Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

Yancoal Mount Thorley Warkworth

April 2025

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1.0	**Final**	**19/08/2025**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report has been compiled to provide a monthly summary of environmental monitoring results for Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW). This report includes all monitoring data collected for the period 1 April to 30 April 2025.

2.0 AIR QUALITY

2.1 Meteorological Monitoring

Meteorological data is collected at MTW's 'Charlton Ridge' meteorological station (refer to **Figure 3**).

2.1.1 Rainfall

Rainfall for the reporting period is summarised in **Table 1**. The year-to-date monthly rainfall totals, 2025 monthly rainfall totals and historical average monthly rainfall trend are shown in **Figure 1**.

Table 1: Monthly Rainfall MTW

2025	Monthly Rainfall (mm)	Cumulative Rainfall (mm)
April	61.2	276.0

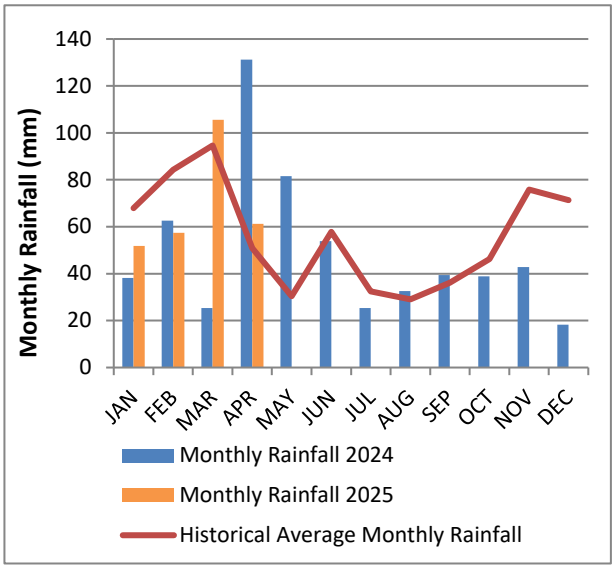

Figure 1: Rainfall Trend YTD

Note: The historical average monthly rainfall is calculated from 2007 to 2024 monthly totals.

2.1.2 Wind Speed and Direction

Winds from the South were dominant during the reporting period as shown in **Figure 2.**

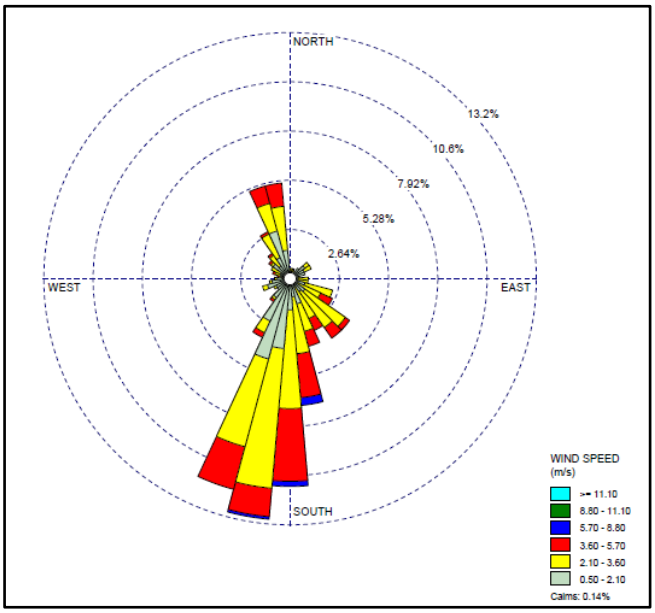

Figure 2: Charlton Ridge Wind Rose – April 2025

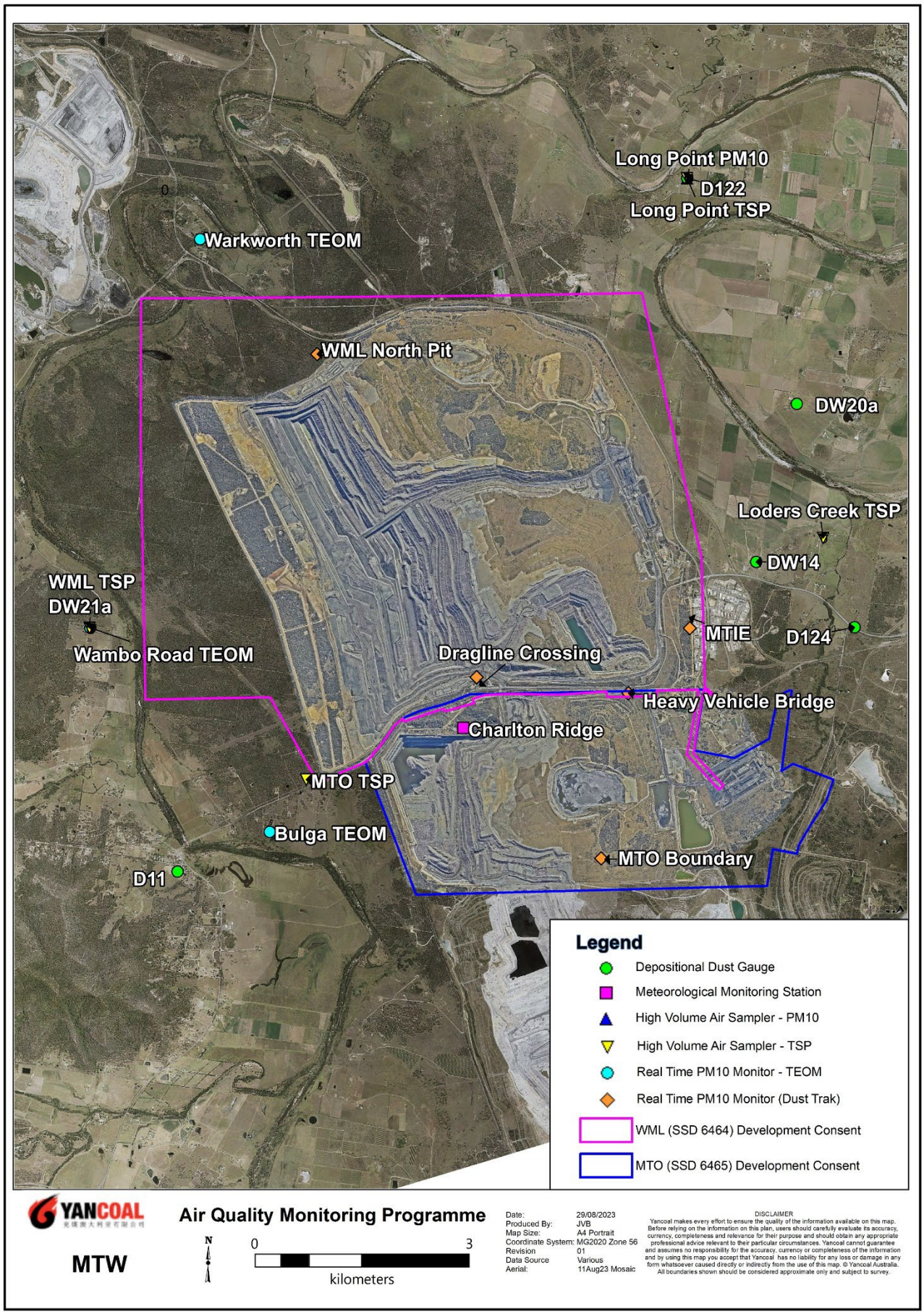

Figure 3: Air Quality Monitoring Locations

2.2 Depositional Dust

To monitor air quality, MTW operates and maintains a network of seven depositional dust gauges, situated on private and mine owned land surrounding MTW.

During the reporting period the Warkworth monitor recorded a monthly result above the long-term impact assessment criteria of 4.0 g/m2 per month. There is no evidence to suggest that the result is contaminated. Accordingly, the result will be included in the annual average calculation.

Figure 4 displays insoluble solids results from depositional dust gauges during the reporting period compared against the year-to-date average and the annual impact assessment criteria.

An annual assessment of MTW's compliance with the Long-Term Impact Assessment Criteria will be provided in the 2025 Annual Review Report.

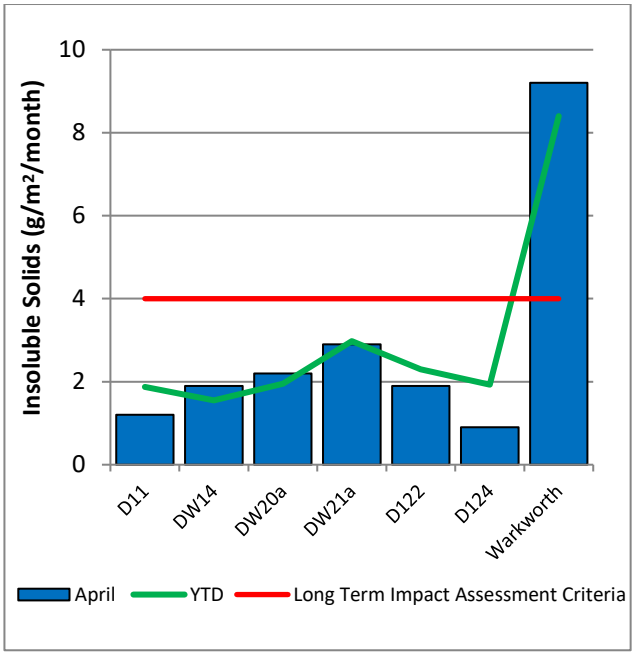

Figure 4: Depositional Dust – April 2025

2.3 Suspended Particulates

Suspended particulates are measured by a network of High Volume Air Samplers (HVAS) measuring Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) and Particulate Matter <10µm (PM_{10}). The location of these monitors can be found in **Figure 3**. Each HVAS was run for 24 hours on a six-day cycle in accordance with EPA requirements.

2.3.1 HVAS PM_{10} Results

Figure 5 shows the individual PM_{10} results at each monitoring station against the short-term impact assessment criteria of 50µg/m³.

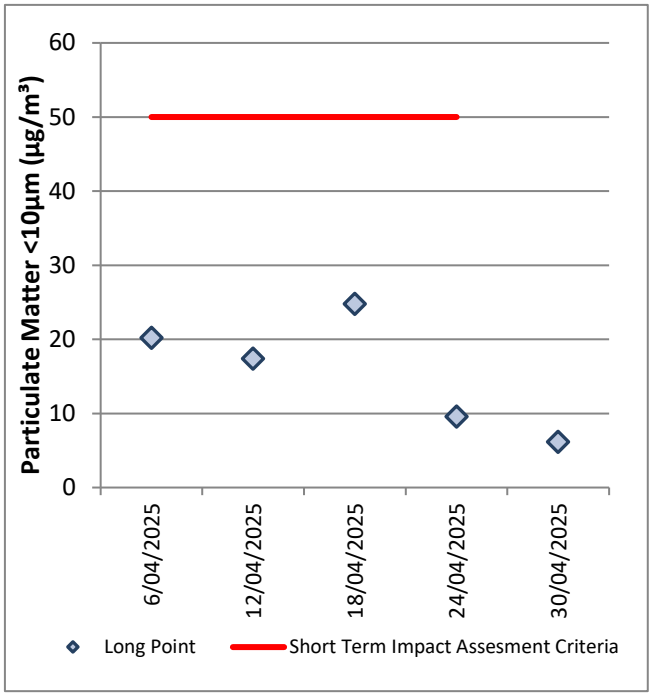

Figure 5: Individual PM10 Results – April 2025

Figure 6 shows the annual average PM10 result against the long-term impact assessment criteria.

An assessment of MTW's compliance with the Long-Term Impact Assessment Criteria will be provided in the 2025 Annual Review Report.

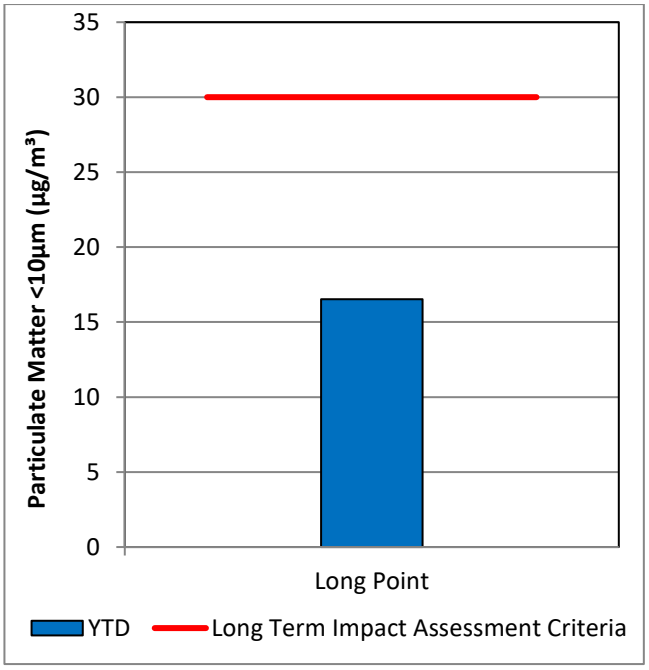

Figure 6: Annual Average PM_{10} – April 2025

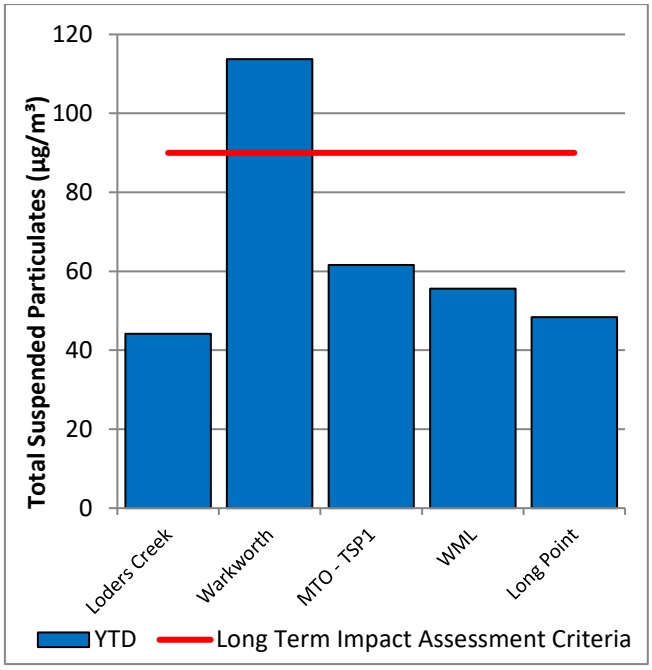

Figure 7: Annual Average Total Suspended Particulates – April 2025

2.3.2 TSP Results

Figure 7 shows the annual average TSP results compared against the long-term impact assessment criteria of 90µg/m³.

An assessment of MTW's compliance with the Long-Term Impact Assessment Criteria will be provided in the 2025 Annual Review Report.

Warkworth TSP HVAS results were not considered representative or were not available on 12 and 18 April respectively, due to contamination and equipment issues. Accordingly, the results will be excluded from the annual average calculation.

2.3.3 Real Time PM_{10} Results

MTW maintains a network of real time PM_{10} monitors. The real time air quality monitoring stations continuously log information and transmit data to a central database, generating internal alerts when particulate matter levels exceed internal trigger limits.

Data from the Bulga monitor was not available from 20 to 30 April, due to equipment issues.

Results for real time dust sampling are shown in **Figure 8**, including the daily 24-hour average PM_{10} result and the annual PM_{10} average.

2.3.4 Real Time Alarms for Air Quality

During April, the real time monitoring system generated 84 automated air quality related alerts, including 5 alerts for adverse meteorological conditions and 79 alerts for elevated PM10 levels.

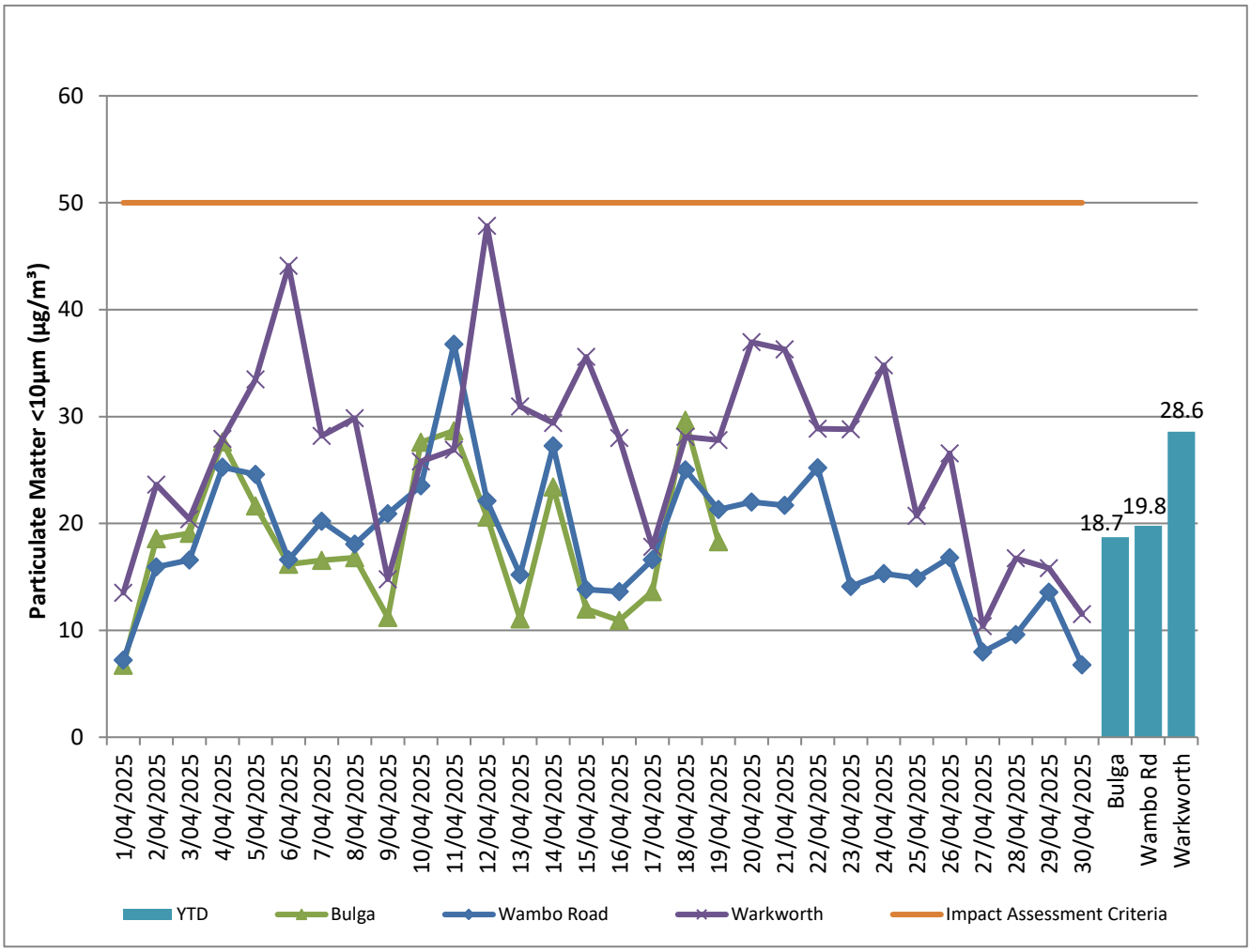

Figure 8: Real Time PM_{10} daily 24hr average (line graphs) and YTD annual average (column graphs) – April 2025

3.0 WATER QUALITY

MTW maintains a network of surface water and groundwater monitoring sites.

3.1 Surface Water

Monitoring is conducted at mine site dams and surrounding natural watercourses.

Surface water courses are sampled on a monthly or quarterly sampling regime. Water quality is evaluated through the parameters of pH, Electrical Conductivity (EC) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). The Hunter River and the Wollombi Brook are sampled both upstream and downstream of mining operations, to record background water quality and to monitor the potential impact of mining on the river system. Other Hunter River tributaries are also monitored.

Results of monitoring are reported quarterly, next available in the June 2025 report.

3.2 HRSTS Discharge

MTW participates in the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS), allowing discharge from licensed discharge points located at Dam 1N and Dam 9S. Discharges can only take place subject to HRSTS regulations.

MTW did not undertake any HRSTS discharges in the reporting period.

3.3 Groundwater Monitoring

Groundwater monitoring is undertaken on a quarterly basis in accordance with the MTW Groundwater Monitoring Programme.

Groundwater results are reported quarterly, next available in the June 2025 report.

4.0 BLAST MONITORING

MTW have a network of six blast monitoring units. These are located at nearby privately owned residences and function as regulatory compliance monitors.

The location of these monitors can be found in **Figure 15**.

4.1 Blast Monitoring Results

During April 2025, 19 blasts were initiated at MTW. **Figure 9** to **Figure 14** show the blast monitoring results for the reporting period against the impact assessment criteria. The criteria are summarised in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Blasting Limits

Airblast Overpressure (dB(L))	Comments
115	5% of the total number of blasts in a 12 month period at WML or MTO
120	0%
Ground Vibration (mm/s)	**Comments**
5	5% of the total number of blasts in a 12 month period at WML or MTO
10	0%

During the reporting period no blasts exceeded the 115dB(L) threshold for airblast overpressure. One blast exceeded the 5mm/s criteria (permissible for 5% of blasts in 12 month period) for ground vibration at the Bulga Village monitoring location (6.3 mm/s).

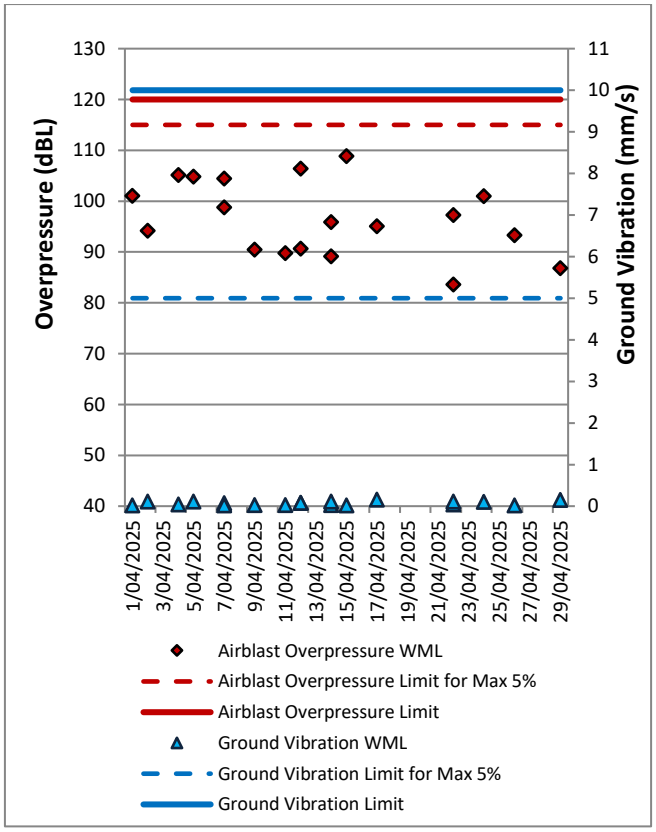

Figure 9: Abbey Green Blast Monitoring Results – April 2025

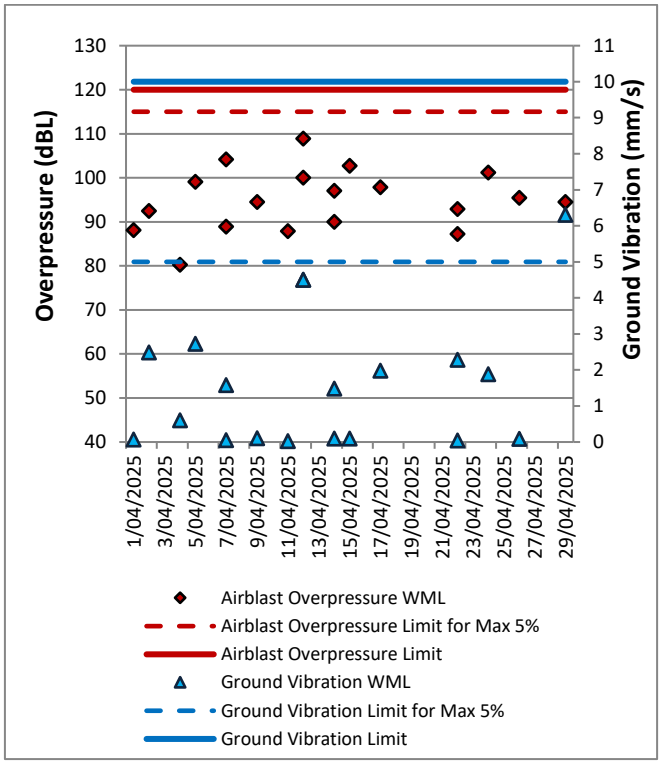

Figure 10: Bulga Village Blast Monitoring Results – April 2025

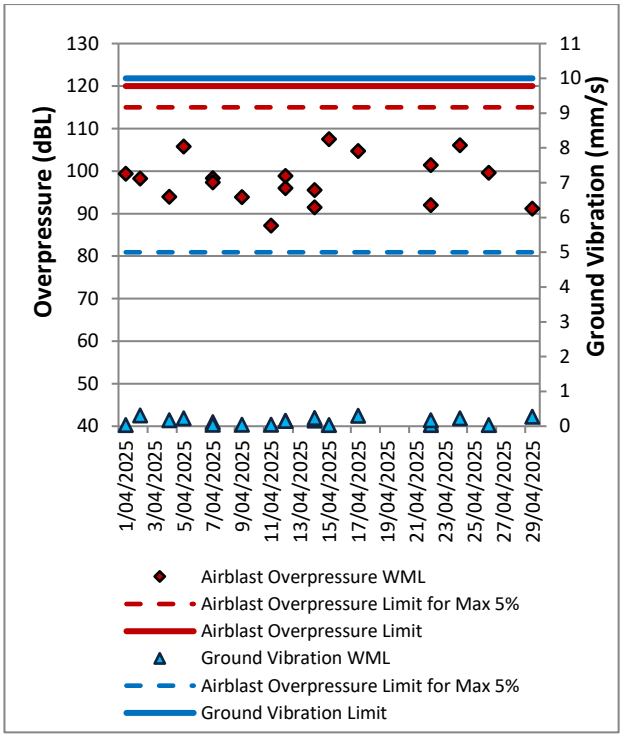

Figure 11: Putty Road MTIE Blast Monitoring Results – April 2025

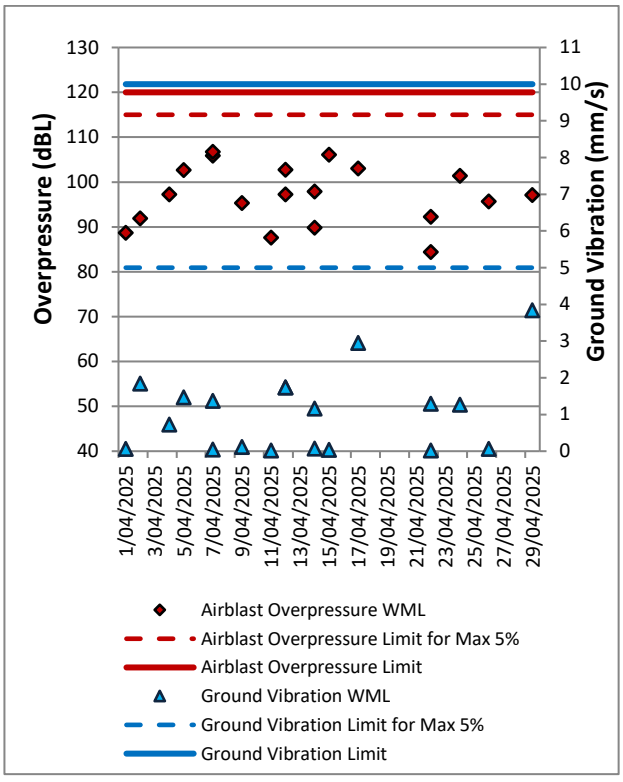

Figure 12: Wollemi Peak Road Blast Monitoring Results – April 2025

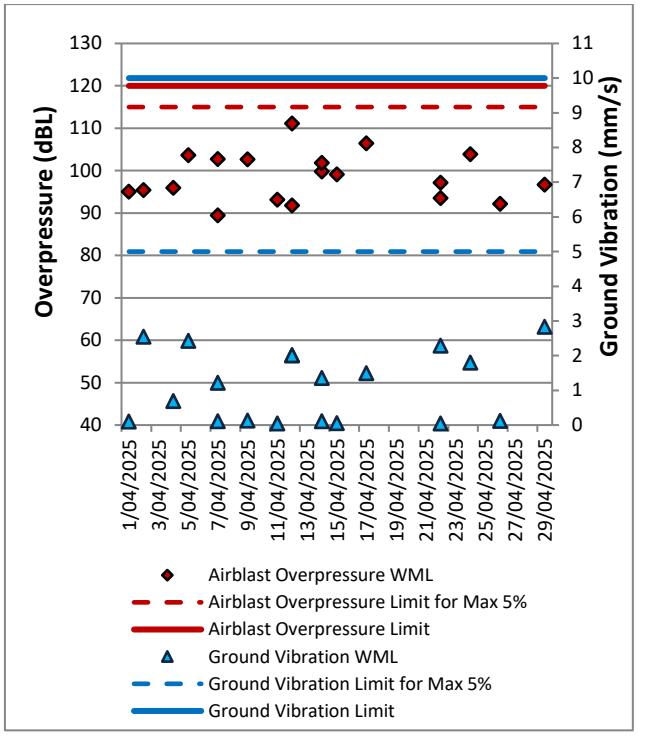

Figure 13: Wambo Road Blast Monitoring Results – April 2025

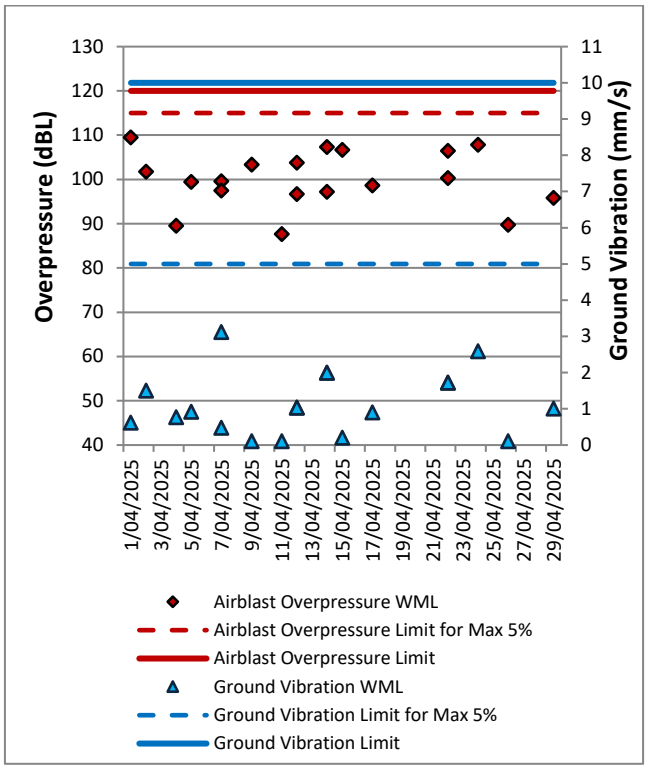

Figure 14: Warkworth Blast Monitoring Results – April 2025

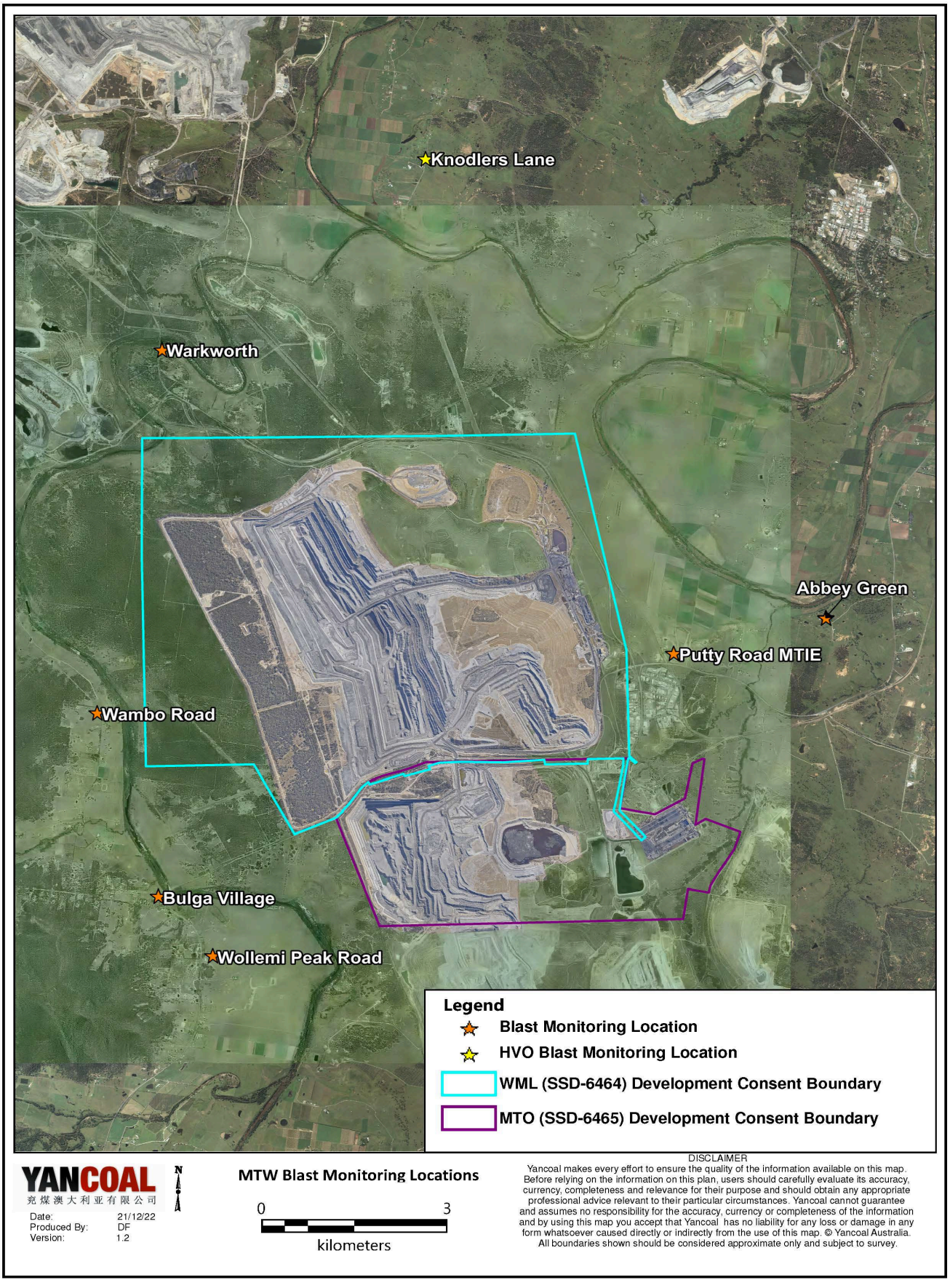

Figure 15: MTW Blast Monitoring Location Plan

5.0 NOISE

Routine attended noise monitoring is carried out in accordance with the MTW Noise Management Plan. A review against EIS predictions will be reported in the Annual Review. The purpose of the noise surveys is to quantify and describe the acoustic environment around the site and compare results with specified limits. Real time noise monitoring also occurs at five sites surrounding MTW. Noise monitoring locations are displayed in **Figure 16**.

5.1 Attended Noise Monitoring Results

Attended monitoring was conducted at receiver locations surrounding MTW on the night of 8 April. All measurements complied with the relevant criteria.. Results are detailed in **Table 3** to **Table 6.**

5.1.1 WML Noise Assessment

Compliance assessments undertaken against the WML noise criteria are presented in **Tables 3** and **4**.

Table 3: $L_{Aeq,\ 15\ minute}$ Warkworth Impact Assessment Criteria – April 2025

Location[5]	Date and Time	Wind Speed (m/s)	Stability Class	Criterion dB(A)	Criterion Applies?[1]	WML L_{Aeq} dB[2,3]	Exceedance[3,4]
Bulga RFS	8/04/2025 23:44	1.5	D	37	Yes	IA	Nil
Bulga Village	8/04/2025 22:53	1.8	D	38	Yes	30	Nil
Gouldsville	8/04/2025 21:21	2.2	F	38	No	IA	N/A
Inlet Road	8/04/2025 21:24	1.9	F	37	Yes	37	Nil
Inlet Road West	8/04/2025 21:00	2.1	F	35	No	29	N/A
Long Point	8/04/2025 21:00	2.1	F	35	No	IA	N/A
South Bulga	9/04/2025 0:37	2.3	D	35	Yes	<25	Nil
Wambo Road	8/04/2025 22:25	1.6	D	38	Yes	31	Nil

Notes:
1. Noise criteria apply during all meteorological conditions except the following: wind speeds greater than 3 m/s measured at 10 metres above ground level; stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2m/s at 10m above ground level; or stability category G temperature inversion conditions. Criterion may or may not apply due to rounding of meteorological data values;
2. Site-only L_{Aeq},15minute attributed to WML, including modifying factors if applicable;
3. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of relevant criterion; and
4. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified in consent, therefore criterion was not applicable.
5. Follow up measurement after measured exceedance.

Table 4: $L_{A1,\ 1\ minute}$ Warkworth - Impact Assessment Criteria – April 2025

Location[5]	Date and Time	Wind Speed (m/s)	Stability Class	Criterion dB(A)	Criterion Applies?[1]	WML $L_{A1,\ 1min}$ dB[2,3]	Exceedance[3,4]
Bulga RFS	8/04/2025 23:44	1.5	D	47	Yes	IA	Nil
Bulga Village	8/04/2025 22:53	1.8	D	48	Yes	36	Nil
Gouldsville	8/04/2025 21:21	2.2	F	48	No	IA	N/A
Inlet Road	8/04/2025 21:24	1.9	F	47	Yes	44	Nil
Inlet Road West	8/04/2025 21:00	2.1	F	45	No	33	N/A
Long Point	8/04/2025 21:00	2.1	F	45	No	IA	N/A
South Bulga	9/04/2025 0:37	2.3	D	45	Yes	<25	Nil
Wambo Road	8/04/2025 22:25	1.6	D	48	Yes	34	Nil

Notes:
1. Noise criteria apply during all meteorological conditions except the following: wind speeds greater than 3 m/s measured at 10 metres above ground level; stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2m/s at 10m above ground level; or stability category G temperature
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2. Site-only LA1,1minute attributed to WML;
3. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of relevant criterion; and
4. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified in consent, therefore criterion was not applicable.
5. Follow up measurement after measured exceedance.

5.1.2 MTO Noise Assessment

Compliance assessments undertaken against the MTO noise criteria are presented in **Table 5** and **6**.

Table 5: $L_{Aeq,\ 15minute}$ Mount Thorley - Impact Assessment Criteria – April 2025

Location[5]	Date and Time	Wind Speed (m/s)	Stability Class	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies?[1]	MTO L_{Aeq} dB[2,3]	Exceedance[3,4]
Bulga RFS	8/04/2025 23:44	1.5	D	37	Yes	32	Nil
Bulga Village	8/04/2025 22:53	1.8	D	38	Yes	<25	Nil
Gouldsville	8/04/2025 21:21	2.2	F	35	No	IA	N/A
Inlet Road	8/04/2025 21:24	1.9	F	37	Yes	<30	Nil
Inlet Road West	8/04/2025 21:00	2.1	F	35	No	<25	N/A
Long Point	8/04/2025 21:00	2.1	F	35	No	IA	N/A
South Bulga	9/04/2025 0:37	2.3	D	36	Yes	29	Nil
Wambo Road	8/04/2025 22:25	1.6	D	38	Yes	<25	Nil

Notes:
1. Noise criteria apply during all meteorological conditions except the following: wind speeds greater than 3 m/s measured at 10 metres above ground level; stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2m/s at 10m above ground level; or stability category G temperature inversion conditions. Criterion may or may not apply due to rounding of meteorological data values;
2. Site-only LAeq,15minute attributed to MTO, including modifying factors if applicable;
3. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of relevant criterion; and
4. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified in consent, therefore criterion was not applicable.
5. Follow up measurement after measured exceedance.

Table 6: $L_{A1,\ 1Minute}$ Mount Thorley - Impact Assessment Criteria – April 2025

Location[5]	Date and Time	Wind Speed (m/s)	Stability Class	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies?[1]	MTO $L_{A1,\ 1min}$ dB[2,3]	Exceedance[3,4]
Bulga RFS	8/04/2025 23:44	1.5	D	47	Yes	38	Nil
Bulga Village	8/04/2025 22:53	1.8	D	48	Yes	<25	Nil
Gouldsville	8/04/2025 21:21	2.2	F	45	No	IA	N/A
Inlet Road	8/04/2025 21:24	1.9	F	47	Yes	<30	Nil
Inlet Road West	8/04/2025 21:00	2.1	F	45	No	<25	N/A
Long Point	8/04/2025 21:00	2.1	F	45	No	IA	N/A
South Bulga	9/04/2025 0:37	2.3	D	46	Yes	32	Nil
Wambo Road	8/04/2025 22:25	1.6	D	48	Yes	<25	Nil

Notes:
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4. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified in consent, therefore criterion was not applicable.
5. Follow up measurement after measured exceedance.

5.1.3 NPfI Low Frequency Assessment

In accordance with the requirements of the EPA's Noise Policy for Industry (NPfI), the applicability of the low frequency modification factor corrections has been assessed. This resulted in the application of a 2dB penalty to the site only LAeq for the measurements taken at Inlet Road on 8 April 2025. Resulting LAeq noise levels did not exceed the WML impact assessment criteria at Inlet Road. The WML assessment for low frequency noise is shown in **Table 7** and the MTO assessment for low frequency noise is shown in **Table 8**.

Table 7: Warkworth Low Frequency Noise Assessment – April 2025

Location[3]	Date and Time	Measured WML LAeq dB	Criterion Applies?	Intermittency Modifying Factor? [1]	Tonality Modifying Factor? [1]	Frequency of Tonality [1]	Low-frequency Modifying Factor?	Maximum Exceedance of Reference Spectrum [1,2]	Penalty dB [2]
Bulga RFS	8/04/2025 23:44	IA	Yes	No	N/A	No	No	N/A	Nil
Bulga Village	8/04/2025 22:53	30	Yes	No	N/A	No	No	N/A	Nil
Gouldsville	8/04/2025 21:21	IA	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Inlet Road	8/04/2025 21:24	35	Yes	No	N/A	No	Yes	**2 dB @ 80 Hz**	**2**
Inlet Road West	8/04/2025 21:00	29	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Long Point	8/04/2025 21:00	IA	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Bulga	9/04/2025 0:37	<25	Yes	No	N/A	No	No	N/A	Nil
Wambo Road	8/04/2025 22:25	31	Yes	No	N/A	No	No	N/A	Nil

Notes:
1. Yes/No denote modifying factor was or was not applied. NA denotes 'not applicable'; and
2. Bold results indicate that application of NPfI modifying factor/s is required.
3. Follow up measurement within one week of measured exceedance.

Table 8: Mount Thorley Operations Low Frequency Noise Assessment – April 2025

Location[3]	Date and Time	Measured MTO LAeq dB	Criterion Applies?	Intermittency Modifying Factor? [1]	Tonality Modifying Factor? [1]	Frequency of Tonality[1]	Low-frequency Modifying Factor? [1]	Maximum Exceedance of Reference Spectrum [1,2]	Penalty dB[2]
Bulga RFS	8/04/2025 23:44	32	Yes	No	N/A	No	No	N/A	Nil
Bulga Village	8/04/2025 22:53	<25	Yes	No	N/A	No	No	N/A	Nil
Gouldsville	8/04/2025 21:21	IA	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Inlet Road	8/04/2025 21:24	<30	Yes	No	N/A	No	No	N/A	Nil
Inlet Road West	8/04/2025 21:00	<25	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Long Point	8/04/2025 21:00	IA	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Bulga	9/04/2025 0:37	29	Yes	No	N/A	No	No	N/A	Nil
Wambo Road	8/04/2025 22:25	<25	Yes	No	N/A	No	No	N/A	Nil

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3. Follow up measurement within one week of measured exceedance.

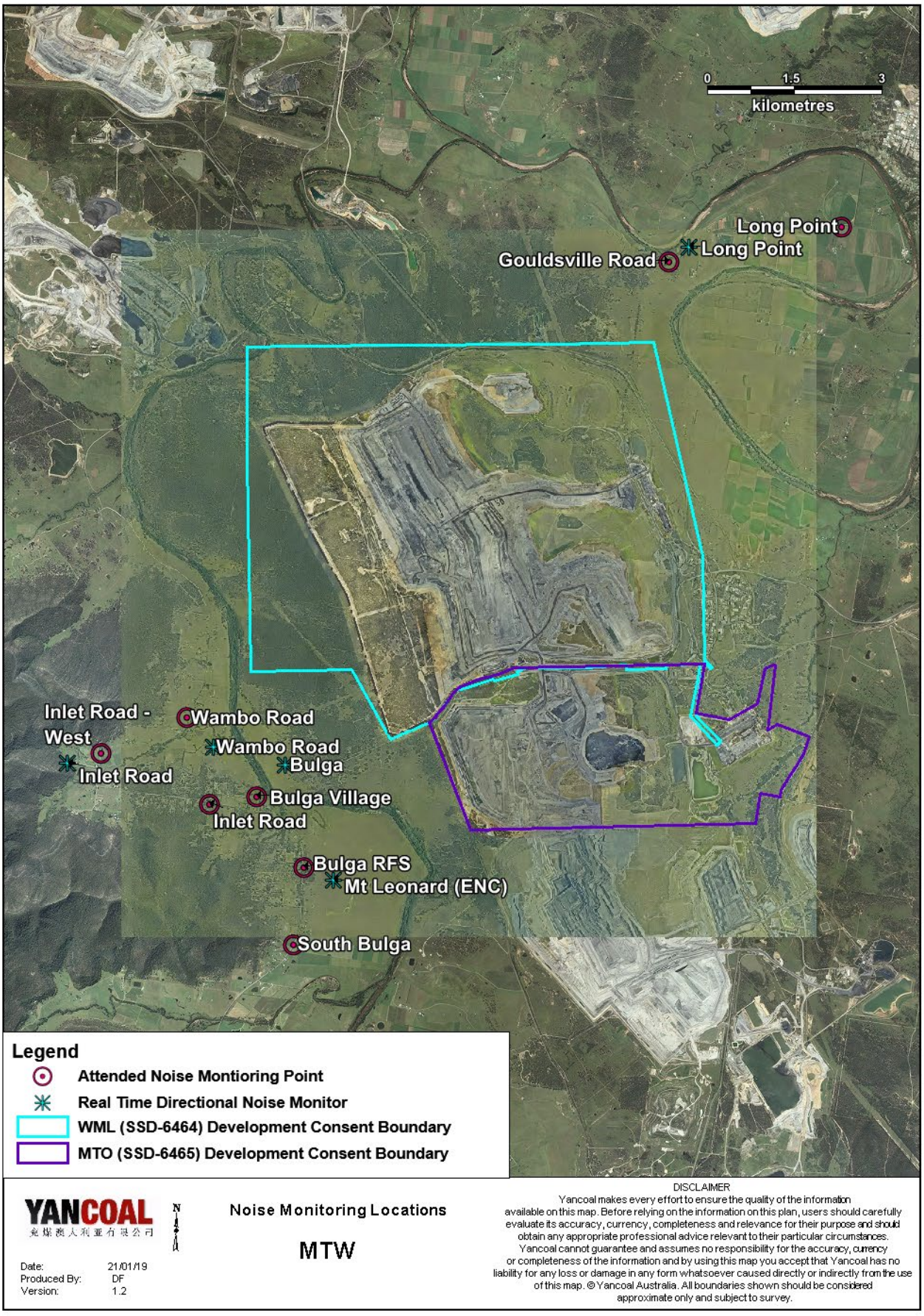


Figure 16: Noise Monitoring Location Plan

5.2 Noise Management Measures

A program of targeted supplementary attended noise monitoring is in place at MTW, supported by the real-time directional monitoring network and ensuring the highest level of noise management is maintained. The supplementary program is undertaken by MTW personnel and involves:

- Routine inspections from both inside and outside the mine boundary;
- Routine and as-required handheld noise assessments (undertaken in response to noise alarm and/or community complaint), comparing measured levels against consent noise limits; and
- Validation monitoring following operational modifications to assess the adequacy of the modifications.

Where a noise assessment identifies noise emissions which are exceeding the relevant noise limit(s) for any particular residence, modifications will be made to ensure that the noise event is resolved within 75 minutes of identification. The actions taken are commensurate with the nature and severity of the noise event, but can include:

- Changing the haul route to a less noise sensitive haul;
- Changing dump locations (in-pit or less exposed dump option);
- Reducing equipment numbers;
- Shut down of task; or
- Site shut down.

A summary of these assessments undertaken during April are provided in **Table 9**.

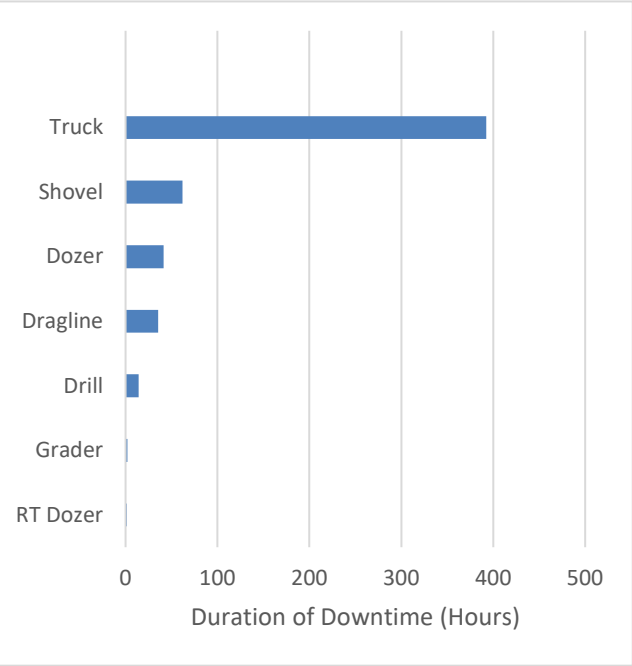
Table 9: Supplementary Attended Noise Monitoring Data – April 2025

No. of assessments	No. of assessments > trigger	No. of nights where assessments > trigger	% greater than trigger
1319	46	8	3.5

6.0 OPERATIONAL DOWNTIME

During April, a total of 550.2 hours of equipment downtime was logged in response to environmental events such as dust, noise and adverse meteorological conditions. Operational downtime by equipment type is shown in **Figure 17**.

Figure 17: Operational Downtime by Equipment Type – April 2025



7.0 REHABILITATION

During April 2025, 8.3 Ha of land was released, 7.0 Ha was bulk shaped, 6.2 Ha was topsoiled and 8.2 Ha was composted and rehabilitated.

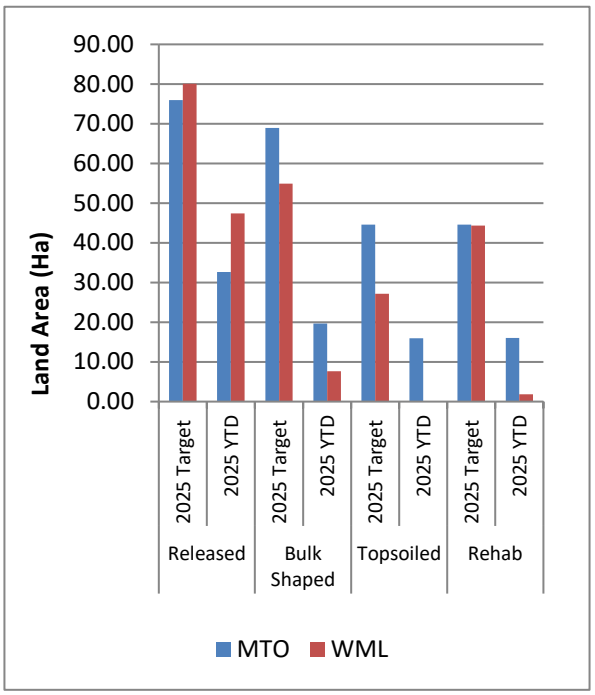


Figure 18: Rehabilitation YTD – April 2025

8.0 ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS

There were no environmental incidents recorded during the reporting period.

9.0 COMPLAINTS

Seventeen complaints were received during the reporting period. Details of these complaints are shown in **Table 10**.

Table 10: Complaints Summary YTD

	Noise	Dust	Blast	Lighting	Other	Total
January	0	3	3	2	0	8
February	2	0	3	2	1	8
March	8	2	5	1	0	16
April	6	4	7	0	0	17
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Total	16	9	18	5	1	49

Appendix A: Meteorological Data

Table 11: Meteorological Data – Charlton Ridge Meteorological Station – April 2025

Date	Air Temperature		Relative Humidity		Wind Direction	Wind Speed	Rainfall
	Maximum (°C)	Minimum (°C)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Average (°)	Average (m/sec)	total (mm)
1/04/2025	23	15	80	53	173	3.0	0.0
2/04/2025	19	14	96	58	156	1.3	0.0
3/04/2025	27	11	100	33	201	1.6	0.0
4/04/2025	28	10	98	26	165	1.5	0.0
5/04/2025	27	11	90	18	237	2.6	0.0
6/04/2025	27	11	98	22	260	2.8	0.0
7/04/2025	28	10	75	24	244	2.6	0.0
8/04/2025	24	13	98	50	151	2.4	0.0
9/04/2025	25	12	100	45	153	2.2	0.0
10/04/2025	25	12	100	50	182	1.5	0.0
11/04/2025	29	12	100	33	180	1.8	0.0
12/04/2025	27	15	96	46	156	3.4	0.0
13/04/2025	27	15	100	47	159	2.6	0.0
14/04/2025	27	13	100	39	187	2.2	0.0
15/04/2025	24	14	98	45	170	4.3	0.2
16/04/2025	21	13	92	50	184	3.3	0.0
17/04/2025	24	13	96	43	178	3.0	0.0
18/04/2025	25	11	94	37	171	1.8	0.0
19/04/2025	29	10	99	27	243	2.0	0.0
20/04/2025	30	10	95	29	229	1.9	0.0
21/04/2025	27	15	86	22	245	2.5	0.2
22/04/2025	23	10	100	50	239	1.8	10.8
23/04/2025	24	15	100	55	151	3.4	2.4
24/04/2025	25	14	100	50	155	2.7	0.2
25/04/2025	24	13	100	55	156	2.1	0.0
26/04/2025	23	13	100	63	157	1.9	0.2
27/04/2025	18	14	100	83	180	2.9	34.0
28/04/2025	23	13	100	62	189	3.6	0.0
29/04/2025	24	11	100	50	211	1.5	12.4
30/04/2025	18	11	100	65	187	3.5	0.8