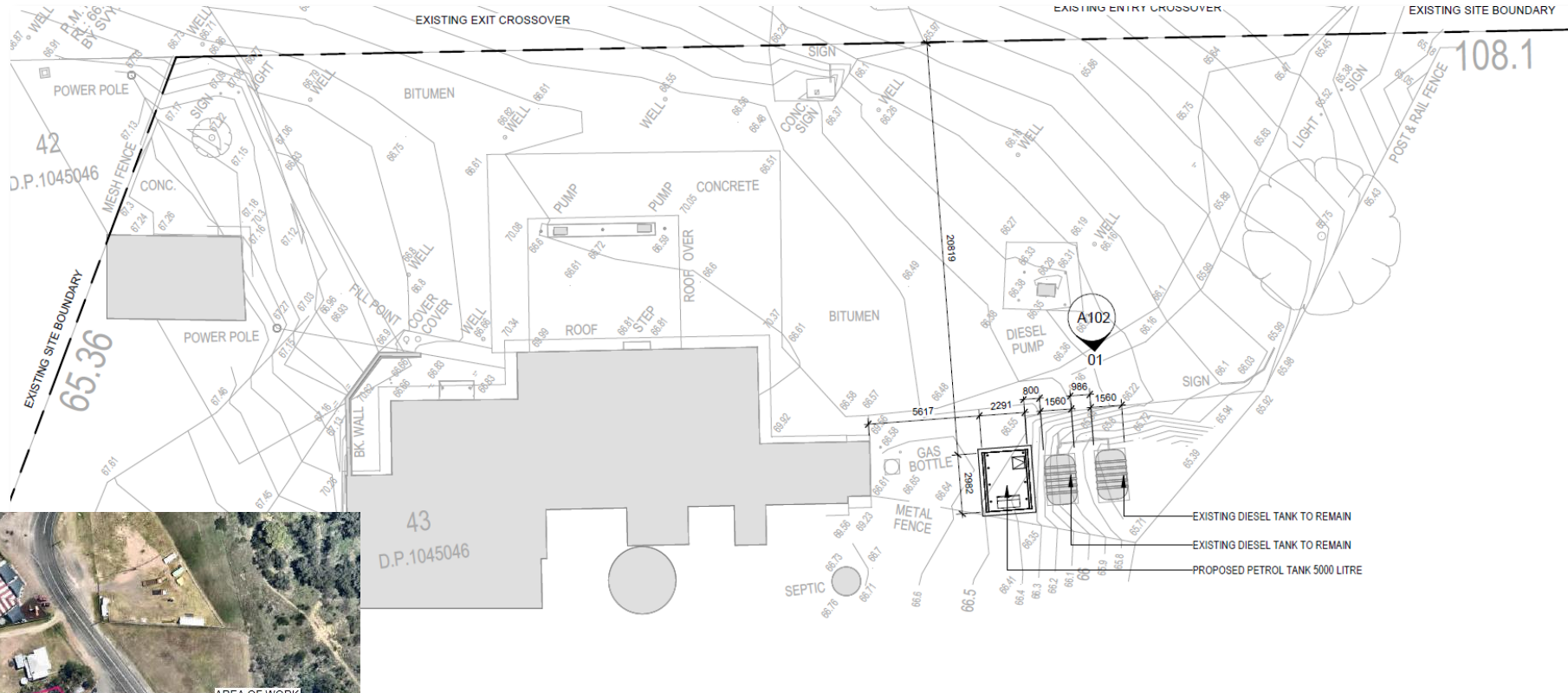
## Bulga Service Station/Shop update

- 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.
- Due to the location of the existing underground storage tank beneath the bottle shop, the tank cannot be simply replaced. In consultation with the current licensee, it was proposed that the Bulga Shop and Service Station continue to operate. While diesel fuel and other services have still been offered, the sale of unleaded fuel needed to end in the near term.
- We have since investigated alternate temporary unleaded fuel storage solutions amid site constraints, and after consultation with Singleton Council. A temporary above ground tank solution has been identified, with the aim of reestablishing unleaded fuel services whilst renovation or redevelopment options progress. A Development Application for the temporary tank is required, and was submitted 11 November 2024.
- Proposed plans shown on following slide.



# General Business - Community update

## Bulga Service Station/Shop – update - Temporary unleaded storage tank plans



DATE	CHK	DWN
04/09/2024	HV	MM

PROJECT:  
BULGA SERVICE STATION  
2046 Putty Rd, Bulga

**Richmond+Ross** PTY LIMITED  
CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND PROJECT LEADERS  
ASN 34 901 485 436

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

# General Business - Community update

## Amenity Resource

- Amenity works recognising air quality contribution by MTW.
  - Invitation to participate remains open. Year to Nov 2024 works have included:
    - 9 tanks cleaned
    - 4 new filtered water tap installed
    - Water deliveries offsetting usage in cleaning
    - Spare & replacement filter supplies
    - Works undertaken across 6 residences. 2 in process.
  - Program remains ongoing. Please direct enquiries to MTW.



# General Business - Community update

## Community Support Program

The Community Support Program has continued. The following organisations are being supported in 2024 through the CSP.

Organisation	Project	Sponsorship Amount 2024
Branxton Golf Club	Zero turn mower	\$ 6,000.00
Business Singleton	Business Awards and International Womens Day Luncheon	\$ 10,000.00
Jerrys Plains School of Arts Hall Inc	Stage Curtains	\$ 4,515.00
Miller Park Bowling Club	Acquiring, Replenishing and Rebuilding equipment	\$ 4,326.00
Northern Agriculture Association Inc	Singleton Show and Campdraft 2024	\$ 5,000.00
Ridin 4 Mates - MHF	Ridin 4 Mates - MHF	\$ 2,000.00
Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter	Singleton Art Prize 2024	\$ 10,000.00
Samaritans Foundation - Diocese of Newcastle	Christmas Lunch in Singleton 2024	\$ 4,000.00
Singleton Council	Christmas on John Street 2024 - Fireworks	\$ 7,270.00
Singleton Council	Singleton Public Library-School Holidays 2024	\$ 3,675.00
Singleton Fire Brigade Social Club	Santa's Lolly Run 2024	\$ 500.00
Singleton Golf Club - Ladies Sub Committee	Ladies Golf Open Day 2024	\$ 500.00
Singleton Heights Pre-School Inc	Safe Surfacing around our Sandpit	\$ 7,000.00
Singleton Junior Rugby Club	Training equipment update	\$ 6,250.50
Singleton Rugby Club	First aid kit and equipment for game day trailer	\$ 943.35
Towns With Heart Inc	Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival 2024	\$ 5,000.00
NSW Rural Fire Service - Hunter Valley Support Brigade	Bulk Water Tanker Rebuild	\$ 10,000.00
University of Newcastle	Science & Engineering Challenge (Year 2 of 3 year agreement)	\$ 12,494.00
University of Newcastle	SMART Science School Tour (Year 2 of 3 year agreement)	\$ 19,249.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 118,722.00</b>



# General Business - Community update

## New Yancoal and MTW website

- Yancoal has developed and launched a new look website on 1 November 2024.
- MTW's published information has moved to pages on the new Yancoal website as part of the launch. A redirection was put in place for persons attempting to access MTW's previous website. The Insite environmental monitoring website continues to operate.
  - <https://www.yancoal.com.au/>
  - <https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-warkworth/>
  - MTW's Insite environmental monitoring website: <https://insite.yancoal.com.au/>



# General Business

**General Business – other?**

# Agenda

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



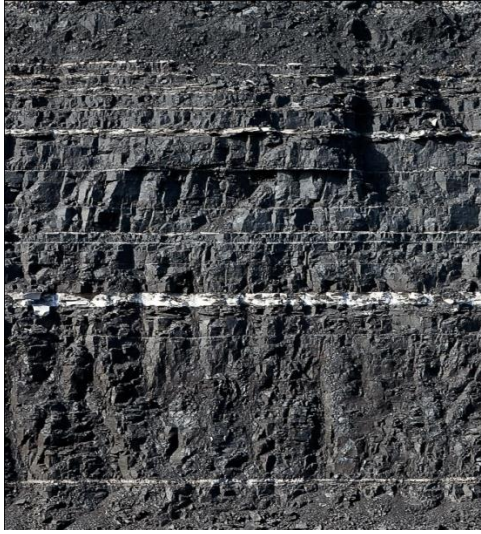
# Future Dates

## **Next Meeting Date**

**Date:** Wednesday - 12 February 2025

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

**Location:** Boardroom, North Warkworth Building



# Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

BUSINESS PAPERS November 2024

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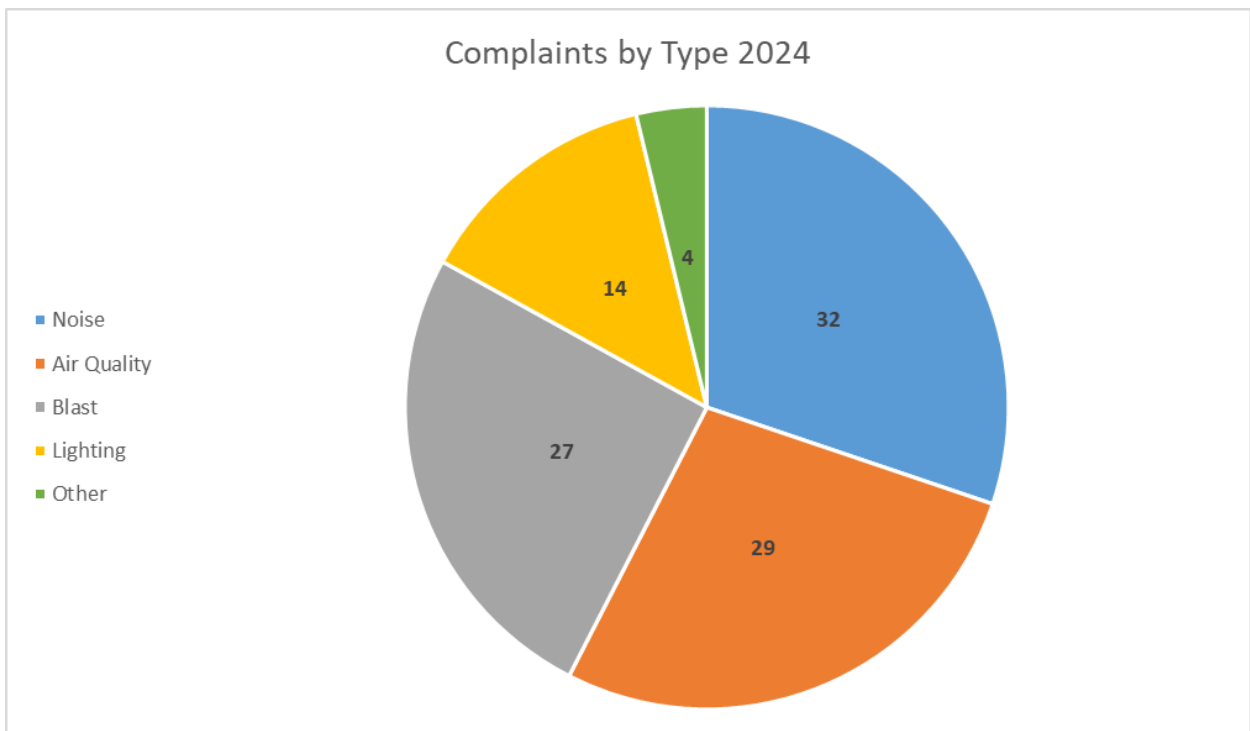
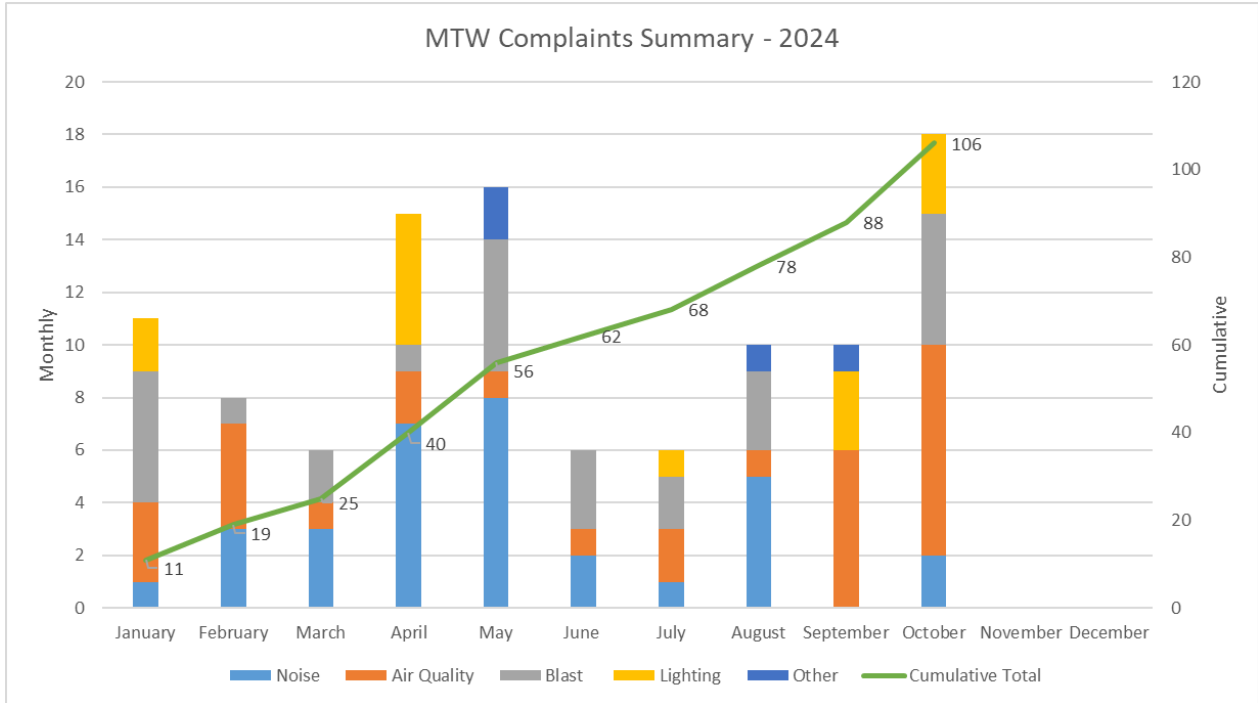
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## 1 COMPLAINTS

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

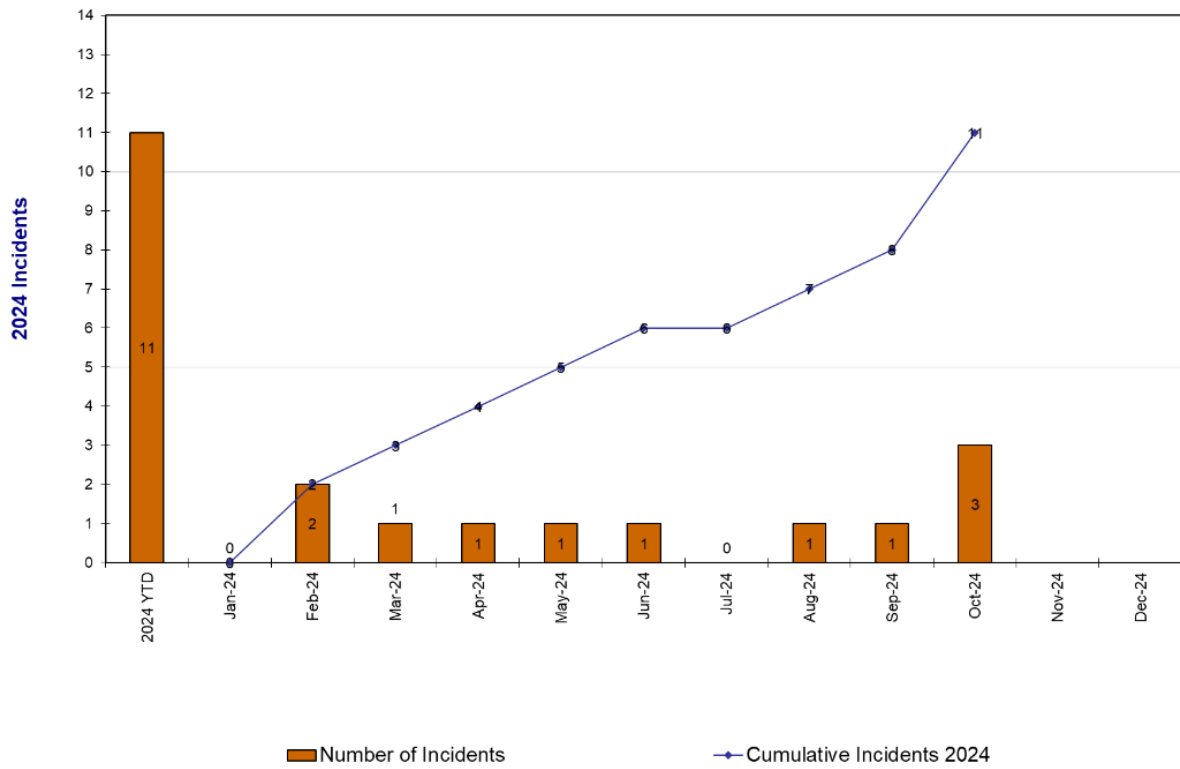




## 2 INCIDENTS

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

### MTW Environmental Incidents 2024



### Incident Summary for the period 1 August 2024 to 31 October 2024

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Key Actions</b>	<b>Aspect</b>
5/08/2024	Diesel identified in MTO bulk diesel tank containment bund	Superintendent notified, source of leak identified (cover plate of adjacent tank to that being refueled), tightened cover bolts to stop leak, diesel removed from bund area & photos taken. Investigation commenced.	Hydrocarbon
6/09/2024	North Rothbury Biodiversity Area unauthorised disturbance	Reported to Supervisor, photos taken. E&C Advisor met with neighbours, identified the responsible party, and issued a letter advising that the disturbance was unauthorized and that boundary fences would be repaired. Police report completed.	Biodiversity
7/10/2024	West Pit Trans Tank Diesel Spill to ground	Emergency stop activated to stop pump, graded earth bunds to contain the spill. Spill cleaned up. Investigation completed and cause addressed.	Hydrocarbon
13/10/2024	Excavator 322 Oil Spill to ground on shut pad during commissioning.	Spill contained and cleaned up.	Hydrocarbon

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### 3 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

#### Monthly summaries of environmental monitoring:

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

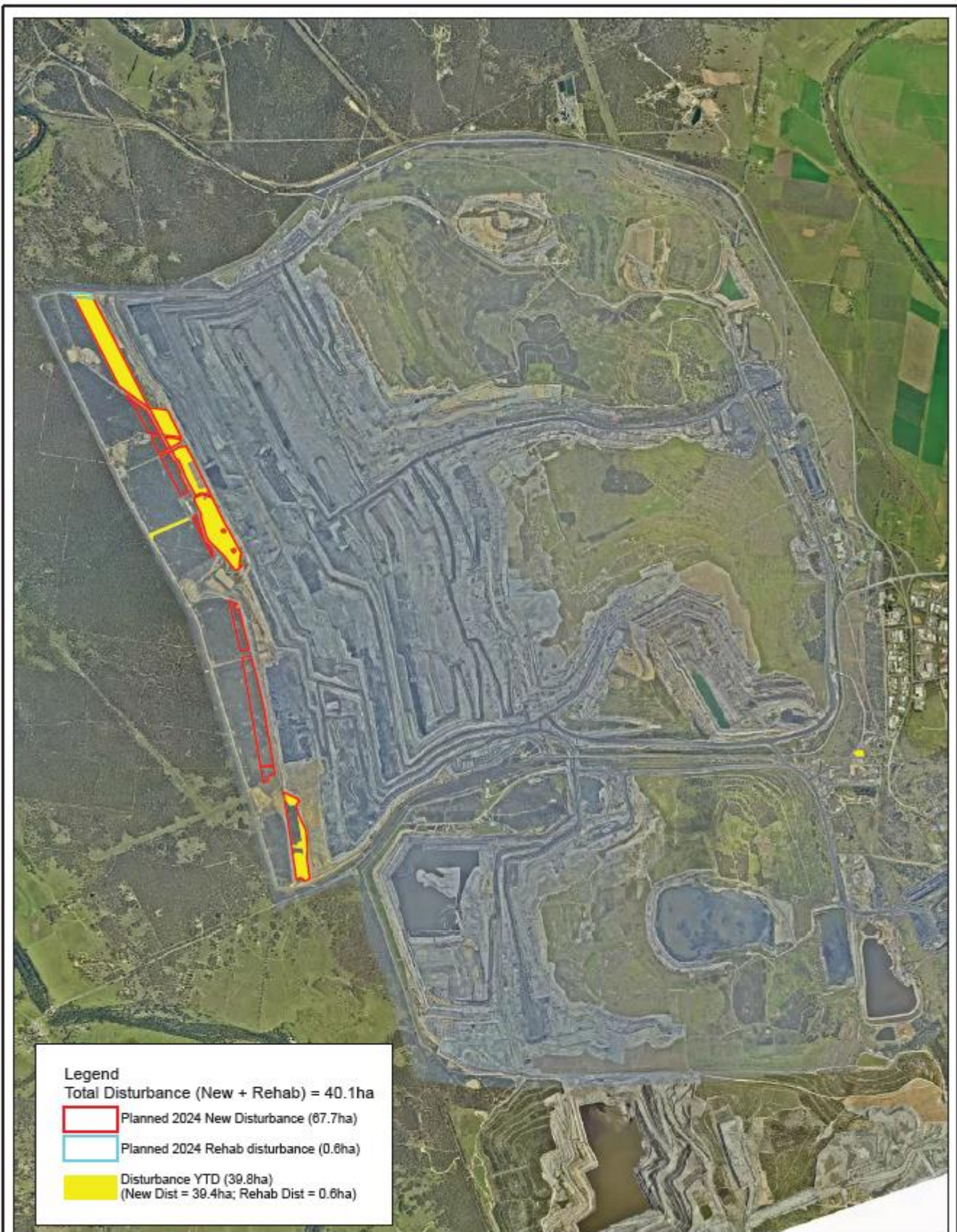
#### **4 REHABILITATION PLAN**

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

The rehabilitation and disturbance progress to the end of October 2024 are presented in the maps below. There is currently 124.2ha of dump released for rehab; and 86.9ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped. Topsoil has been spread on 75.7ha and is awaiting soil ameliorants to be applied to be ready for seeding.

To the end of October 2024, 40.1ha of land has been disturbed to allow for mine progression in North and West Pits in Warkworth.





**Legend**  
 Total Disturbance (New + Rehab) = 40.1ha

- Planned 2024 New Disturbance (67.7ha)
- Planned 2024 Rehab disturbance (0.6ha)
- Disturbance YTD (39.8ha)  
 (New Dist = 39.4ha; Rehab Dist = 0.6ha)



**Disturbance 2024**

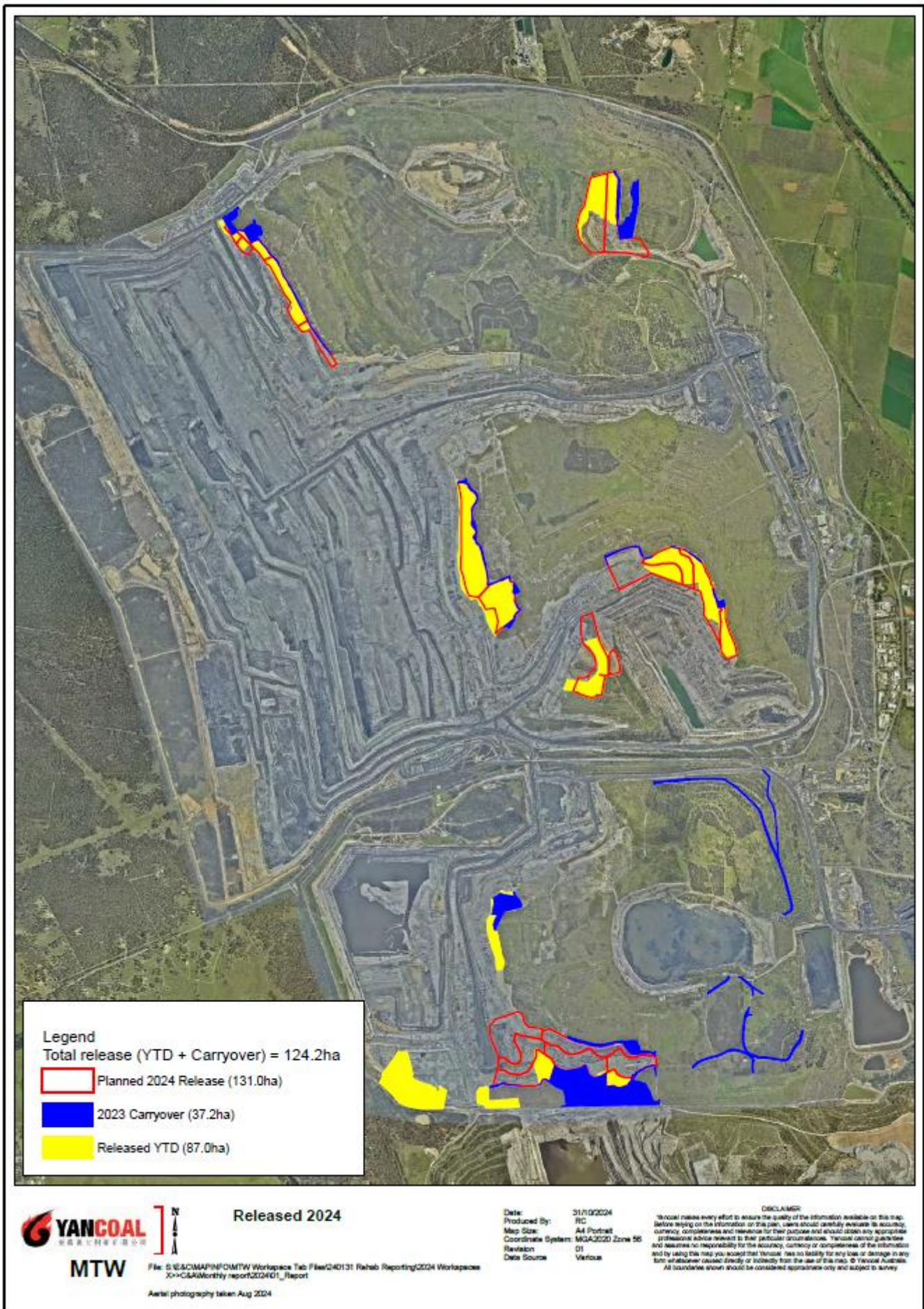
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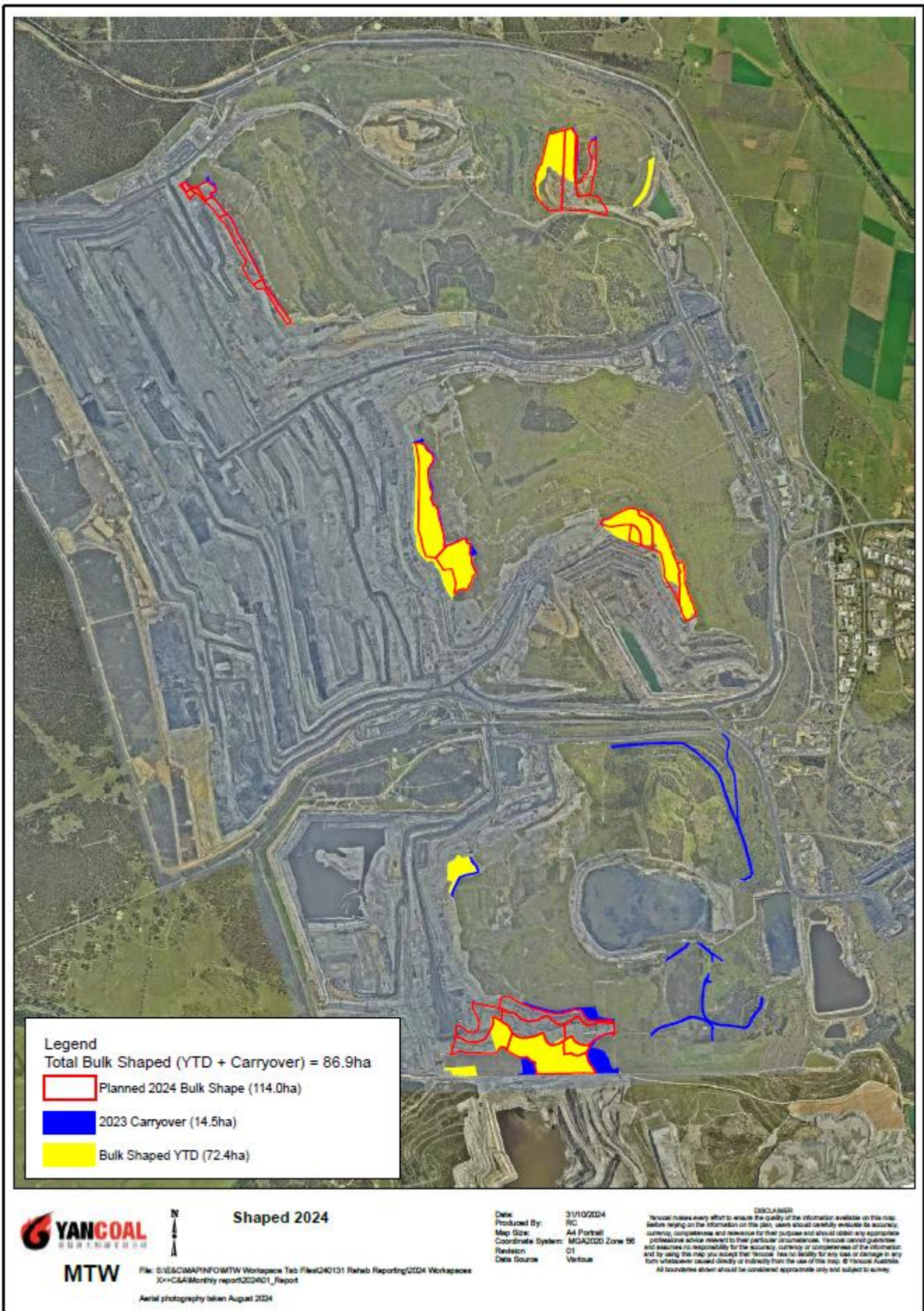
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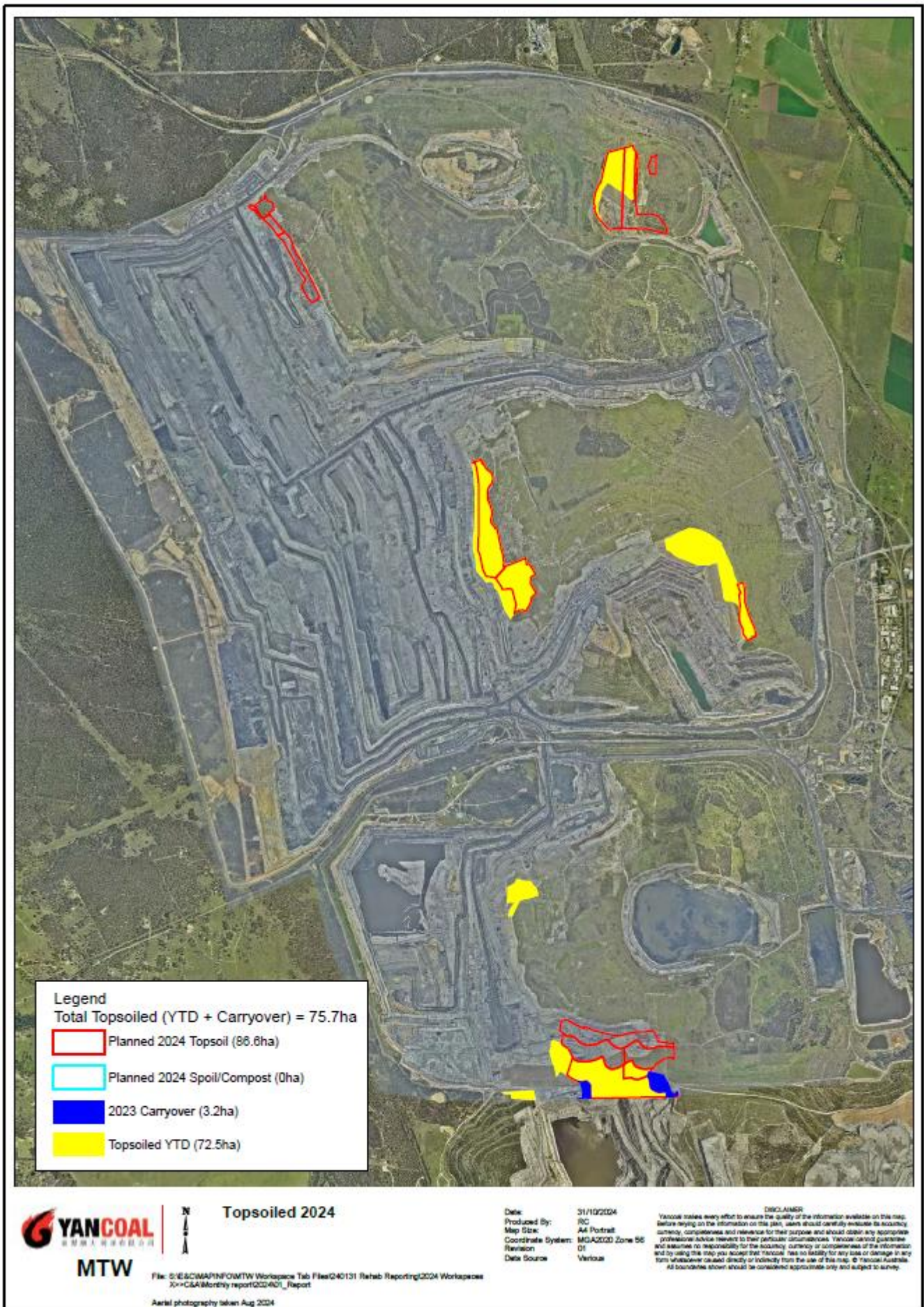




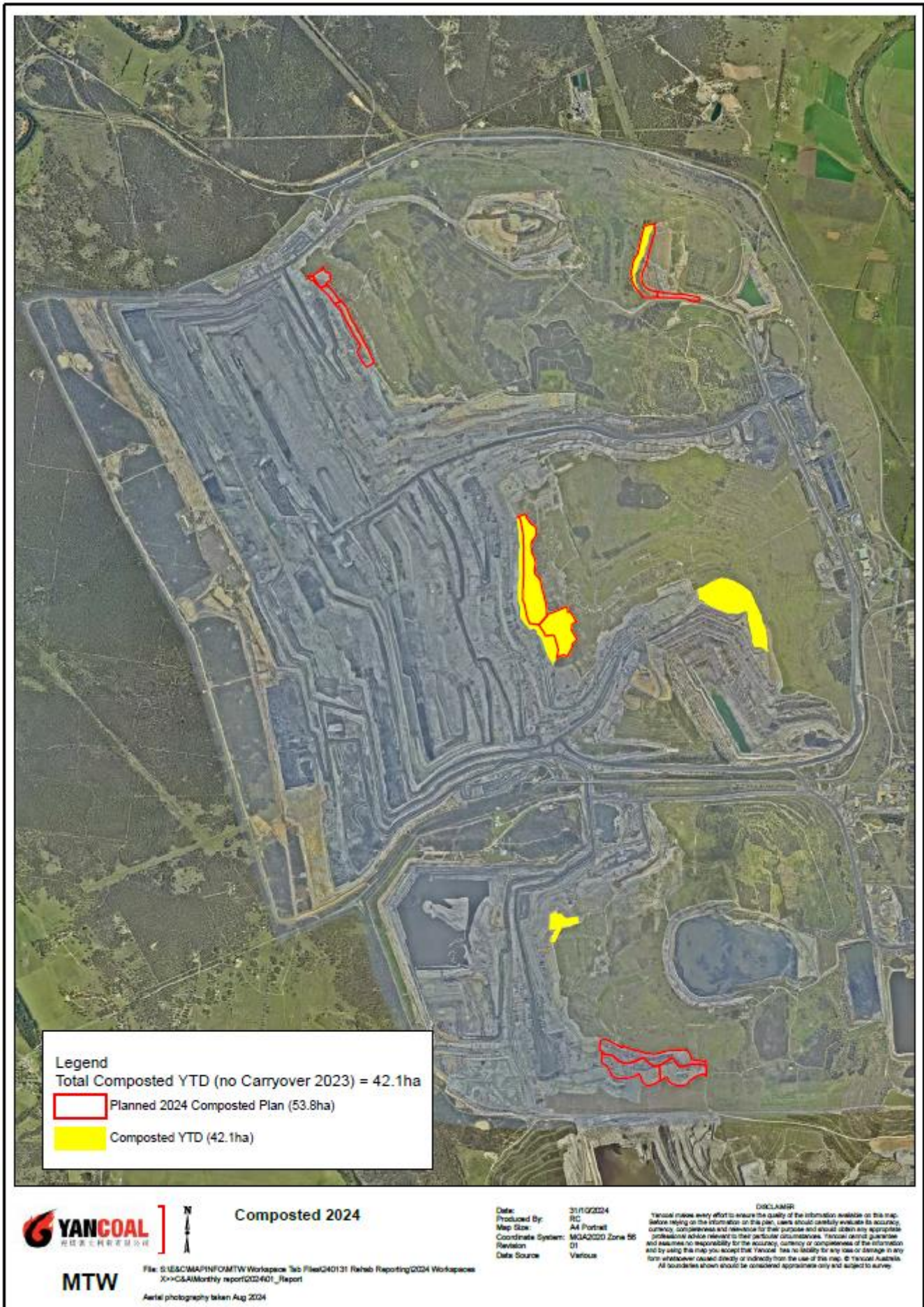




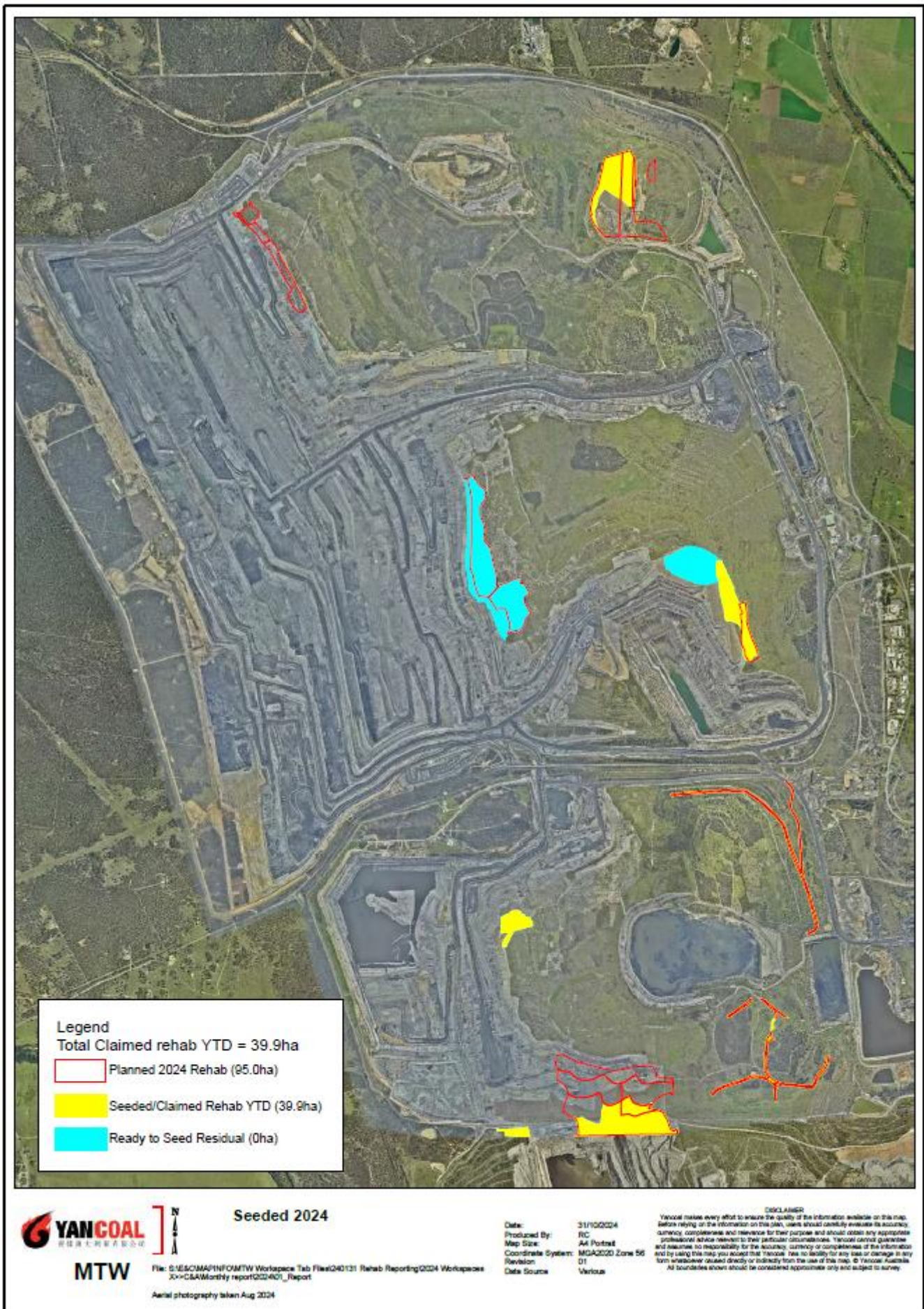












### Website Uploads

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Document Title	Upload
Mount Thorley Warkworth 2023 Independent Audit - Audit Report	12/08/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environmental Monitoring Report March 2024	12/08/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environmental Monitoring Report April 2024	12/08/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environmental Monitoring Report May 2024	12/08/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth 2023 Annual Environmental Review	12/08/2024
MTW Community Consultative Committee - May 2024 - Minutes, Presentation & Business Papers	15/08/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environment Protection Licence 1376 1976 Monitoring Data July 2024	2/09/2024
MTW Community Consultative Committee - August 2024 - Minutes, Presentation & Business Papers	17/09/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environment Protection Licence 1376 1976 Monitoring Data August 2024	29/09/2024
Complaints register 2024 (to August)	27/09/2024
Complaints register 2024 (to September)	17/10/2024
Mount Thorley Warkworth Environment Protection Licence 1376 1976 Monitoring Data September 2024	31/10/2024

## 5 YANCOAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

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For information please visit our website at <https://www.mtwcoal.com.au-page-community-community-support-program-> or email [mtw.csp@yancoal.com.au](mailto:mtw.csp@yancoal.com.au)



# Appendix A: June 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

# Appendix B: July 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

# **Appendix C: August 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report**

# Appendix D: September 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

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