

Minutes: Minutes of the Meeting of the Maules Creek Coal Community Consultative Committee held on **Thursday 4 September 2025** at the Boggabri Golf Club commencing at 12.08 pm.

Members Present: Elizabeth O’Hara (EOH) – Community Representative, Robyn Grover (RG) – Community Representative, Steve Eather (SE) – Community Representative, Libby Laird (LL) – Community Representative, Cr Brett Dickinson (BD) – Narrabri Shire Council, Emma Bulkeley (EB) – WHC, Darren Swain (DS) – WHC.

Apologies: Cr Darrell Tiemens (DT) – Narrabri Shire Council, Jorge Moraga (JM) – General Manager, Maules Creek Operations.

Observers: David Gonzalez - WHC, Anna Curral – WHC.

Independent Chair: Michael J. Silver OAM (MJS)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/By Whom
1.	Welcome and Apologies – MJS welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Acknowledgement of Country - The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is being held and their continuing connection to land, water, and culture, paying respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.	
3.	Declaration of Pecuniary or Other Interests – EOH holds a small quantity of Whitehaven shares. RG has a family member working at Maules Creek Coal Mine. MJS expenses as chair are borne by the Proponent.	
4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting – The minutes of the meeting of 15 May 2025 were approved on 26 June 2025.	
5.	Business Arising from the Previous Minutes 5.1 Whitehaven Coal Limited v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue - EOH questioned the content of minute 12.2 Whitehaven Coal Limited v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue. She suggested the minute should read “EOH noted the NSW Supreme Court hearing 8-9 April: Whitehaven Coal Limited v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue as the issue of ‘negative royalties’ was previously unheard of by the community and of significant interest.” MJS agreed to modify the minute. 5.2 Action 8 - EOH enquired whether there had been a response from the Department of Planning Environment and Infrastructure in respect of Action 8 “MJS to advise DPHI of concerns raised by CCC members regarding the Independent Environmental Audit process.” MJS indicated that a formal response had not been received from the Department, however the final Audit Report did outline the process and its independence. MJS advised he would follow up the matter with DPHI.	ACTION: MJS to follow up a response from DPHI in relation to Action 8.
6.	Actions 7.1 EB to advise the scale and depth of the current void. Response: The current approved void is approximately 350Ha with a maximum depth of 390 metres. 7.2 EB to provide a link to the Environmental Report. Response: All environmental reports can be found on the Maules Creek Coal website: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/our-assets/maules-creek-mine/ 7.3 EB to provide the number of exploration holes drilled since April 2024 and their distribution. Response: There have been 41 exploration holes drilled since April 2024 – Refer Appendix 3.	
7.	Correspondence Nil	

9.	Environmental Monitoring Report <i>A copy of the Monitoring Report is attached to the minutes.</i> The Environmental Monitoring Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting. There were no questions raised in relation to the report.	
10.	Proponent's Presentation <i>EB introduced the Proponent's Presentation. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.</i> Health and Safety The Committee noted the Health and Safety Performance data – EB highlighted the Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR) of 2.3 which is low. She indicated that there had been a good safety performance in the previous 12 months. LL sought clarification on what determined loss of time due to injury. EB advised that where a worker required medical treatment or cannot attend work. DG clarified that non-attendance for a day or a shift was the criteria for non-work attendance. Environmental Monitoring Depositional Dust EB noted that the annual reporting period (12 monthly rolling annual average) remained below the relevant Project Approval criteria. She highlighted that the MC1 gauge had been contaminated by bird droppings in April and May. HVAS EB advised that the High-Volume Air Sampler stayed well below the annual average. The Rolling Annual Average was recorded at 12.8 µg/m³, which is below the Annual Average Guideline of 30 µg/m³. TEOM 1 (PM10) EM advised that the annual rolling averages for TEOM 1 was 9.6 µg/m³. She noted the event on 27 May 25 which was a dust storm and determined to be an extraordinary event by the DPHI. TEOM 3 (PM10) The annual rolling average for TEOM 3 was 12.5 µg/m³ at the end of the second quarter. EB again highlighted the spike in the graph on 27 May 2025 related to a dust storm. BD enquired what action can be taken given the exceptional circumstances of such events? EM advised that all water carts are mobilized, and other amelioration measures are implemented such as no blasting. She advised unfortunately not much can be done. EB added that the air quality monitor at Maules Creek school is operational.	

Air Quality Monitoring

The Committee examined the Air Quality Monitoring Rolling 12 months graph noting that Maules Creek Mine is the bright blue line in the lower section of the graph. MJS noted that data from the monitors on the various mines feeds into the regional air quality monitoring by the EPA. BD enquired who maintains the monitoring equipment in respect of the Maules Creek mine. EB responded, the company.

LL questioned how contamination of air quality monitors can be prevented. EB advised that there are not many options available to stop birds contaminating the monitors. It is an issue with all depositional dust gauges as they are a glass bottle with a funnel which sits in an exposed area.

Biodiversity Properties Map

EB presented a new map of all properties owned by Whitehaven detailing the property names. Refer Action 6.2 above. DS clarified that the map includes all land owned by Whitehaven including leased land.

Monitoring Locations

EB presented a map setting the various groundwater monitoring locations.

Groundwater

EB reported a slight increase in the groundwater levels primarily due to the recent climatic conditions. Similarly, there has been a slight “up-tick” in regional groundwater levels. EB noted that historically there was little variability over the last 10 years.

Biodiversity Management

EB reported that the Whitehaven Biodiversity Feral Animal Control program have returned the following results.

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- 68 out of total 197 Canid Pest Ejectors (1080) triggered were from the Maules Biodiversity properties.

EB also detailed the work undertaken on noxious weed control.

- 30ha of Woody Weeds such as Box Thorn, Blackberry and Prickly Pear were sprayed.
- 26ha of Grasses such as Rhodes grass and Coolatai grass were sprayed.
- 7ha of Broadleaf Weeds such as General Broadleaf, Mustard Weed, Pattersons Curse, Marshmallow, Turnip, Cobblers Peg, Saffron Thistle and Variegated Thistles were sprayed.
- 174ha of tracks sprayed as part of the track maintenance

LL enquired who is responsible for weed control on leased properties. EB advised it is the leaseholder.

EB outlined the other current biodiversity projects and works and others program for the balance of 2025. She made particular mention of the Noisy Miner Management Program.

EOH asked what happens to the reports on the various biodiversity management programs? EB responded that most are not publicly available but are summarised in annual reporting. LL asked where Noisy Miners are being shot and what are you shooting them with? EB advised that culling occurs on the properties 'Wollondilly' and 'Thornfield' during daylight hours using an appropriately licensed firearm.

Project Continuation

MCCP Recap

DS provided an overview of the current status of the Maules Creek Continuation Project. Continuation of open cut mining operations and workforce beyond 2034 to 31 December 2044. It will permit mining of up to 14 Mtpa of ROM coal and transportation of up to 12.4 Mtpa of product coal.

DS indicated that the mine workforce would increase from 865 to 1030 workers at peak operation with an average of 940.

MJS advised that a submission to the proposal had been lodged by the Leard Forest Precinct Environmental Trust Inc regarding potential implications on the current Voluntary Planning Agreement with Narrabri Shire Council.

EOH questioned the proposed increase height of the overburden stockpile and questioned the inadequacy of consultation in relation to the final height of the stockpile. DG advised that the dump height will increase a small amount – not the 500 metres as has been claimed. He advised that the proposal seeks to take the dump height from *RL455 up to RL500 – a maximum increase of 45 metres. EB added that the increase in height will not be over the entire area – there will be hills and hollows.

**Chair's note: RL is the 'reduced level', which refers to equating elevations of survey points with reference to a common assumed vertical datum being mean sea level which is a universal measure and based upon a common base line in the whole world.*

EOH enquired what the scale of the proposed final pit void will be? DG advised the final void outcome will be a similar area or slightly smaller to what is currently proposed void. EOH observed that any void is problematic often with long-term impacts that cannot be mitigated.

LL asked whether Whitehaven will be utilising data from the University of NSW (UNSW) groundwater monitoring project to the north of the project site. DS acknowledged that this information would be useful but noted this would be subject to UNSW agreement. EB indicated that there was no intention at present to seek further external advice on groundwater.

DG indicated monitoring within bore holes, using vibrating wire piezometers (VWP), will be undertaken in the vicinity of Horse Arm and Middle Creeks. LL questioned what the depth of the bore hole(s) will be. LL enquired whether there is other groundwater monitoring equipment in the area? EB said she was unaware of other groundwater monitoring. LL asked whether the data will be available to the community. EB advised it will not be reported – this is a private agreement with the owner. LL questioned the DPHI public exhibition process and how there was an extension of the exhibition closing date from 4 August to 8 August 2025? EB advised that the DPHI extended the exhibition period due to the impact of the flooding in the Namoi Valley during the original exhibition period. Environmental Assessment Update DS provided an outline of the Environmental Assessment of the Continuation Project. DS noted that submissions were received from the Public (individuals and organisations), Agencies and Local Government with responses categorised as ‘support’, ‘object’ and ‘comment’. He advised that 670 had been received by DPHI and suggested the outcomes generally aligned with community sentiment. EOH expressed disappointment that ‘community sentiment’ was being judged by just adding up the numbers. It demonstrates an inadequate understanding of the informed position. EB indicated that it is no different from submissions be made on a proforma letter. EOH responded that individual submissions are much more informed. DS commented that the presentation is an overview – it is difficult to make comparative judgements on the submissions, however most of those who submitted objections do not live in this area. LL asked what the main reasons for supporting the project and the reasons for objection. DS responded that the key reason for supporting the project was employment and business/economic development. In terms of objections, the main reasons were negative economic implications and impacts on biodiversity, water and air quality. LL questioned whether there is perception in the community that people will be losing their jobs from 2027? “Is that what people thought, even though closure doesn’t occur till 2035?” DS responded that the site becomes constrained from 2028 with operational activities reducing and consequently less people required. DG explained that after 2028 the workspace becomes tight with resultant reductions in the amount of equipment required and the overall scaling down of operations from 2027 onwards towards closure in 2035. EOH noted that there was a ramp up of staff to peak production (greatest workforce) – so what does ramp down and the decrease in the number of people mean. DG advised ramping down will result in a reduction in the amount of coal being extracted. The proposal to increase production from 12Mtpa to 14Mtpa will provide extended flexibility and a continuation of mining to 2044. EB added that if approved the Continuation Project would extend the mines operational life by 10 years.	ACTION: That DG advise the depth of the bore holes in the vicinity of Horse Arm and Middle Creeks
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Application Determination Process

DS outlined the Project Application process to date noting that the Response to Submissions (TS) has been lodged with the DPHI.

EOH enquired when a determination is expected. DS indicated that the timing is a matter for the DPHI with the proposal to be determined by the Independent Planning Commission (IPC).

Blast Board

EOH explained the concerns of members of the community in respect of blasting in the vicinity of the Leard State Conservation Area.

EB provided the following response to the concerns:

- ***Leard State Conservation Area***
The Leard State Conservation Area is located to the West of Maules Creek Coal Mine, and the Leard State Forest is located to the East. The public are encouraged to check the website for the most recent blast details. All blasting is conducted according to approvals.
- ***Blast Notifications***
Blast notifications are sent out according to the Blast Management Plan; this includes SMS notification and updates to the website.
- ***Blast Board***
The blast board located on Leard Forest Road is updated for every blast event where the blast clearance zone crosses the Leard State Forest Exclusive Use Area.

Community

Aboriginal Representative on the CCC

EB reported that advertisements continue to run seeking nominations for an Aboriginal representative on the Community Consultative Committee. No nominations have been received.

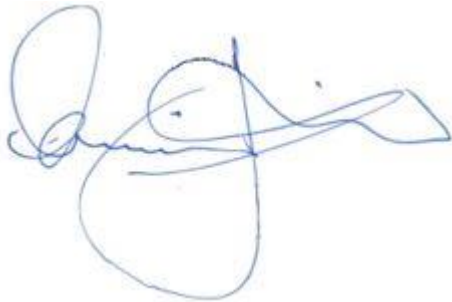
Community Investment

The Committee noted that \$251,632.81 had been delivered by Whitehaven in community donations and sponsorships across NSW. It also noted that the NSW Community Team is moving to a bi-annual funding model for the Community Investment Committee moving forward.

11.	Other Agenda Items Nil	
12.	General Business 12.1 Narrabri Shire Council Staff Attendance – BD enquired of the Chair regarding non-attendance of Council staff at CCC meetings. MJS explained that the previous General Manager had instructed staff not to attend due to staff shortages. BD further enquired whether the Chair supported Council staff attendance at CCC meetings. MJS suggested that it was beneficial particularly where technical or planning issues are discussed. In general, he has supported two delegates from Council's on CCCs – one Councillor and one technical. 12.2 Hazard Reduction Burn – SE enquired what is the status of the recent hazard reduction burns. EB advised that a couple had been undertaken but the recent wet weather has prevented further burns.	
13.	Next meeting The next meeting is scheduled for 30 October 2025.	

Meeting Closed: 1.32 pm.

Approved:



Michael J. Silver OAM
Independent Chair

8 October 2025

Appendix 1: Actions

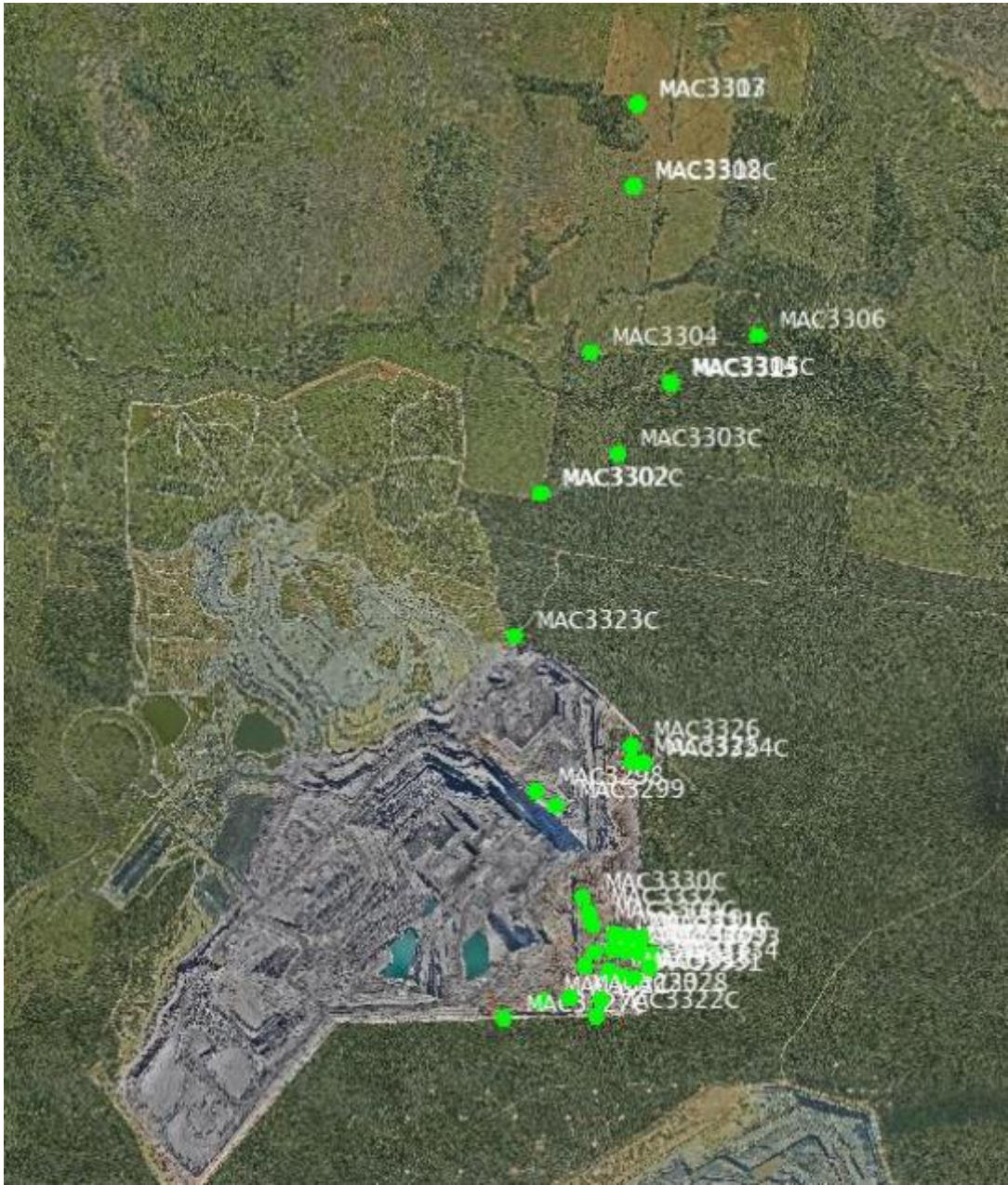
Action No.	Description	Date Raised	Page No.	Status
1	MJS to review February 2024 minutes.	15.05.24	2	COMPLETED 24.06.24
2	MJS to respond to R. Druce that the matter needs to be taken up with NSC and the RFS	15.05.24	2	COMPLETED 24.06.24
3	MJS to respond to Mr Laird that there are fundamental issues that need to be addressed.	15.05.24	2	COMPLETED 24.06.24
4	EM to advise how groundwater data is sourced.	15.05.24	3	COMPLETED 26.08.24
5	MJS to contact UNSW regarding availability of ground water data.	15.05.24	3	COMPLETED 16.08.24
6	DS to provide locations of monitoring bores.	15.05.24	4	COMPLETED 26.08.24
7	MJS to discuss environmental representative on the CCC with DPIE	15.05.24	4	COMPLETED 08.08.24
8	MJS to advise DPHI of concerns raised by CCC members regarding the IEA process.	13.11.24	2	ONGOING
9	EB to confirm current locations of TEOM monitors	13.11.24	4	COMPLETED 13.02.24
10	MJS to write to DPHI detailing the potential breach of the conditions of consent in respect of membership of the CCC.	13.11.24	3	COMPLETE 22.11.24
11	JdeK to provide responses to questions on Methane Emissions and Methane Abatement.	13.11.24	6	COMPLETE 16.01.25
12	EB to advise whether there will be forest land clearing in February 2025	13.11.24	7	COMPLETE 13.02.25
13	EB to provide numbers and genus of euthanised fauna during 2024	13.11.24	7	COMPLETE 13.02.25
14	EB to confirm employee transfer numbers from WCC mine to MCC mine	13.11.24	7	COMPLETE 13.02.25
15	EB to advise the water bore that engaged in the standing water level spike in September 2024.	13.02.25	5	COMPLETE 15.05.25
16	EB to ensure that on all future maps of the mine environs presented to the CCC that property names are noted on the maps.	13.02.25	6	COMPLETE 15.05.25

17	EB to check whether a property sale in the area was to Whitehaven.	13.02.05	6	ONGOING
18	EB to provide detail on the depth of the highwall and associated dimensions of the proposed final void relative to current approved void	13.02.25	6	COMPLETE 15.05.25
19	EB to provide area to be cleared of vegetation associated with the Continuation Project.	13.02.25	7	COMPLETE 15.05.25
20	MJS to prepare an amended meeting program for the May CCC meetings.	13.02.25	8	COMPLETE 23.04.25
21	EB to advise the scale and depth of the current void.	15.05.25	2	COMPLETED 24.07.25
22	EB to provide a link to the Environmental Report.	15.05.25	5	COMPLETE 24.07.25
23	EB to provide the number of exploration holes drilled since April 2024 and their distribution.	15.05.25	6	COMPLETE 24.07.25
24	MJS to follow up a response from DPHI in relation to Action 8.	04.09.25	2	
24	That DG advise the depth of the bore holes in the vicinity of Horse Arm and Middle Creeks	04.09.25	5	

Appendix 2: Input from CCC Members for Future Meetings (from October 2023)

Description
Future site tour options: • Leard Forest Site Tour and presentation. • Tour of bores with hydrologist
Provision of Bush Fire Management Plans once revised.
Management of roads and access for fire management
Results of bird surveys
Experts for noise, dust, and water to attend if interest is there
When do the water models get updated?

Appendix 3: Exploration Holes Drilled



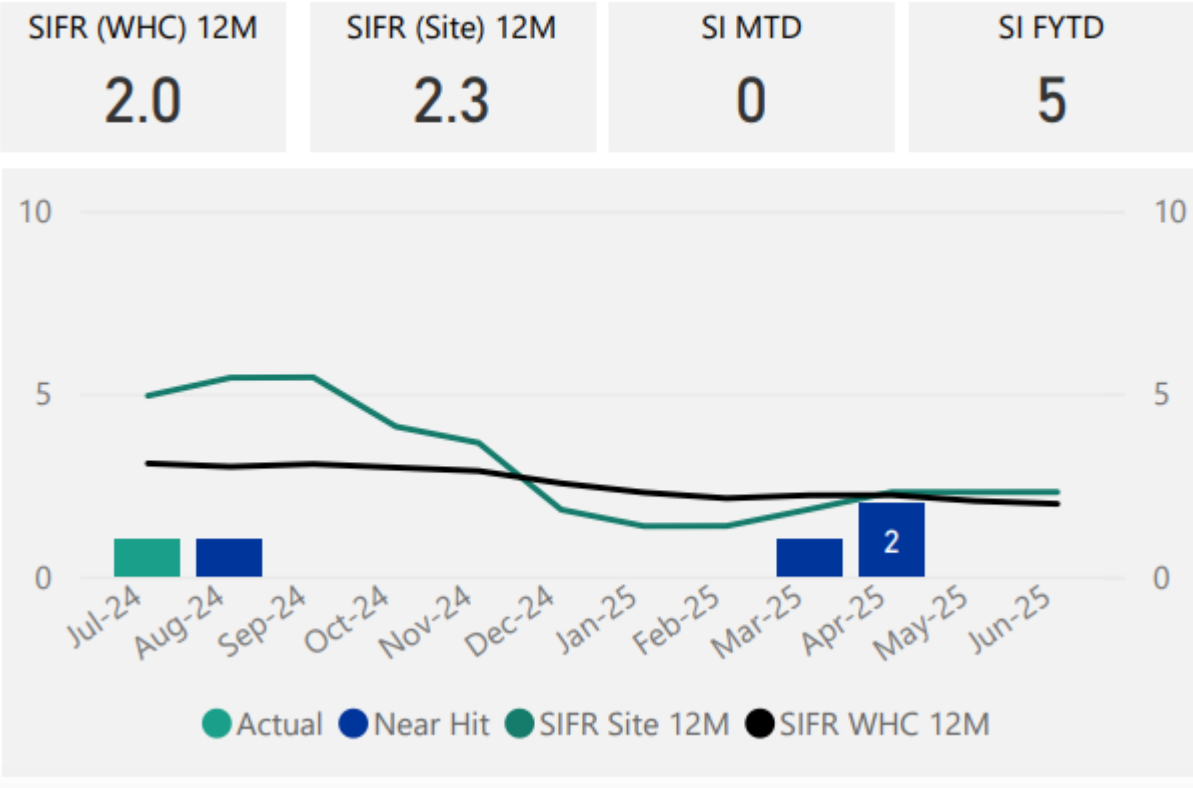
Maules Creek Coal Mine

CCC Meeting
Q2 2025

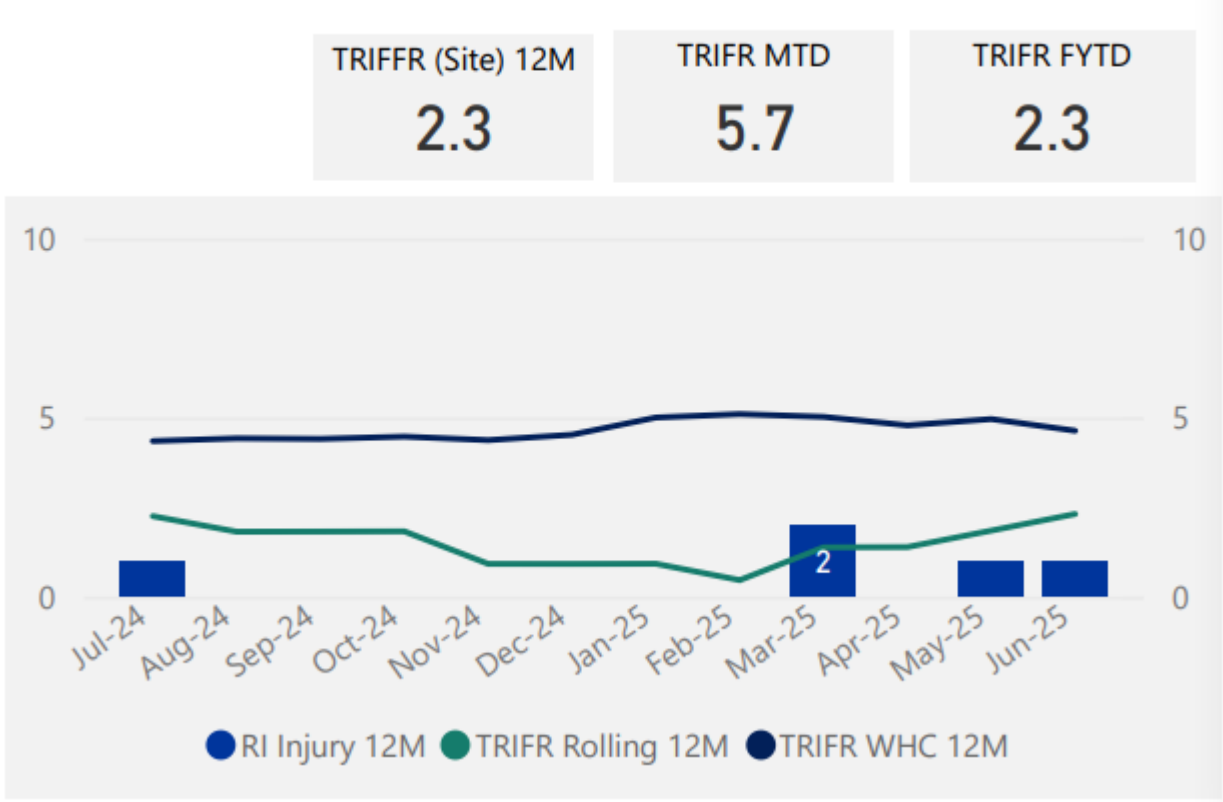
MCC Health and Safety Performance

- Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR) 2.3
- Potential Level 4+ Hazards = 665 FY25
- Critical controls verified 100%

Significant Incidents (SI)



Total Recordable Injuries Freq Rate (TRIFR)



Environmental Monitoring

Summarised for Q2.

Full detail in the Monitoring Report
supplied



Environmental Monitoring

Q2 2025 – Air Quality Monitoring



Depositional Dust

The annual reporting period (12 monthly rolling annual average) remained below the relevant Project Approval (PA 10_0138) criteria of 4g/m²/month for the respective monitoring points.

MONTH	MC1	MC2	MC3	MC4
April	18.7c	2.4	1.6	1.0
May	18.0c	1.6	2.6	1.8
June	2.3	7.2c	3.6	2.9
12 MONTH ROLLING AVERAGE	1.2	2.3	2.0	1.4

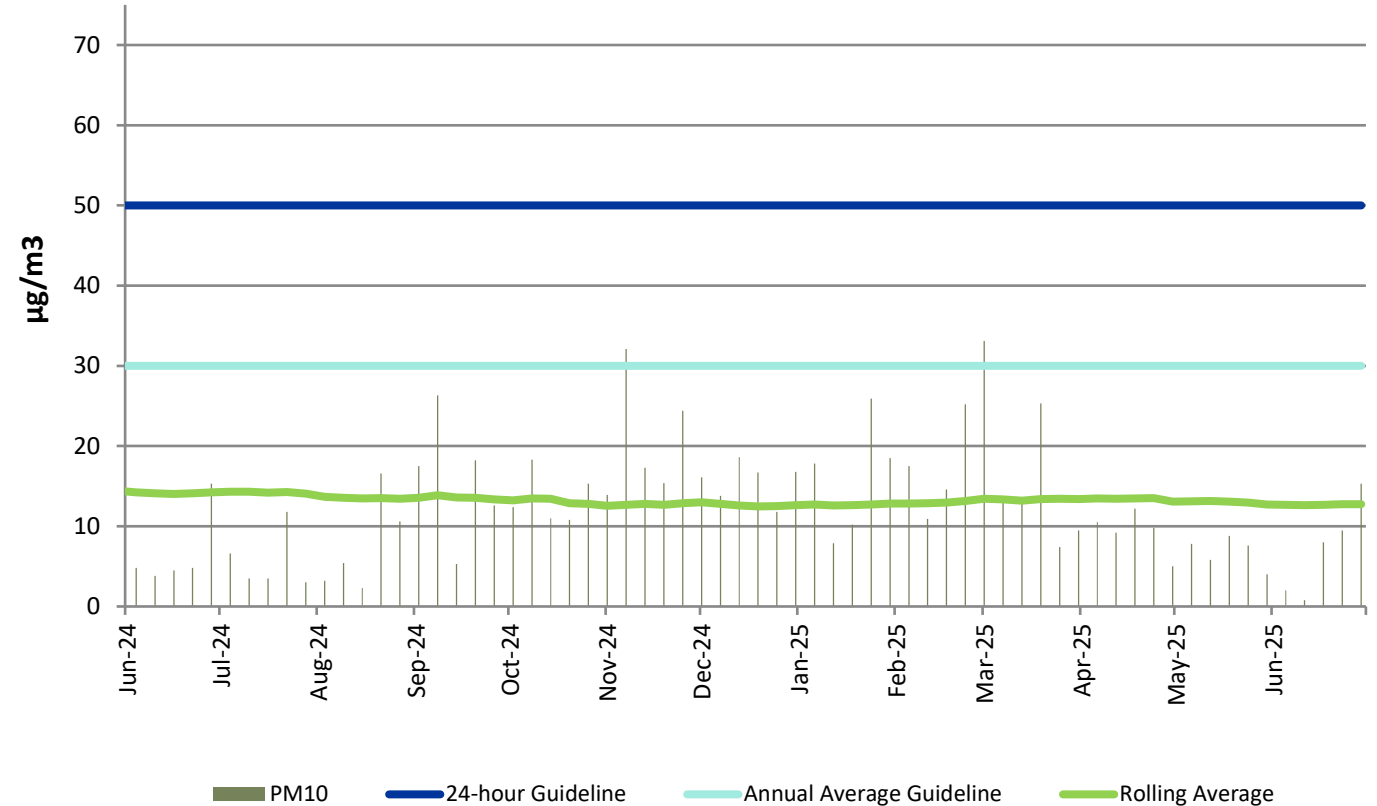
^c samples contaminated by bird dropping, decomposed insects or vegetable matter.

HVAS

High Volume Air Sampler

- The HVAS monitor is located on 'Olivedene'
- Data is publicly available
- No exceedances recorded during the 24-hour average of 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
- The Rolling Annual Average was recorded at **12.8 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$** , which is below the Annual Average Guideline of 30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

HVAS (PM10) - Olivedene

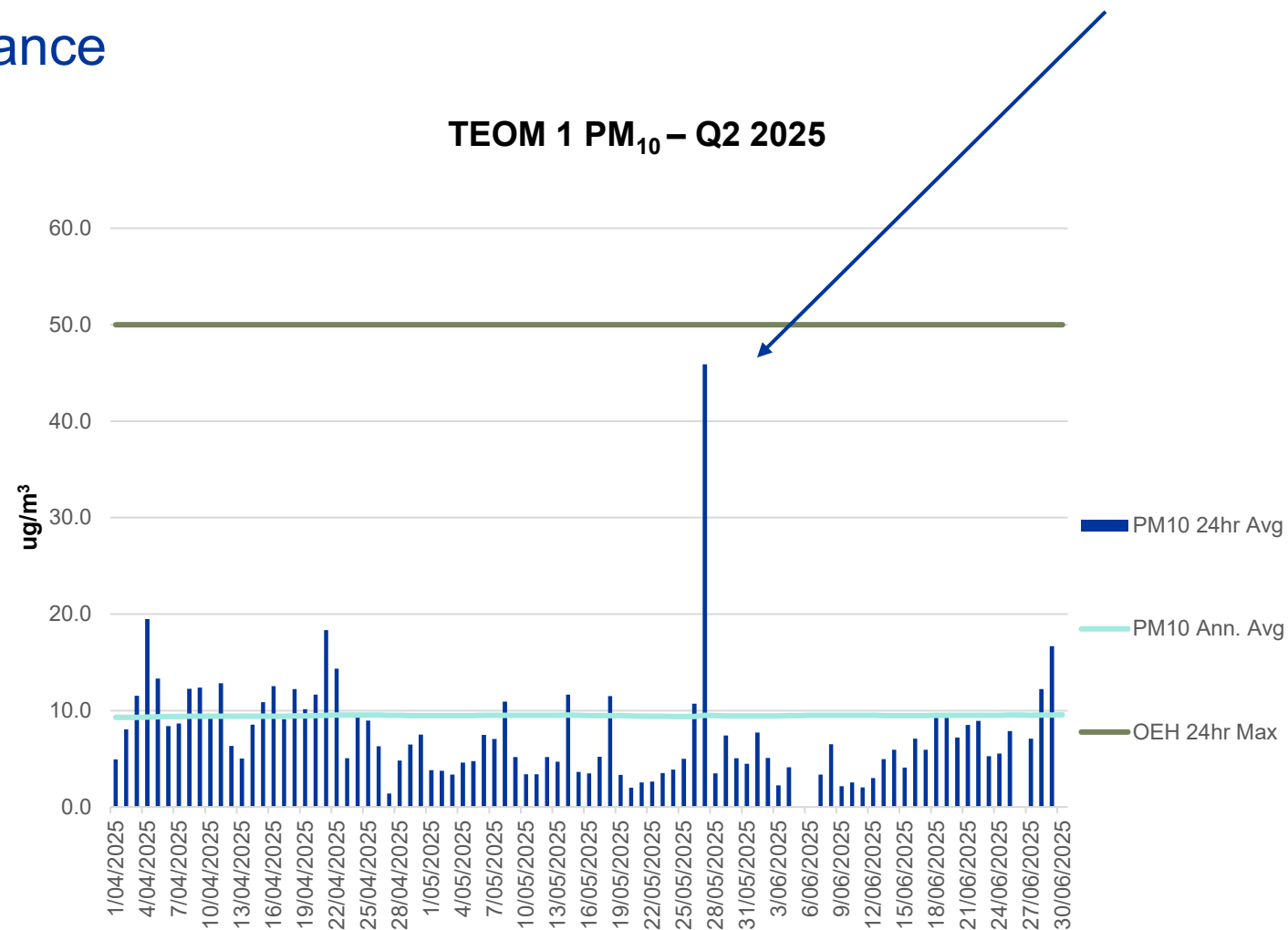


TEOM 1 (PM10)

Tapered element oscillating microbalance

- Publicly available results of TEOM1 available on the EPA website.
- Annual rolling average for TEOM 1 was $9.6 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ on the 30th of June 2025 (criteria $30 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$).

DPHI declared Extraordinary event 27/5/25 – East coast dust storm

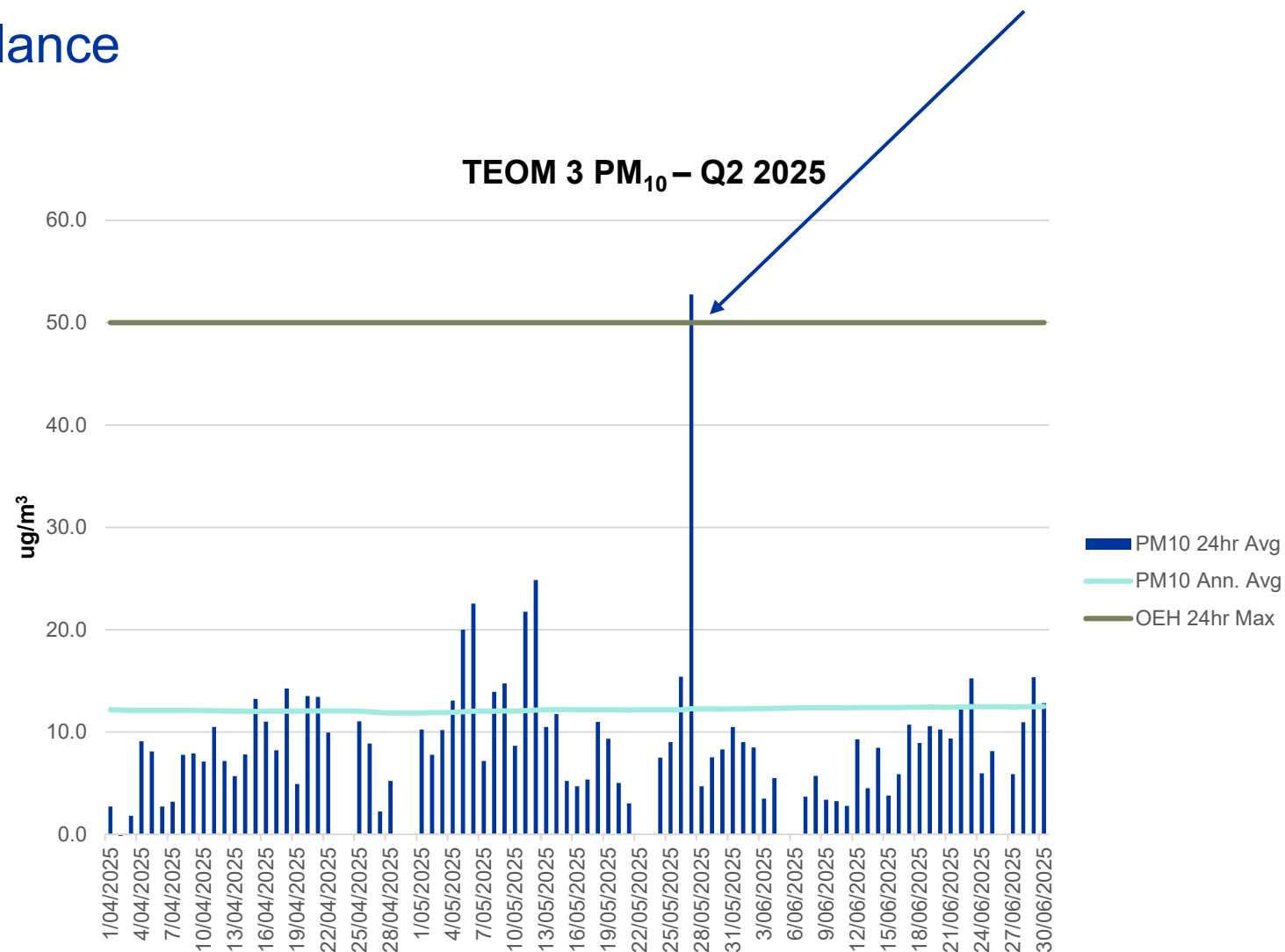


TEOM 3 (PM10)

Tapered element oscillating microbalance

- Annual rolling average for TEOM 3 was 12.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ on the 30th of June (criteria 30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$).

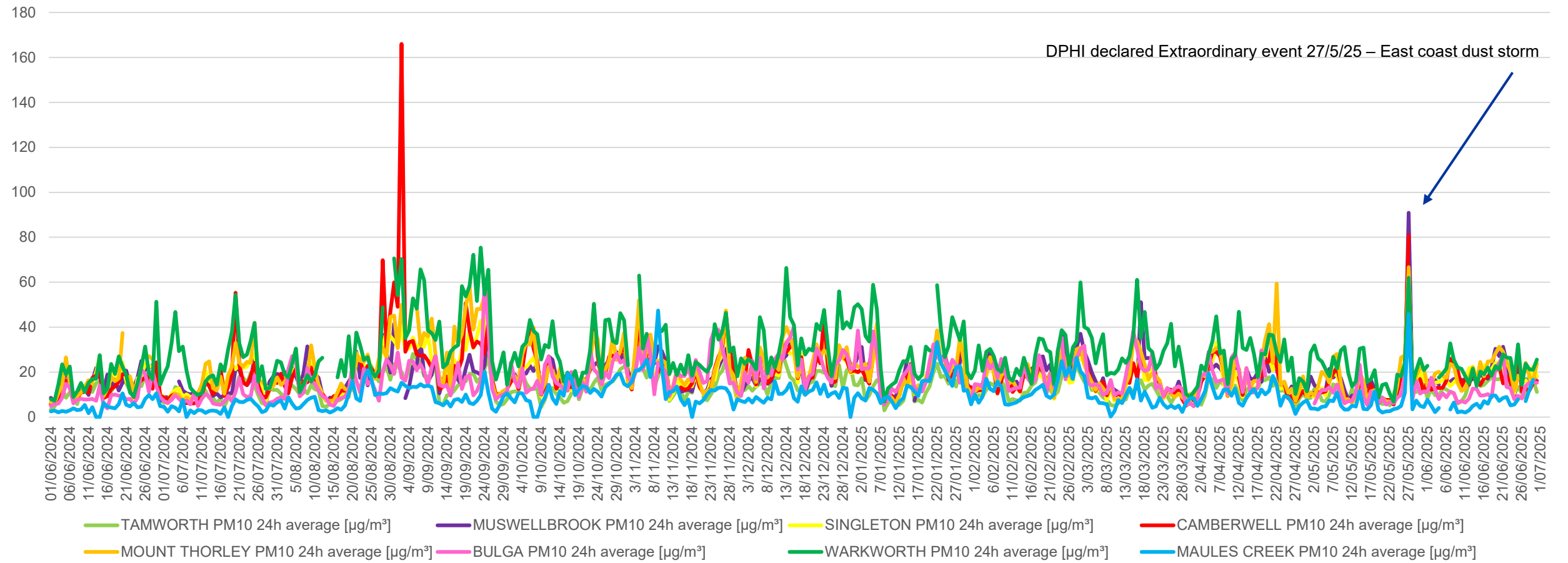
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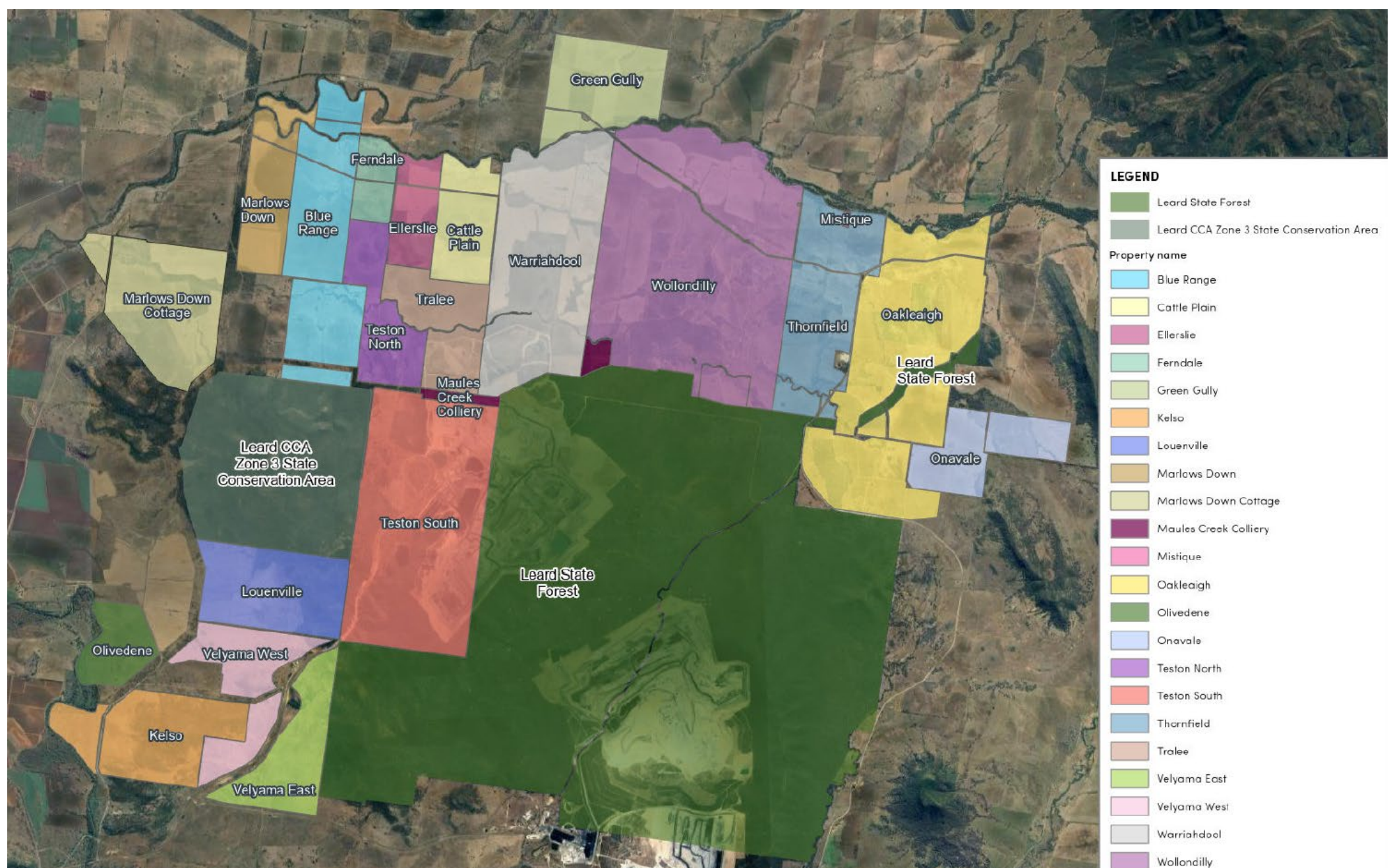
Air Quality Monitoring Rolling 12 Months

Annual Reporting Data 1 June 2024 – 30 June 2025

Regional Air Quality PM10 Comparison



12 monthly	TAMWORTH PM10	MUSWELLBROOK PM10	SINGLETON PM10	CAMBERWELL PM10	MOUNT THORLEY PM10	BULGA PM10	WARKWORTH PM10	MAULES CREEK PM10
Annual Average	13.3	18.4	18.1	18.8	20.7	16.3	27.9	9.2
Max 24hr Ave	80.5	90.9	65.5	166.0	66.7	59.9	75.4	47.4

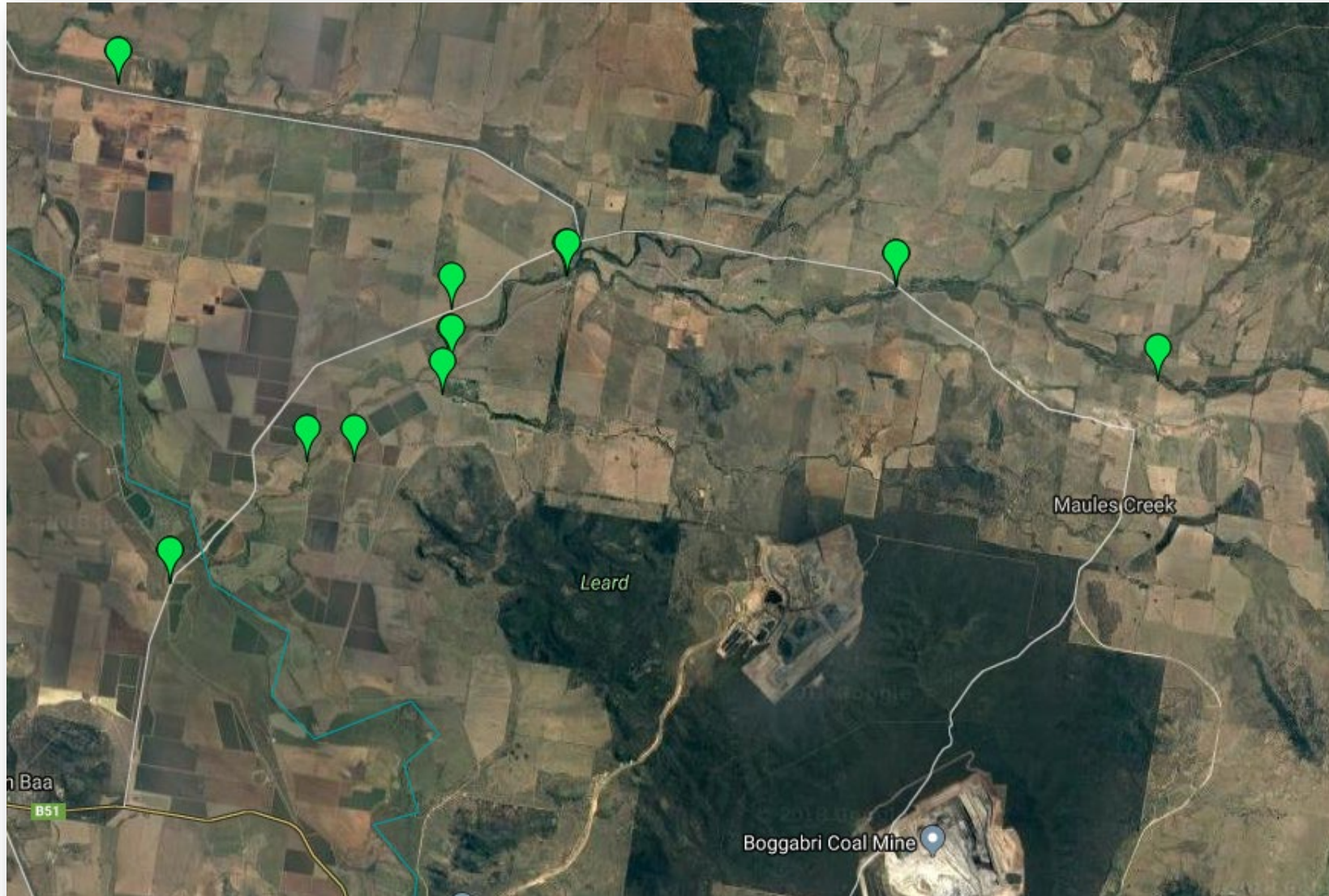


Environmental Monitoring

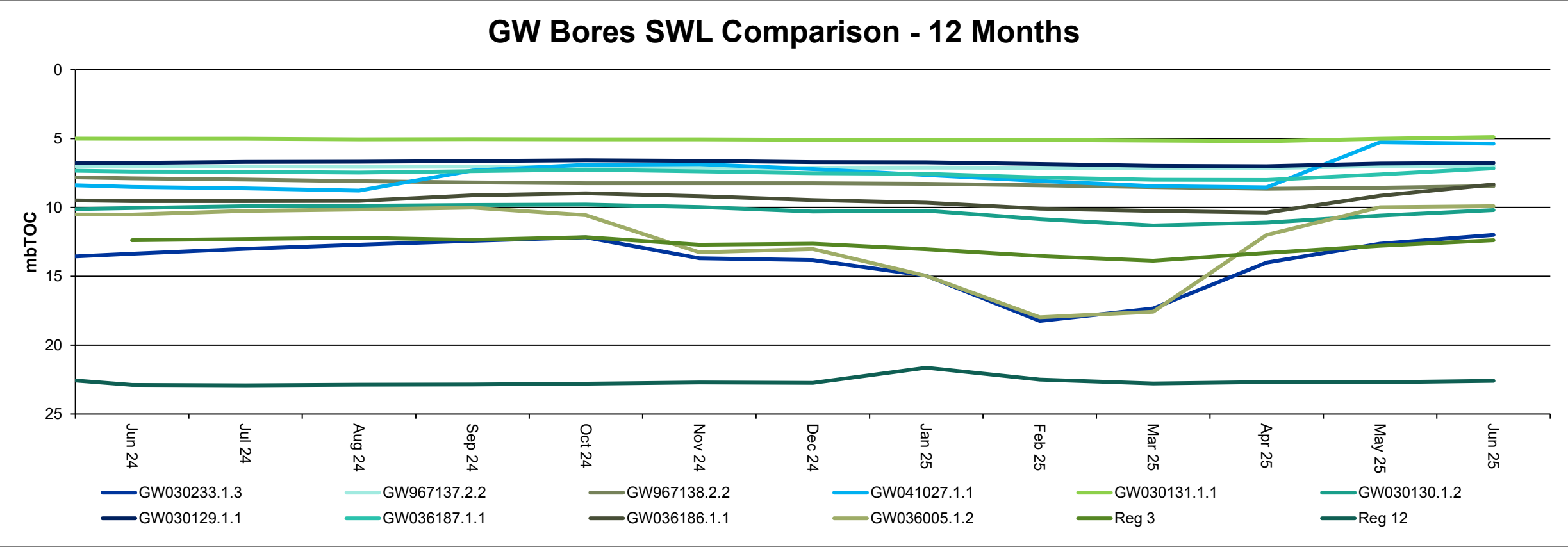
Q2 2025 – Groundwater



Monitoring Locations



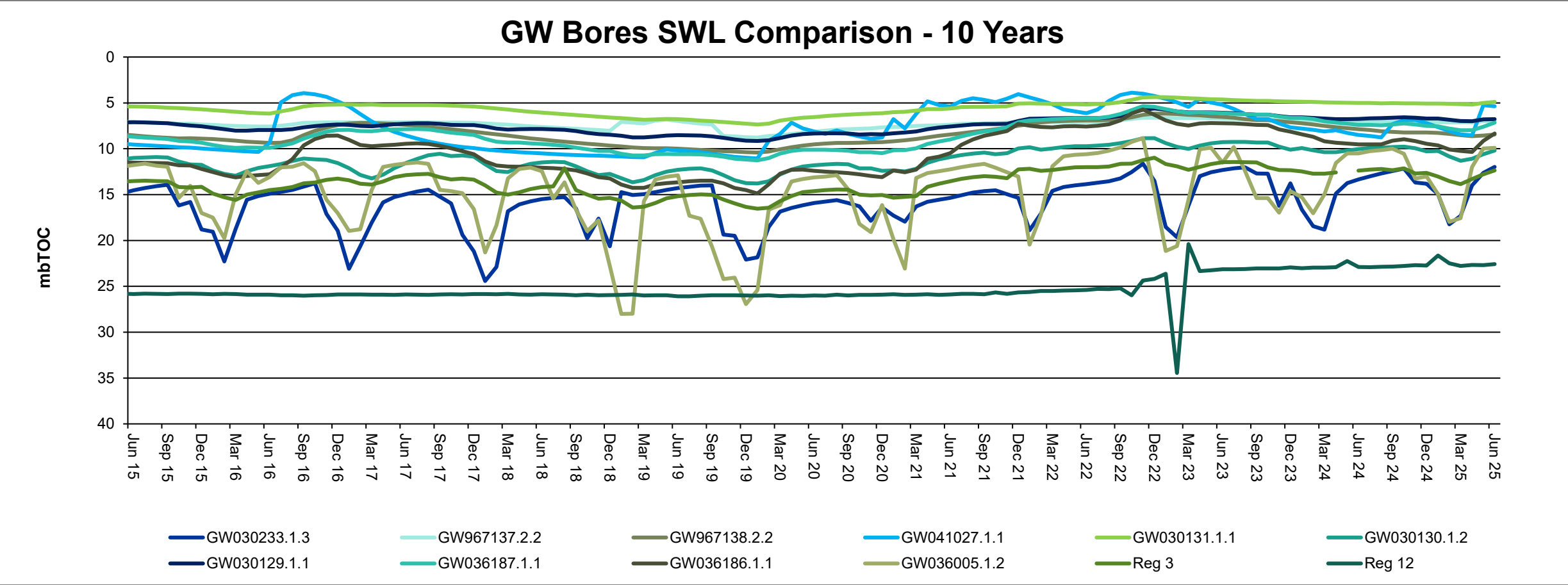
Groundwater Levels



Source: NSW DPI- Water & MCCM monitoring data

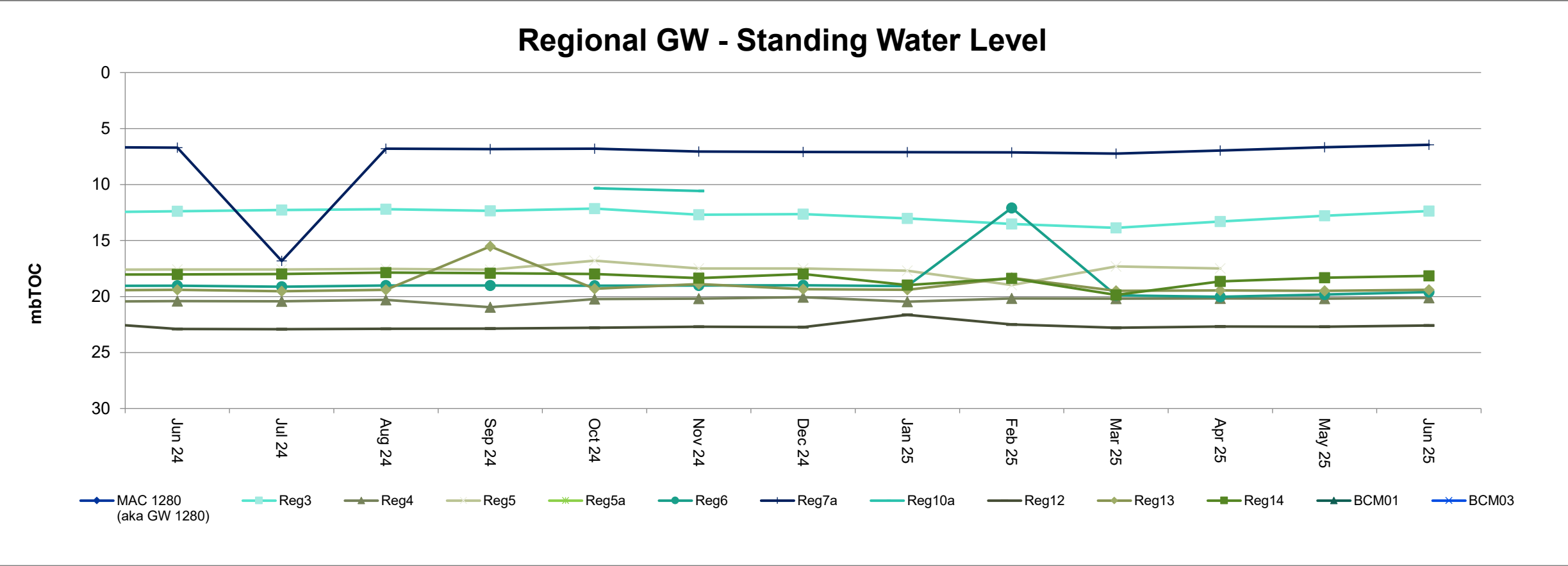
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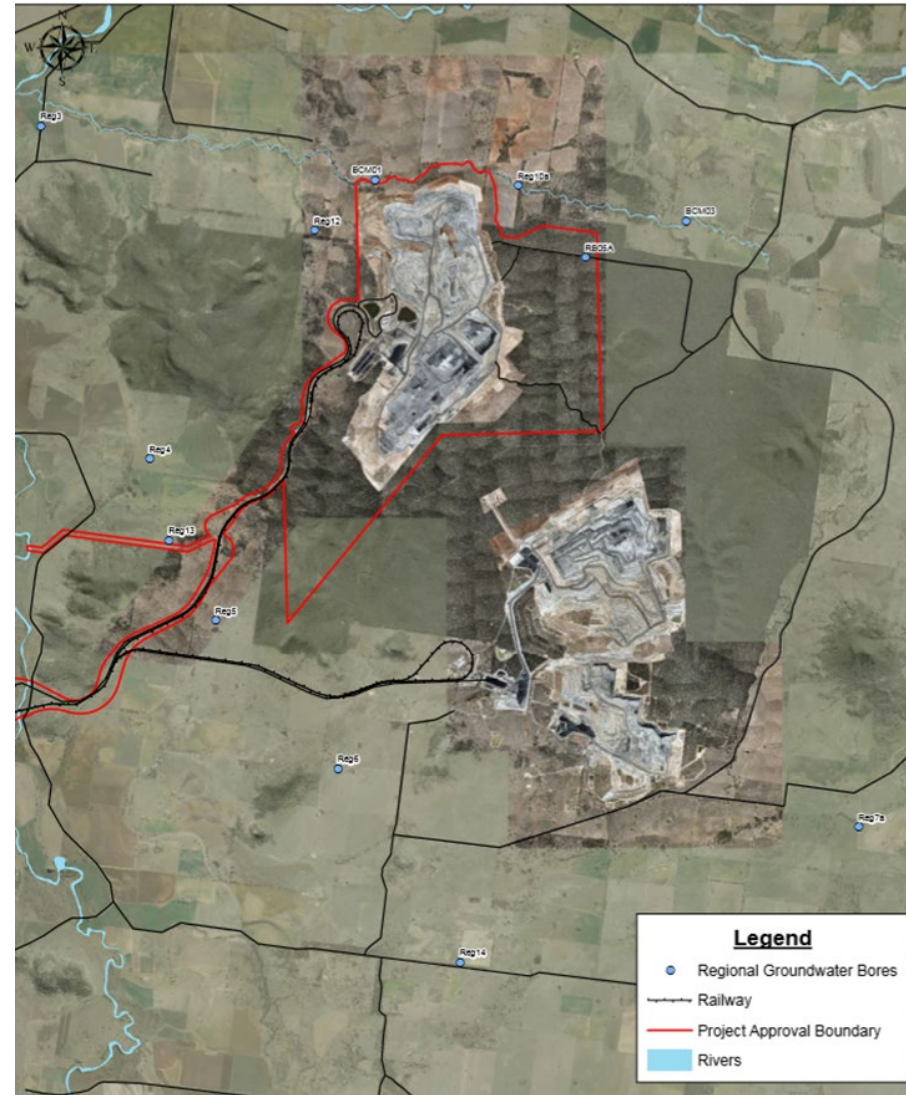
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Standing Water Levels



NB Fluctuation shown in July and September 2024 and February 2025 are due transcription errors with subsequent levels returning to previous ranges

Standing Water Levels



Environmental Monitoring

Q2 2025 – Biodiversity



Biodiversity Management

Feral Animal Management

Most recent routine Whitehaven Biodiversity Feral Animal Control program (April to June 2025) results were:

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Weed Control

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Biodiversity Management

Other Biodiversity Projects and Works

Completed FY25 Ecological Burn Program.

Annual Track Maintenance Program.

Quarterly Threatened Flora Inspections.

Commenced Annual Nest Box Monitoring and Installation.

Upcoming Biodiversity Projects and Works

Continue Pest Animal Management Program July to September 2025.

Continue Seasonal Weed Control Programs.

Continue Track Maintenance Program.

Continue Annual Nest Box Monitoring and Installation.

Continue 2025 Winter Bird Survey.

Commence Noisy Miner Management Program.

Annual Track Erosion Inspections.

Initial Property Development for Track and Fencing Works.

Threatened Flora Translocation Program.

Spring Flora Monitoring.

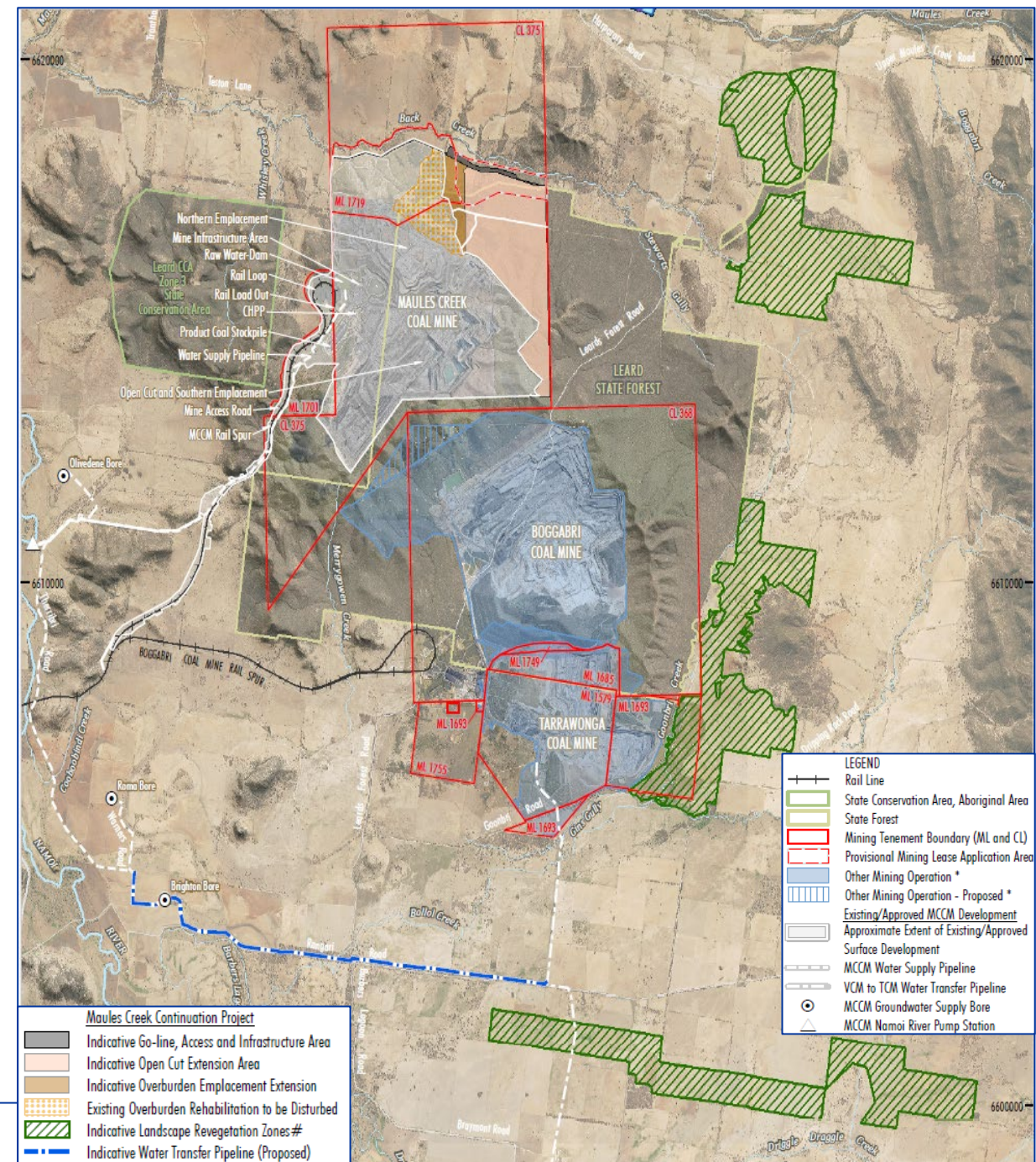


Project Continuation

CCC Meeting August 2025

Project Description Recap - MCCP

- Continuation of open cut mining operations and workforce beyond 2034 to 31 December 2044.
- A revegetation program to establish approximately 2,300 ha of native woodland in the vicinity of the MCCM (i.e. in addition to any offset and rehabilitation obligations).
- Up to 14 Mtpa of ROM coal (1 Mtpa increase to approved maximum ROM).
- Transport of up to 12.4 Mtpa of product coal (no change to approved maximum rail limit).
- Continued operation of the existing CHPP, rail and other MCCM infrastructure (with upgrades as required) until 31 December 2044.
- Final void to be located in the south-east away from Back Creek.
- Surface-rights mining lease to be sought in the north of extension area (reduced size of go-line, access and infrastructure area).
- Workforce to be increased from the current ~865 workers to an average of ~940 for the Project (peak of ~1,030 workers).
- Water transfer pipeline to be constructed between MCCM water transfer pipeline network and approved Tarrawonga Coal Mine/Vickery Extension Project.



Environmental Assessment Updates

- EIS was on exhibition from 24 June to 4 August 2025. Notification of this was circulated via published advertisements within the Narrabri Courier newspaper as well as individual notices to all Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) who were involved with the project.
- DPHI extended the initial exhibition period from Monday 4 August to Friday 8 August 2025.
- Submissions were received from the Public (individuals and organisations), Agencies and Local Government with responses categorised as 'support', 'object' and 'comment'. These are available to view at the DPHI major projects website.
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|-----------------|-----|-------|
| Total received: | 670 | |
| • Support: | 451 | (67%) |
| • Object: | 198 | (30%) |
| • Comment: | 21 | (3%) |

A total of 93 submissions were received from within the Narrabri LGA, 79 in support (85%), 13 objected (14%) and one comment (1%).

- Whitehaven is currently reviewing submissions and preparing a Submissions Report that will be lodged via the DPHI portal and made available to the public at the below link:
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/maules-creek-continuation-project>

Maules Creek Continuation Project

Environmental Impact Statement



EIS Approval Process

- Scoping Report lodgement – [Complete](#)
- Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued by DPHI on 26 October 2023 – [Complete](#)
- Site Verification Certificate granted over the proposed Mining Lease Application area – [Complete](#)
- EPBC Referral lodged on 15 July 2024 – [Complete](#)
- EIS lodgement May 2025 – [Complete](#)
- EIS exhibition occurred in June to August 2025 via DPHI Major Projects Portal – [Complete](#)
- Whitehaven to respond to all submissions via Response to Submissions report to be lodged via DPHI Projects Portal – [Pending](#)



Blast Board

Q2 2025



Blast board update

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Community

Q2 2025



Aboriginal Representative on the CCC

- Advertisements continue to run in the Gunnedah Times and Narrabri Courier
- Advertisements continue to be displayed on the MCC website
- No applications have been forthcoming
- Please direct anyone who is interested to apply through the website or through application to the Chair.

Community

MAULES CREEK CCC MEMBER DETAILS AND CONTACTS →

Community Consultative Committee applications

The Maules Creek Community Consultative Committee (CCC) is looking for a mix of people who live locally or are members of a local community or stakeholder group (eg social, environment, Aboriginal or industry) to contribute constructively to committee discussions, attend around four meetings a year, and communicate information about the mine's social and environmental operations between the committee and the broader community. Committee membership is voluntary. Whitehaven employees and contractors are not eligible for appointment to the committee as a community representative.

To make an Expression of Interest to join the Maules Creek CCC, please review the criteria, complete an application form and return it to the independent chairperson of the CCC at maulescreekcoalccc@gmail.com.

↓ COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM

↓ OTHER STAKEHOLDER GROUP REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR APPOINTMENT OF TWO COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THE MAULES CREEK COAL MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

We are seeking nominations from people who live locally, or are members of local community or stakeholder groups having environmental interests or who are Aboriginal to fill two positions on our Maules Creek Coal Community Consultative Committee.

Community consultative committees play an important role in ensuring proponents engage with the community and stakeholder groups on approved state significant projects.

These committees provide a forum for open dialogue between the proponent and representatives of the local community, stakeholder groups and local councils on issues directly relating to the project.

Please note that employees of and contractors to Maules Creek Coal are not eligible for appointment to the committee as a community representative.

Your role as a committee member will be voluntary.

You will have the opportunity to contribute constructively to committee discussions, attend about four meetings a year, and communicate information about the mine's social and environmental operations between the committee and the broader community.

If you would like to apply, please address the selection criteria that can be found in the nomination form at whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/our-assets/maules-creek-mine/ under the Community tab. Nominations are open until the 19th September 2024.

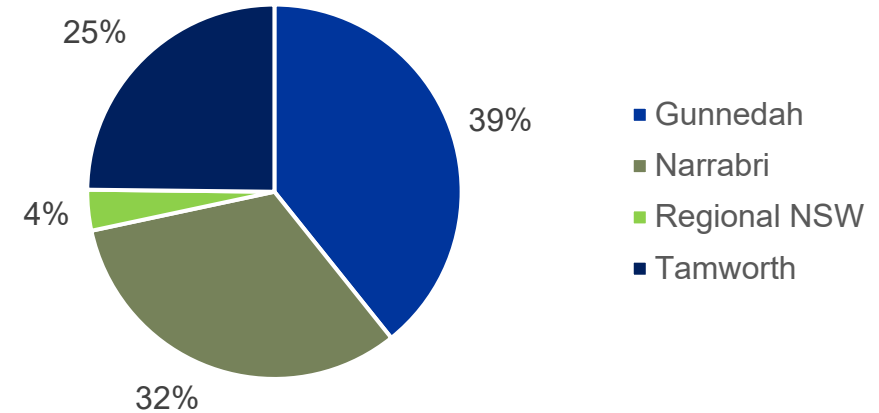
Contact the Independent Chair, Mike Silver 0427 723 747 for more information.

Completed nomination forms must be sent to the independent chairperson of the Community Consultative Committee at: maulescreekcoalccc@gmail.com or PO Box 37 Gunnedah NSW 2380.

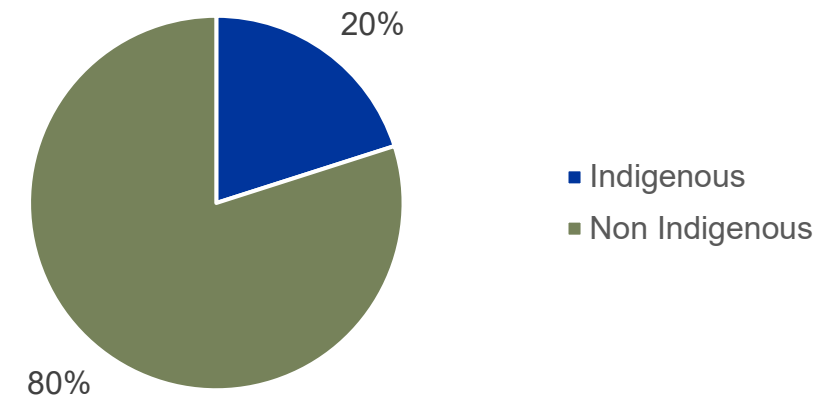
Community Investment

- \$251,632.81 delivered in NSW Community Donations and Sponsorships:
 - Discretionary: \$88,327.03
 - Community Investment Committee: \$55,261
 - Partnerships: \$108,044.78
- NSW Community Team are moving to a bi-annual funding model for the Community Investment Committee moving forward.

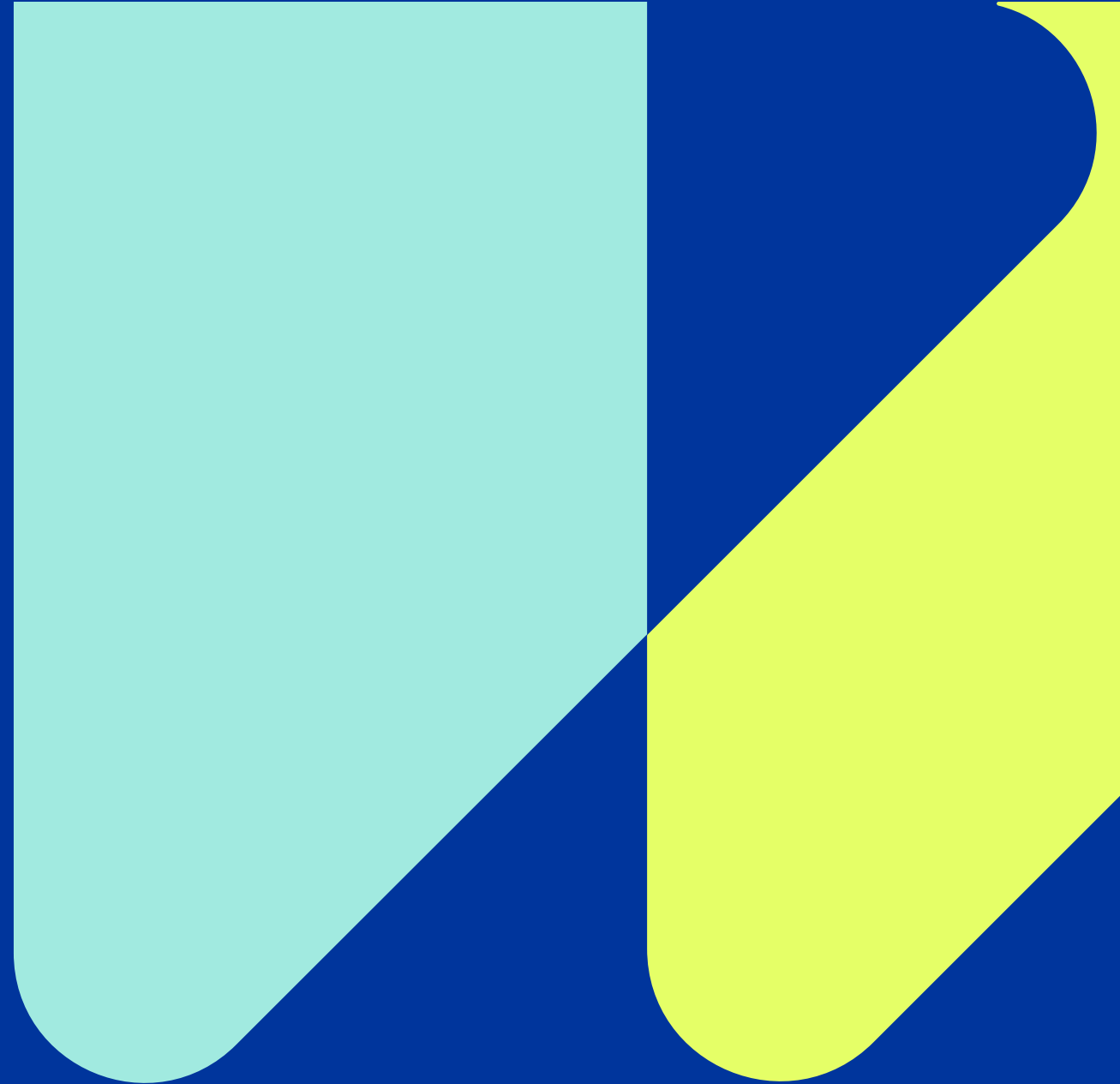
Region Benefitted



Orientation of spend



Thank you



Maules Creek Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee Meeting #50

Environmental Monitoring Report For the Q2 period, April – June 2025

Attended Noise Monitoring

Maules Creek Coal (MCC) engaged an independent acoustic consultant to conduct LAeq (15minutes) and LA1 (1 minute) attended noise monitoring at six monitoring locations on site.

A. NOISE GENERATED BY MCCM AGAINST OPERATIONAL DAY & NIGHT NOISE CRITERIA; April - June 2025 .

The results show that MCCM is within EPL 20221 compliance limits, that operations did not exceed the applicable; LAeq (15minute) 35dB Criteria, LA1 (1Minute) 45dB Criteria and the EPA's Noise Policy for Industry compliance guidelines.

Table 1 –April Noise Monitoring

Location	Start date and time	Wind		Stability class	Very enhancing? ¹	Limits, dB ¹		Site levels, dB ^{2,3}		Exceedances, dB	
		Speed m/s	Direction ⁴			L _{Aeq,15minute}	L _{A1,1minute}	L _{Aeq,15minute}	L _{A1,1minute}	L _{Aeq,15minute}	L _{A1,1minute}
NM1	09/04/2025 22:34	0.7	250	F	No	35	45	<20	<20	Nil	Nil
NM2	09/04/2025 23:30	3.3	77	D	Yes	44	50	IA	IA	Nil	Nil
NM3	10/04/2025 00:02	3.1	82	D	Yes	40	50	IA	IA	Nil	Nil
NM4	09/04/2025 23:00	2.8	70	E	No	35	45	IA	IA	Nil	Nil
NM5	09/04/2025 22:03	0.4	229	F	No	35	45	23	29	Nil	Nil
NM6	09/04/2025 23:57	3.1	82	D	Yes	40	50	IA	IA	Nil	Nil

Table 2 – May Noise Monitoring

Location	Start date and time	Wind		Stability class	Very enhancing? ¹	Limits, dB ¹		Site levels, dB ^{2,3}		Exceedances, dB	
		Speed m/s	Direction ⁴			L _{Aeq,15minute}	L _{A1,1minute}	L _{Aeq,15minute} ⁵	L _{A1,1minute} ⁵	L _{Aeq,15minute}	L _{A1,1minute}
NM1	6/05/2025 22:30	0.2	16	F	No	35	45	27	32	Nil	Nil
NM2	6/05/2025 23:30	0.5	63	F	No	39	45	<20	<25	Nil	Nil
NM3	6/05/2025 23:23	0.4	74	F	No	35	45	IA	IA	Nil	Nil
NM4	6/05/2025 23:00	0.3	206	F	No	35	45	<20	<20	Nil	Nil
NM5	6/05/2025 22:00	0.2	127	F	No	35	45	27	30	Nil	Nil
NM6	6/05/2025 23:59	0.5	143	F	No	35	45	<20	<20	Nil	Nil

Table 3 – June Noise Monitoring

Location	Start date and time	Wind		Stability class	Very enhancing? ¹	Limits, dB ¹		Site levels, dB ^{2,3}		Exceedances, dB	
		Speed m/s	Direction ⁴			L _{Aeq,15minute}	L _{A1,1minute}	L _{Aeq,15minute} ⁶	L _{A1,1minute} ⁶	L _{Aeq,15minute}	L _{A1,1minute}
NM1	11/06/2025 22:30	0.4	141	F	No	35	45	31	38	Nil	Nil
NM2	11/06/2025 23:30	0.8	147	F	No	39	45	<25	27	Nil	Nil
NM3	11/06/2025 23:20	0.8	198	F	No	35	45	IA	IA	Nil	Nil
NM4	11/06/2025 23:00	0.4	6	F	No	35	45	<20	27	Nil	Nil
NM5	11/06/2025 22:00	0.6	220	E	No	35	45	29	33	Nil	Nil
NM6	12/06/2025 00:01	0.3	138	F	No	35	45	<20	<20	Nil	Nil

Wind Direction during Attended Monitoring

Wind direction data is collected from the Maule's Creek Coal Mine (MCCM) Automated Weather Station (AWS). Wind data for the duration of the attended monitoring assessment, recorded at the MCCM AWS is presented in the table below.

Table 4 - Prevailing Wind Direction

Monitoring Date	Prevailing Wind Direction
April	SE
May	SE
June	WNW

Blast Monitoring

There was 28 blasts at MCCM during Q2 2025. All blast monitoring results recorded within the reporting period have complied with applicable overpressure and ground vibration limits specified in the respective approvals.

Table 5 – Blast Results Summary

Parameter	Units	Frequency	Number	Average	Max	100% Limit	Exceedance (Yes / No)
Noise	dB	All	28	96.94	113.30	120	No
Vibration	mm/s		28	0.12	0.39	10	No

Air Quality

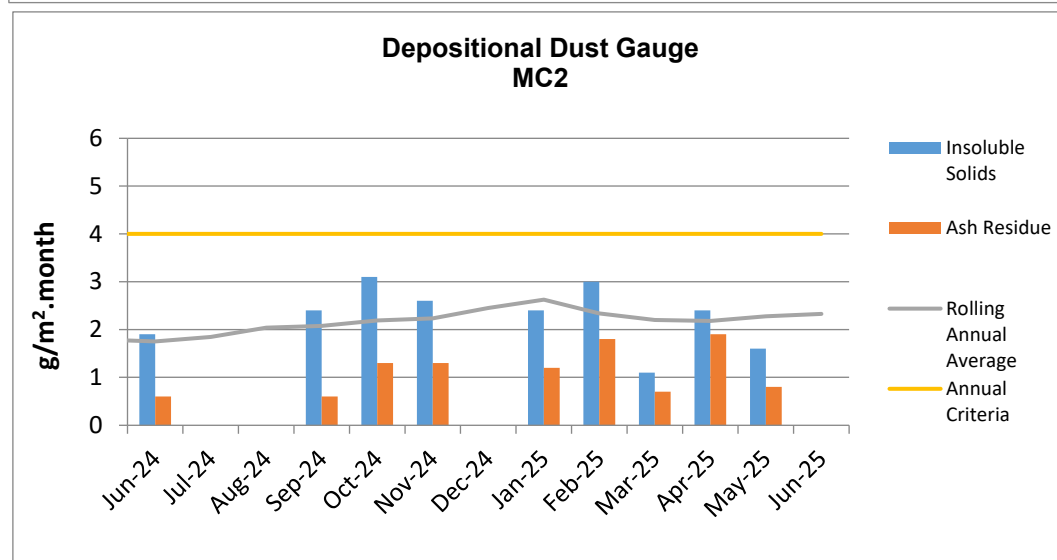
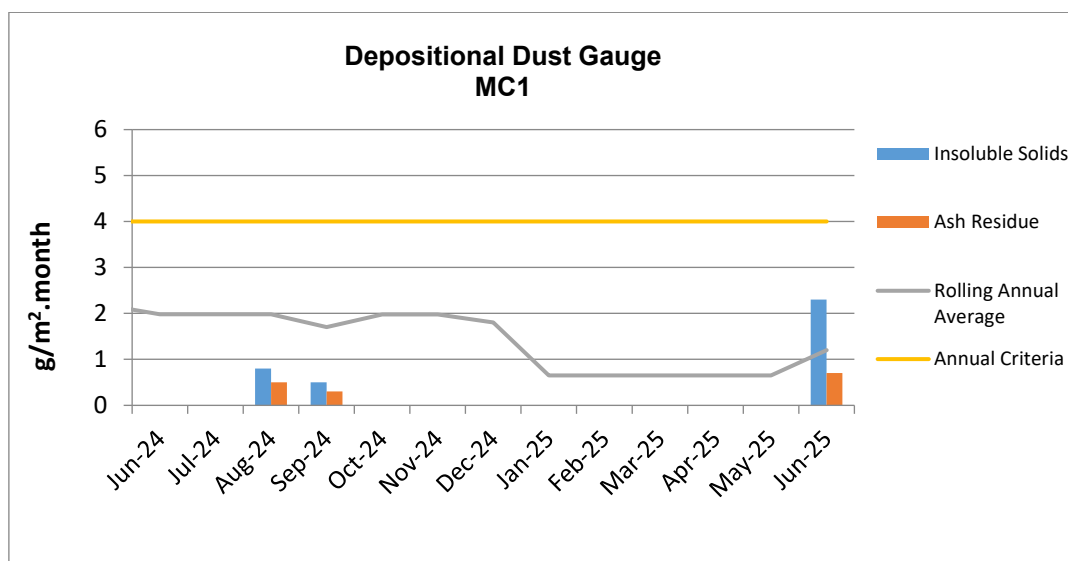
A. Total Depositional Dust

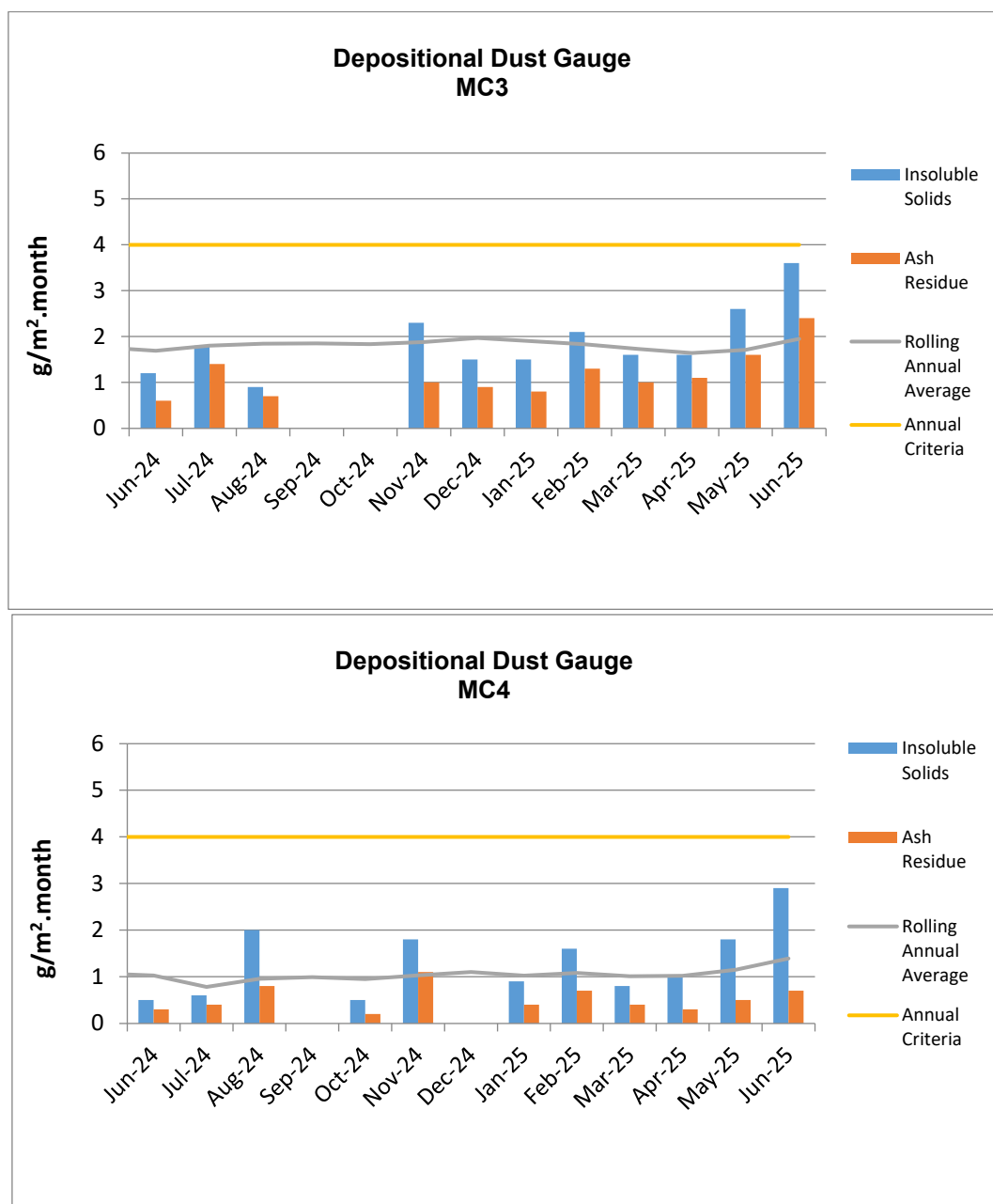
The 12 monthly rolling annual average remains below the relevant Project Approval (PA 10_0138) criteria of 4g/m²/month for the respective monitoring points.

Table 6 – Deposited Dust Gauge Results [g/m²/month]

MONTH	MC1	MC2	MC3	MC4
April	18.7c	2.4	1.6	1.0
May	18.0c	1.6	2.6	1.8
June	2.3	7.2c	3.6	2.9
12 MONTH ROLLING AVERAGE	1.2	2.3	2.0	1.4

^c samples contaminated by bird dropping, decomposed insects or vegetable matter.



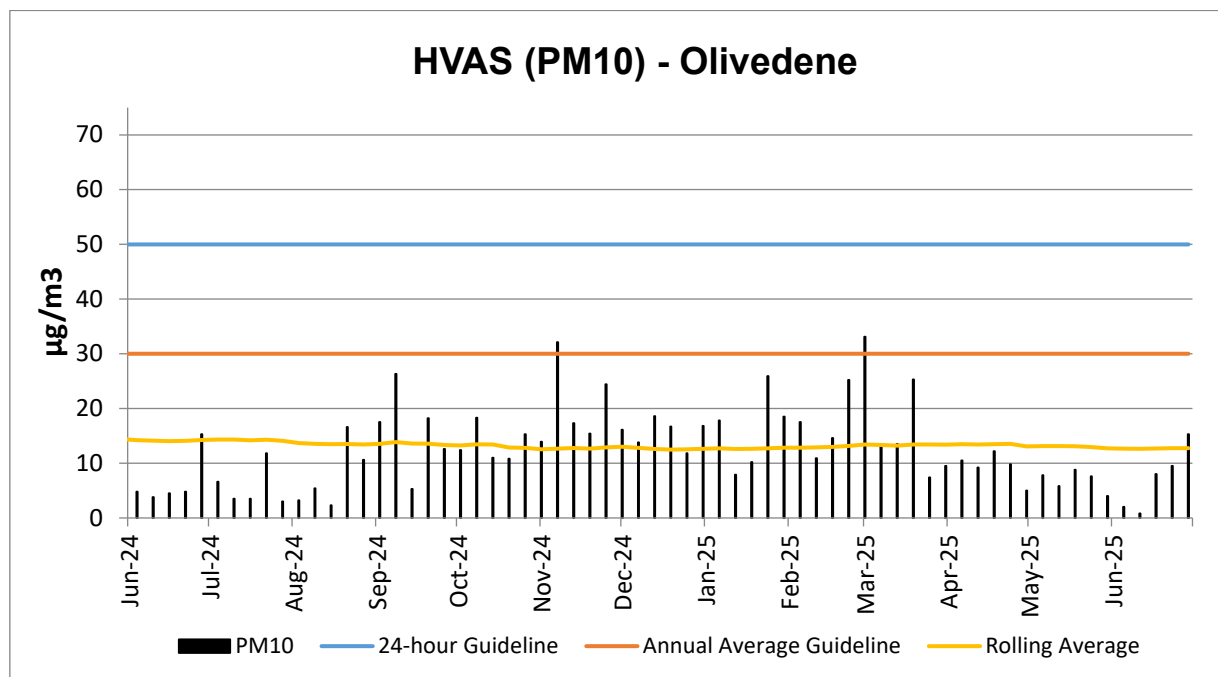


* Blank cells indicate sample periods where the sample has been contaminated and excluded from the results tables due to contaminated material (insect larvae, bird droppings, vegetation etc.).

B. High Volume Air Sampling (HVAS)

The HVAS monitor is located on the property 'Olivedene,' a mine owned property on Therribri Road. During past 12 months, there have been no exceedances of the 24-hour average of 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

HVAS PM_{10} Rolling Annual Average as of June was **12.8 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$** , which is below the Annual Average Guideline of 30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.



C. TEOM - PM10 Results

The annual rolling average for PM10 at the Maules Creek Coal for TEOM1 was **9.6 µg/m³** and at TEOM3 was **12.5 µg/m³** these are both below the Project Approval annual average criteria of 30µg/m³ as shown in the following figure.

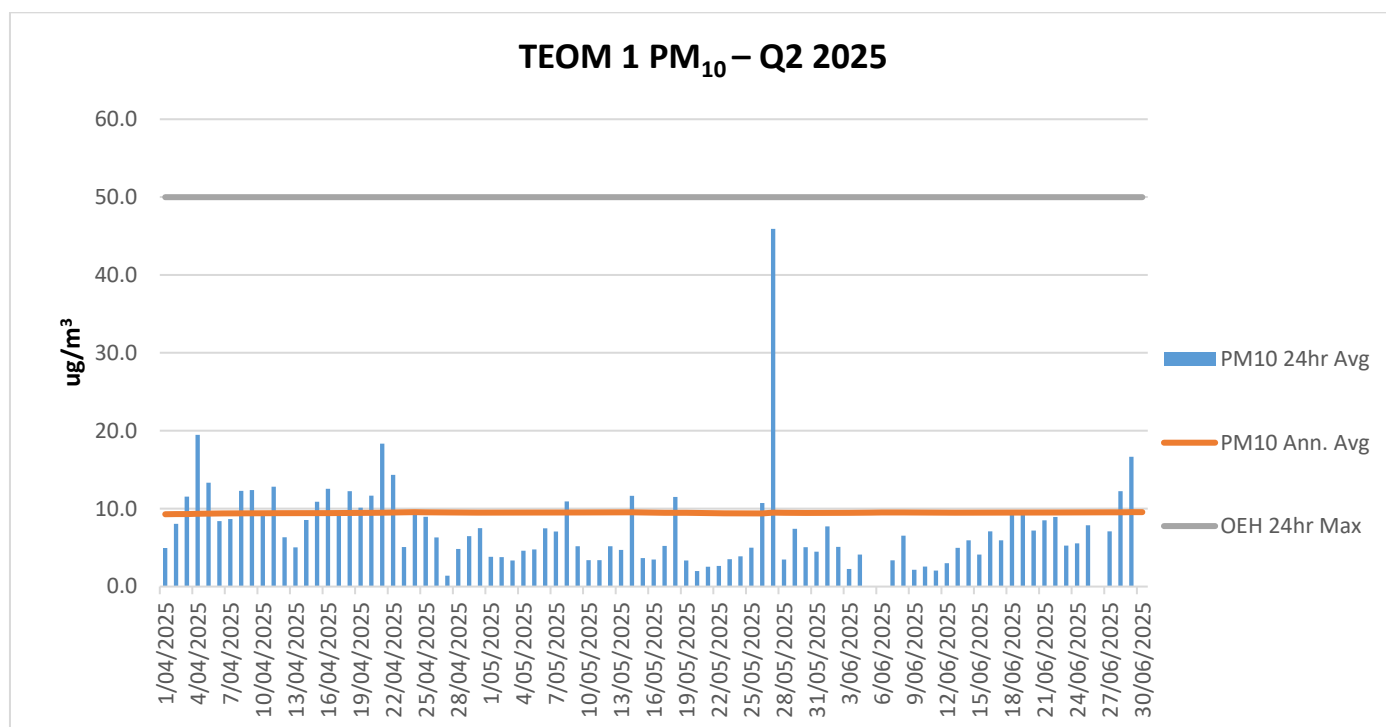


Figure 1 - TEOM Result – Particulate Matter PM₁₀µg/m³

* Blank columns indicate sample periods where there was either power outage, maintenance or other related causes.

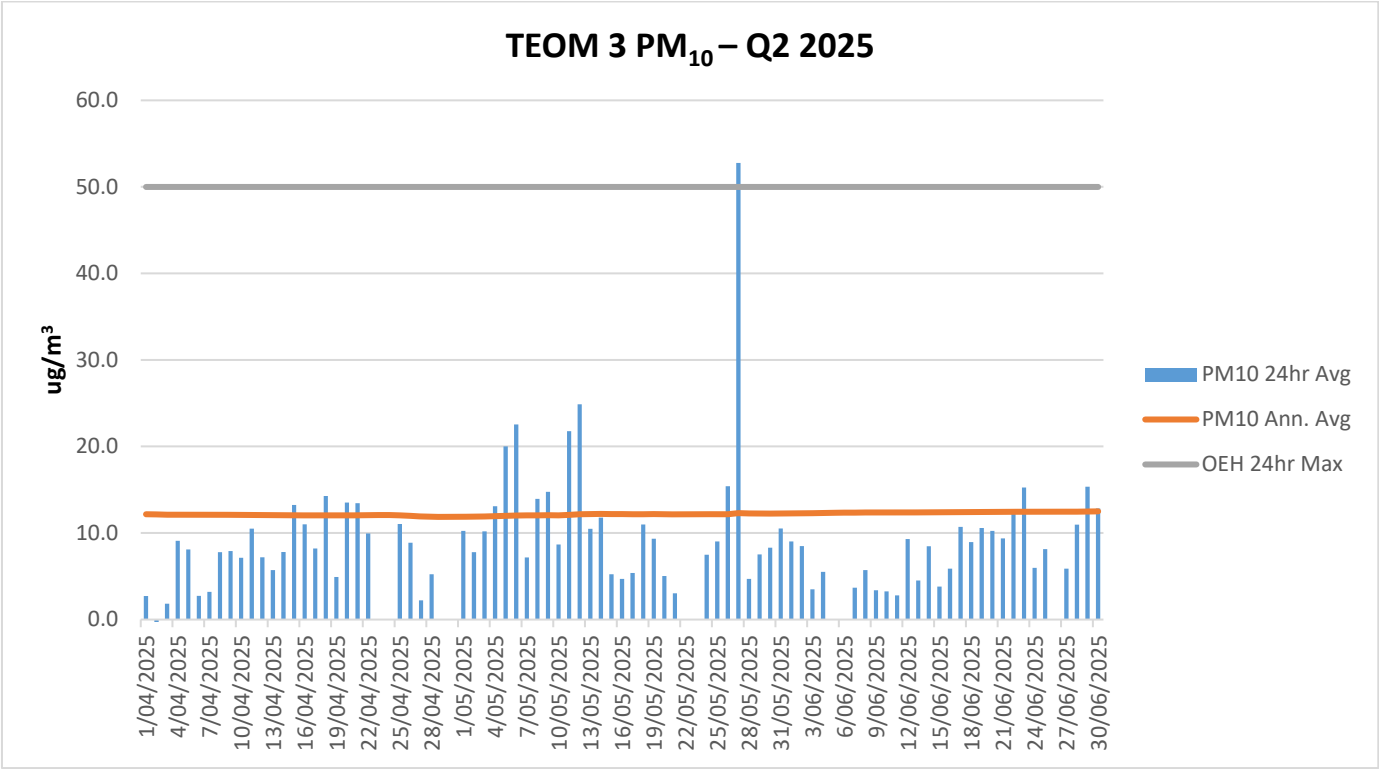
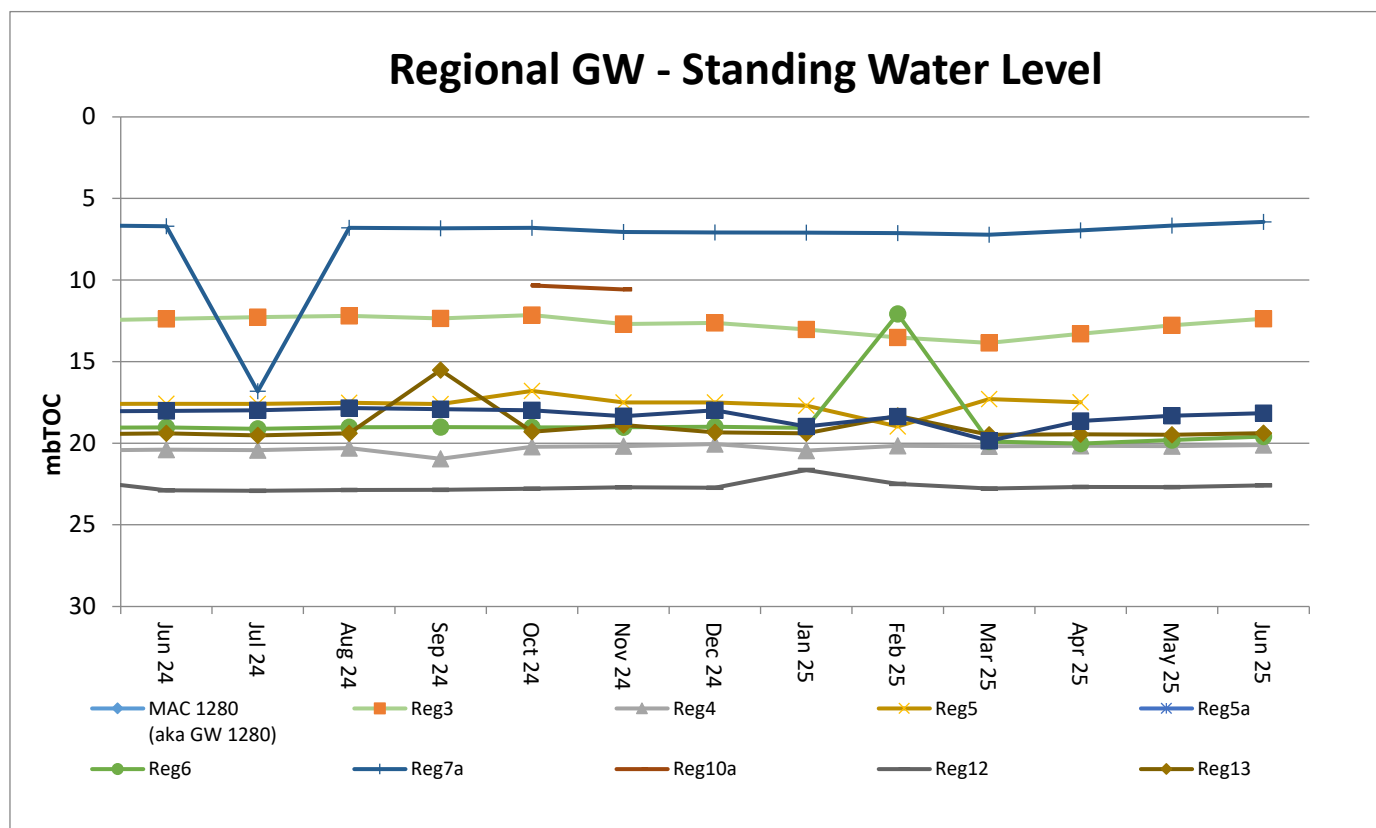


Figure 2 - TEOM Result – Particulate Matter $\text{PM}_{10\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3}$
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Water Monitoring

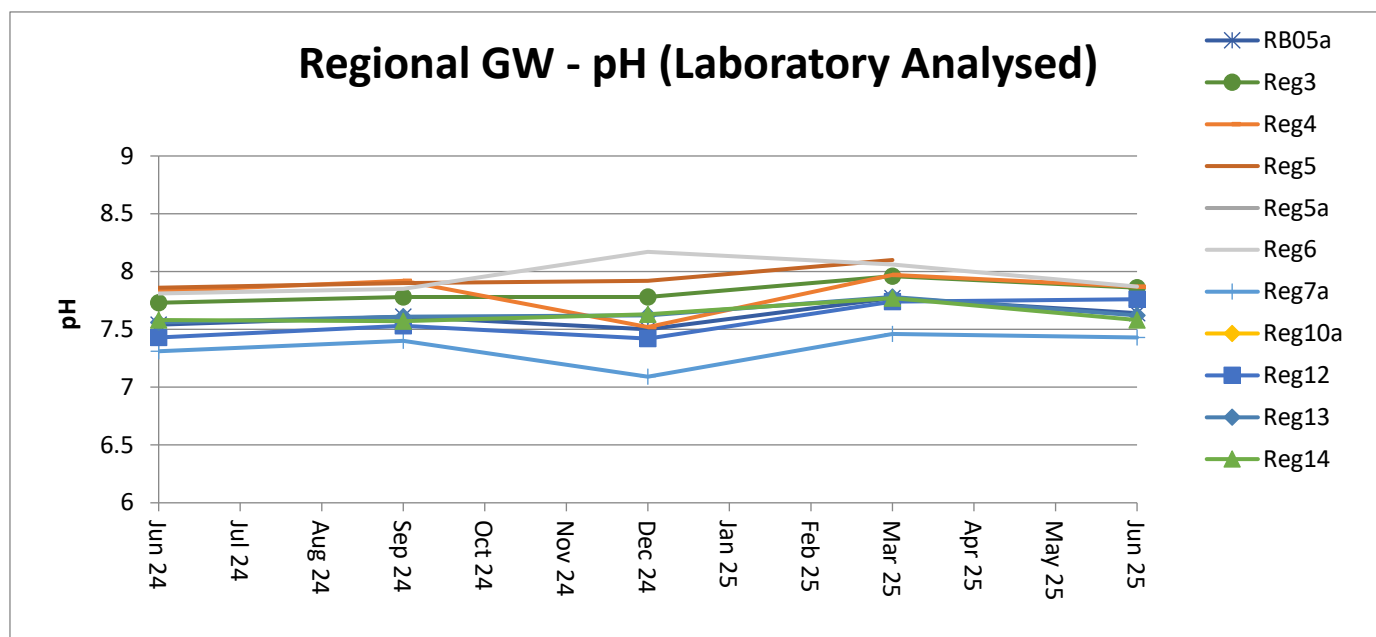
A. Groundwater

Groundwater monitoring results in open standpipe piezometers show levels to be relatively stable. The Regional bores were installed between Q4, 2013 and Q1, 2014. BCM01, BCM03, Reg10 are shallow bores which have remained dry since construction in 2013.



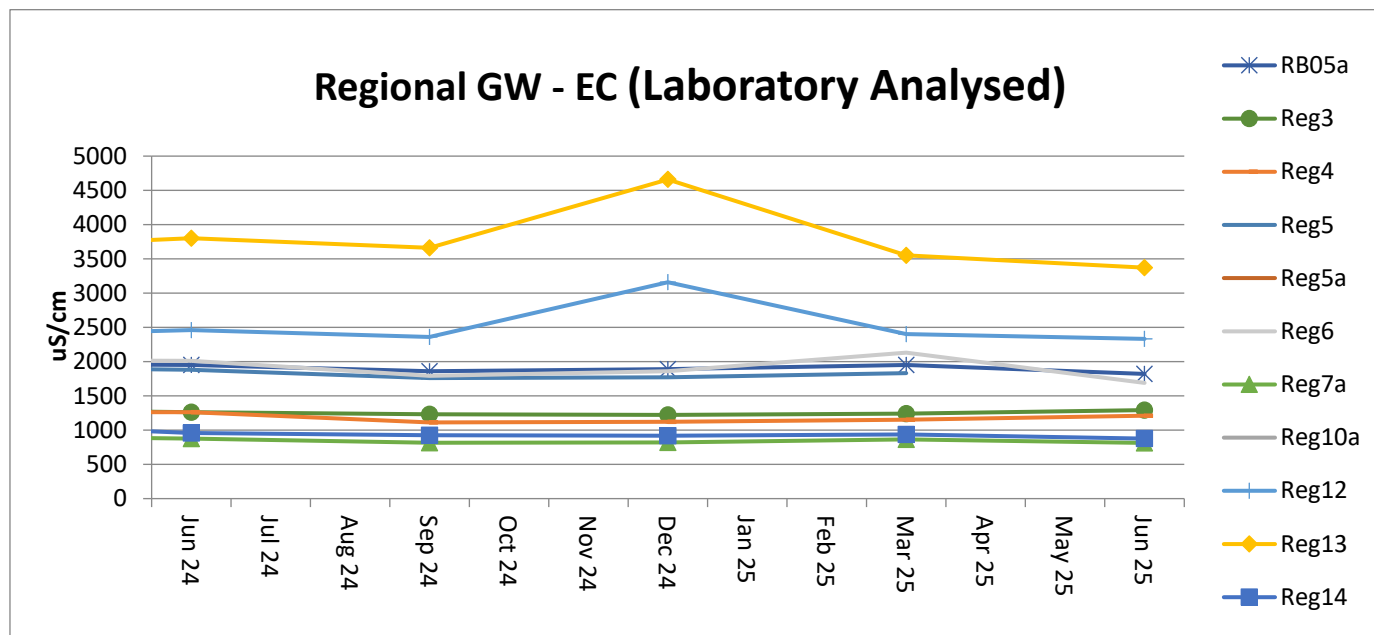
Acidity / Alkalinity (pH)

Over the past twelve months pH readings across the regional bores have remained static with very little fluctuation.



Electrical Conductivity

Laboratory Electrical Conductivity (EC) levels are all within historic groundwater EC range of 500 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to 2,500 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$, with the exception of monitoring bore Reg13 which has a historic groundwater EC range of 2,500 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to 4,100 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$.

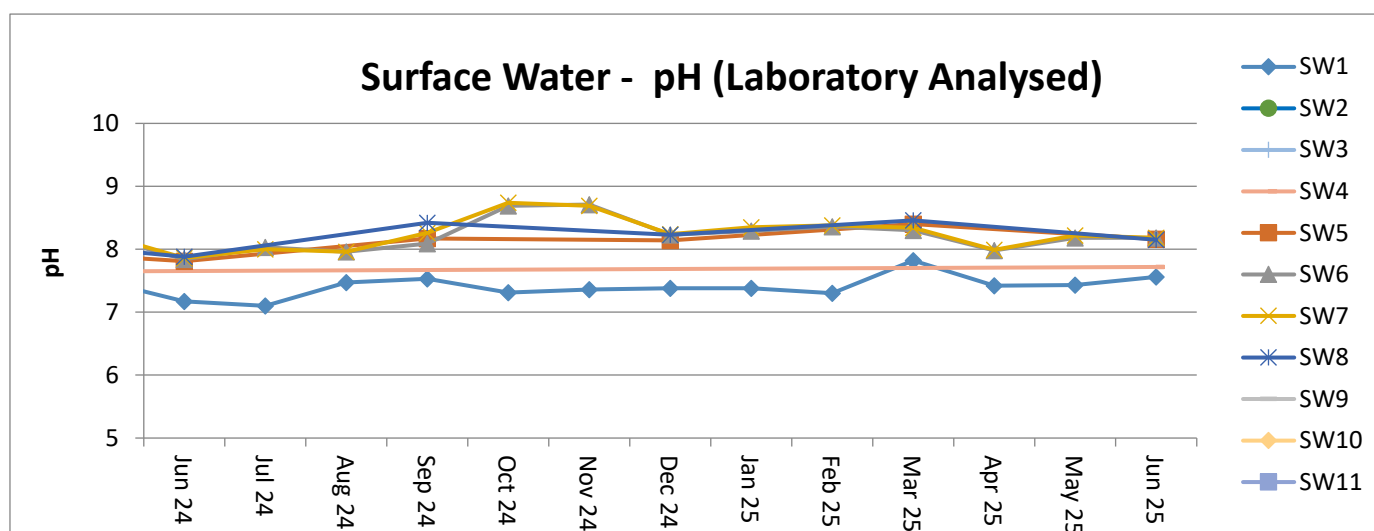


B. Surface Water – Creeks and Rivers

Routine surface water monitoring is conducted in surrounding creeks and rivers on a monthly basis. Results for parameters including pH, EC and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) are shown in the figures below.

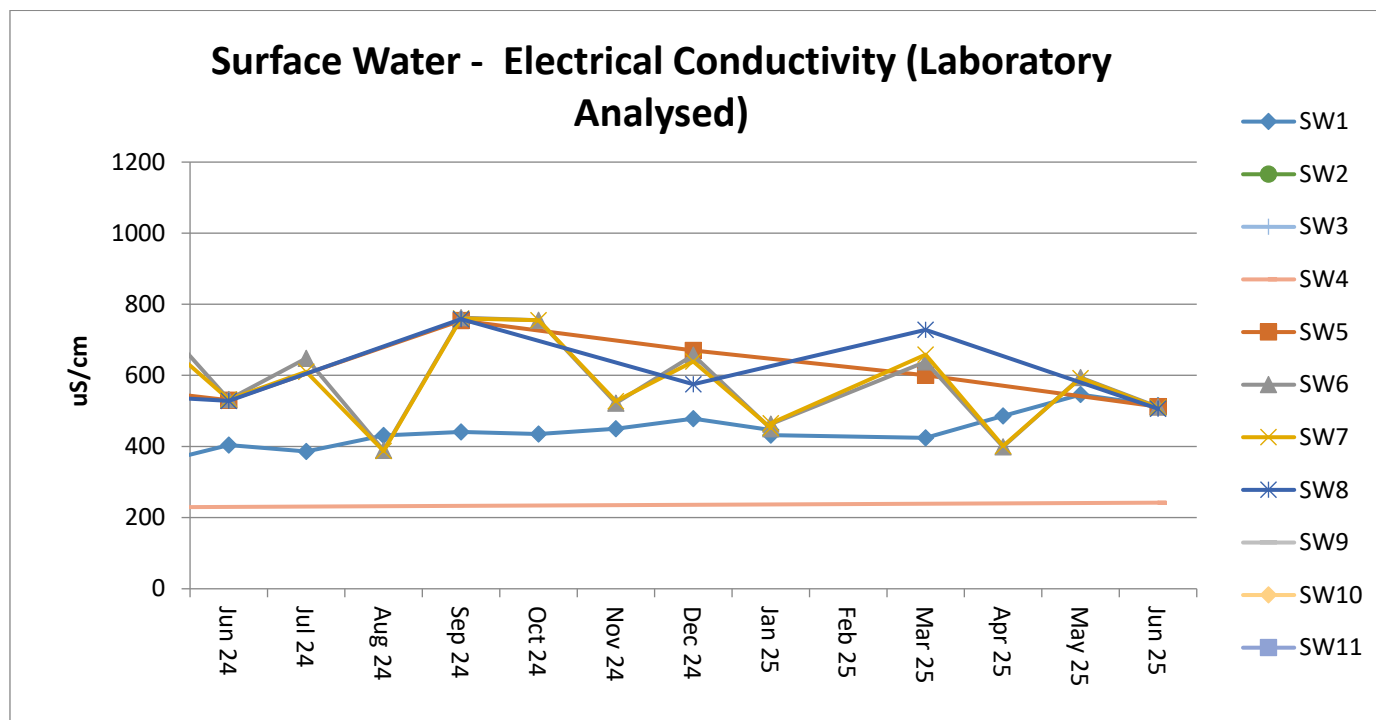
Acidity / Alkalinity (pH)

Monitoring results for pH in creeks and rivers surrounding MCCM are all trending within the ANZECC range for Irrigation, Ecosystem Health and Recreation.



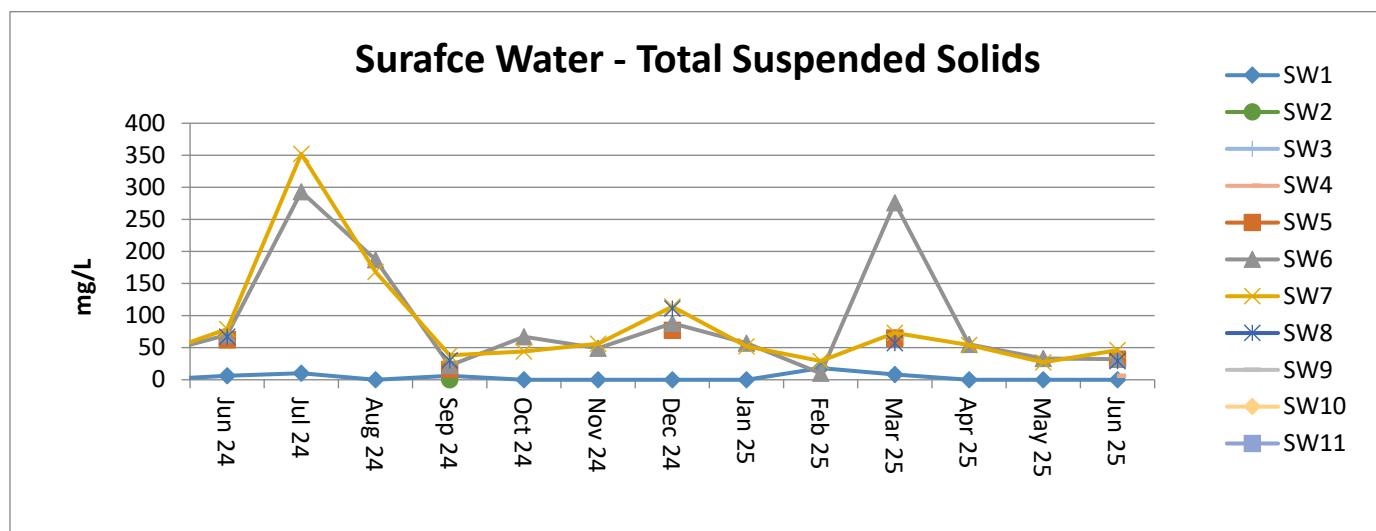
Electrical Conductivity

Surface water EC trends have remained consistent with SW5, SW6, SW7 and SW8 all historically variable. SW5, SW6, SW7 and SW8 are points along the Namoi River which are subject to regulated and variable flow regimes.



Total Suspended Solids (TSS)

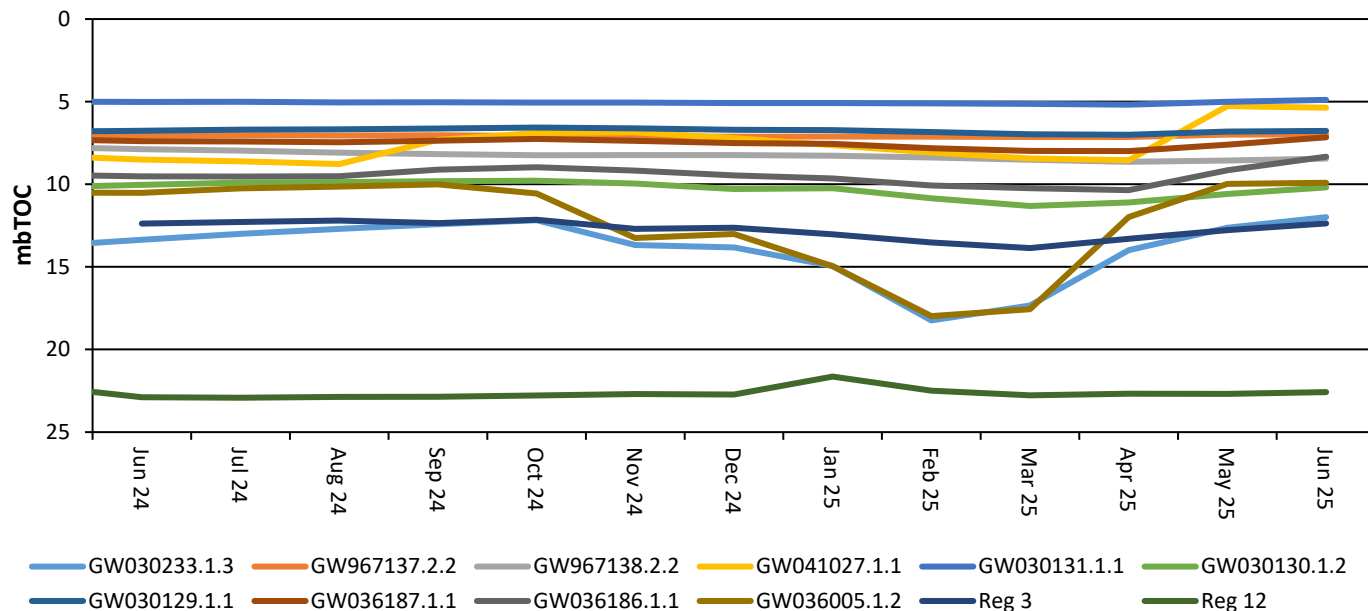
Surface water TSS trends have remained generally consistent with historical results. SW5, SW6, SW7 and SW8 are historically variable as they are located along the Namoi River which is subject to regulated and variable flow regimes.



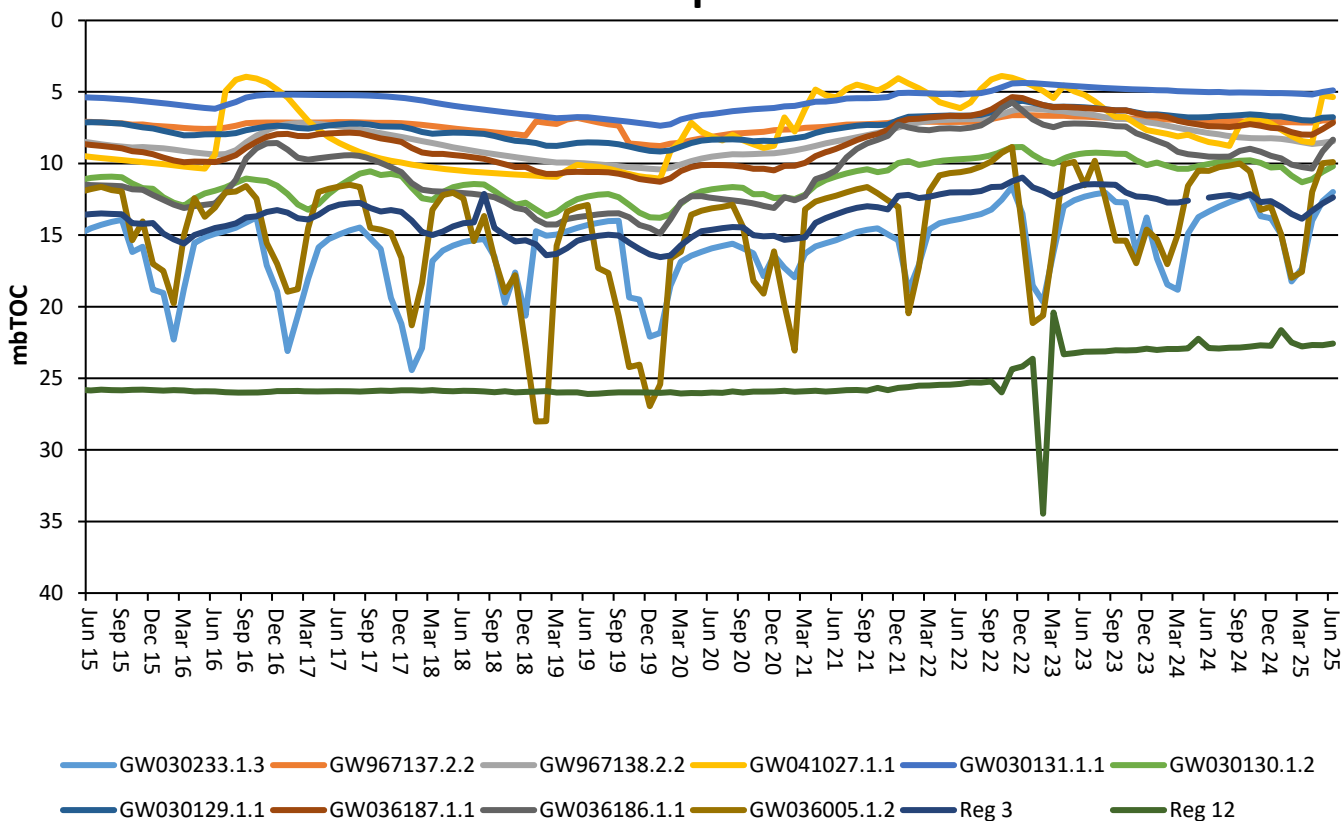
Regional Groundwater monitoring

Maules Creek Coal Mine monitors regional bores across the region.

GW Bores SWL Comparison - 12 Months



GW Bores SWL Comparison - 10 Years



Rehabilitation

Progressive rehabilitation works are ongoing. MCC is on track to complete CY25 rehabilitation in accordance with the Forward Plan.

Feral Animal Management

Most recent routine Whitehaven Biodiversity Feral Animal Control program (April to June 2025) results were:

- 1,158 out of total 1,970 feral pigs removed were from the Maules Biodiversity properties;
- 227 out of the total 423 feral goats removed were from the Maules Biodiversity properties;
- 68 out of total 197 Canid Pest Ejectors (1080) triggered were from the Maules Biodiversity properties.

Weed Control

During April to June 2025 the following weed control was undertaken via spot spraying/jetting on the Maules Biodiversity Properties:

- 30ha of Woody Weeds such as Box Thorn, Blackberry and Prickly Pear were sprayed.
- 26ha of Grasses such as Rhodes grass and Coolatai grass were sprayed.
- 7ha of Broadleaf Weeds such as General Broadleaf, Mustard Weed, Pattersons Curse, Marshmallow, Turnip, Cobblers Peg, Saffron Thistle and Variegated Thistles were sprayed.
- 174ha of tracks sprayed as part of the track maintenance.

Upcoming Biodiversity Projects and Works

- Continue Pest Animal Management Program July to September 2025.
- Continue Seasonal Weed Control Programs.
- Continue Track Maintenance Program.
- Continue Annual Nest Box Monitoring and Installation.
- Continue 2025 Winter Bird Survey.
- Commence Noisy Miner Management Program.
- Annual Track Erosion Inspections.
- Initial Property Development for Track and Fencing Works.
- Threatened Flora Translocation Program.
- Spring Flora Monitoring.

Community Complaints

There was one community complaint registered during the quarter, all community complaints are available on the company website at <https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/our-assets/maules-creek-mine/>.

MAULES CREEK COAL MINE 2025 Community Complaints Register				
Date Received	Method	Category	Nature of Complaint	MCCM Response
2/04/2025	Email	Dust	The EPA received a complaint regarding dust emissions at the site, referencing specific dates in February and March.	MCC reviewed the data and provided a response to the EPA.



EPL 20221 Monitoring Locations - 06/12/2023

-  EPL Monitoring Locations
-  MCCM Project Boundary MOD 9

Scale: 1:33,944,857,333

Author: EGibson

Date created: 18/03/2025

Spatial Reference
Name: WGS 1984 Web Mercator Auxiliary
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