Minutes of the Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Consultative Committee Meeting Q3 2025

Date: Wednesday 27 August 2025

Location: MTW
Time: 12:33pm - 2:34pm

Attendees Role

Colin Gellatly (CG - Chair) Independent Chairperson MTW CCC

Gary Mulhearn (GM) MTW Environment & Community Manager

Tim Veness (TV) MTW Manager Statutory Functions

Joshua van Bezouwen (JVB) MTW Environment and Community Advisor

Ian Hedley (IH)Community RepresentativeStewart Mitchell (SM)Community RepresentativeNeville Hodkinson (NH)Community RepresentativeMyree Russell (MR)Community RepresentativeBarb Brown (BB)Community RepresentativeHollee Jenkins (HJ)Singleton Council Representative

Corrie Ford (CF)

NSW EPA Manager Operations (left 1:35pm)

Hamish Rutherford (HR)

NSW EPA A/Unit Head Operations (left 1:35pm)

Nerida Manley (NM) Independent Minute Taker (Atlantech)

1. WELCOME

- CG opened the meeting and welcomed CCC members.
- Round table member introductions.
- GM Housekeeping for new members.

2. APOLOGIES

Cris Shadbolt (CS)
 Kevin Waldcock (KW)
 MTW General Manager
 Community Representative

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Standing Declarations: CG is engaged by MTW to provide the services of Independent Chairperson.
- GM cited that new members are to provide a declaration of pecuniary interests / conflict of interest and code of conduct forms. CCC Guideline state that members need to confirm their acceptance to the code of conduct annually. All members confirmed as of this meeting.
- CG asked the CCC members if there were any new interests to declare. None were declared. BB working with Bulga Coal with the Youth Project which is deemed to be fine.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Action Items arising from the 14th May 2025 Meeting

Refer to **attached** CCC presentation for previous actions, and relevant response / update made by MTW. Other notes of relevance discussed during the meeting in relation to Business Arising are below.

GM provided an update of the actions from the previous meeting.

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 still outstanding as all members haven't completed. All forms to be provided to Chairperson.

Action 2: IH to arrange a meeting with the EPA regarding the EU wording. The EPA have accepted and are at today's meeting.

Action 3: KW to provide example video dust observations of what he has observed. To be carried forward to the next meeting due to KW absence.

Action 4: MTW to consider an invitation to visit IG house to observe dust. MTW has considered the invitation and considered that dust is openly discussed at this forum and acknowledged that dust is an impact throughout the Singleton area from multiple sources and it has been decided that a visit is not required as an outcome.

Action 1 and 3 to be carried forward. No other new actions raised during business arising.

IH Presentation for EPA

- IH stated that upfront the dust situation has improved since the olden days but there are still days that the community deems it to be unacceptable. IH would like to go through the concerns of the community and has put together a presentation.
- IH stated that the persistent dust events are not on a continuous basis like they used to be and are mainly on weekends and certainly early mornings which is something that was discussed at the last meeting.
- The second point raised by IH is the inadequate complaint response mechanisms. IH states that the community would like more of a response than a phone call back from a CRO saying that site is addressing the issue.
- IH's third point was in regard to blast generated dust deposition blast related dust settling over residents and local businesses. Local resident have asked how much dust is generated by each blast. TV said it is dependent on the blast and will come back to IH with a response at the next meeting. IH stated other sites wet down the blasts and use water carts in the blasting process. TV confirmed that MTW do that as part of the blast process as it is more of a health control.
- Tenant Gag clauses in rental agreements IH said tenants are scared of raising complaints due to fear of reprisal in their tenancy agreements. IH believes that the community complaints numbers are not factual because rental tenants do not complain due to their residential agreements and more complaints would be raised if it wasn't for concerns regarding their rental properties. GM said the residential tenancy agreement does have a lot of information regarding dust from mining and includes the Mine Dust and You factsheet. It also contains a complaint resolution process in the agreement in which the tenant can contact the mine to discuss mining operations. GM stated that he has not received any contact from the renters but it's a very open process to have those conversations and it is very open process for those people who want to rent the properties and a decision to be made to those people when renting those properties. IH said site may need to check with the real estate. GM continued that the tenants should contact the mine and not the real estate to have those discussions if they have concerns. HJ stated there is also a change to the no fault eviction and a lot of new implemented restrictions in regard to evicting tenants. HJ said she would be interested in reviewing one of the current tenancy agreements as an independent party. GM will

- enquire with the properties team and ask if that is appropriate information to share or not. HJ said she will just reach out to a tenant for the information. SM asked if the complaints procedure is a difficult process. GM stated he has not received calls from tenants.
- Lack of transparency in EPA Yancoal agreements the concern is that in that period of time from 2023 the neighbours were complaining as the dust was bad. IH has a copy of the emails and the responses from MTW. States that people are saying that it is hard to take mine seriously when there was an enquiry occurring in regard to the amount of dust that was being generated at the time. In 2025 the community found out that there is an agreement with Singleton Council to fund a park in Singleton when the community members are out here copping the brunt of the dust and believes the money should have been spent on more dust monitoring and measures. The question to the EPA is that it seems a long time between 2023 and 2025 to find out the complaints the community were making, including complaints to the EPA that the dust which was bad at the time. IH claims GM has said that mining is a dirty business. GM disputed that he has never made that statement and asked that words not be put in his mouth. IH proceeded to say CS said it last meeting to which GM said that CS has never said that statement either. IH believes that is untrue. GM stated he has said that mining is an extractive industry which causes dust generation which is a different thing to what IH has stated. IH believes the next door Glencore mines do not make dust and bring their Environmental personnel to the local community that the residents can talk too. IH wanted to know where the MTW representation is in the Bulga community. GM stated that it is available is available every single day of the year through himself and the MTW Environmental team and our Community Response Officers. IH asked if an action would come regarding the lack of transparency. GM stated he can talk about the EU.
- GM responded that in 2023 when the dust conditions were very poor we sat in the CCC in November, David
 Bennett who was the general manager of the time stated we have observed the dust conditions and we
 are hearing your feedback and we have had feedback from the regulators and are starting a multi point
 dust plan which was the start of the journey to do additional improvements other than operational
 processes.
- GM confirmed that the first big update to this was in the February CCC meeting this year with a very comprehensive presentation to share the updates that site had made during 2024. During CCC meetings we advised that MTW was reacting to feedback from the regulator and community. The feedback from the regulator is what the EPA had provided through the Bust the Dust campaign and through subsequent interactions which the mine had to provide additional information to notices and then as it has been reported to the CCC previously it has culminated in MTW offering an Enforceable Undertaking (EU) which started in July / August 2024 and as a subject of negotiation it may not go all the way or stop or pause and site does not always end up in an EU. We do not share details of negotiations with regulators. When we had entered the EU we were very open and said this is the process that has occurred. It's on our presentation from last meeting and it's in there for everyone in the community to see the EU is now published on the EPA's enforceable undertakings register and outlines those projects that we talked about that we presented at this meeting, they're documented in that enforceable undertaking as things that we had done before coming to the point of entering the enforceable undertaking and then it articulates items in that enforceable undertaking and what we're going to do going forward. The environmental project in the Col Fisher Park was something that we identified through Singleton Council. You have got to understand that the enforceable undertaking guidelines recommends that you go and talk to various organisations to try to identify improvement projects. The Council is one of the organisations that the guidelines identifies and we followed that process. Council identified projects it did not have funding for through their process, and they were the projects put forward. It was narrowed down to one from the list and that is the project

that was agreed upon as an environmental improvement project. GM agreed that it is not in the Bulga area but there were not any projects on the list that were identified, and it has to be understood that there is a timeframe that needs to be adhered too. If site was trying to identify a separate project and build it up into what would be an acceptable project for the EPA it may take a lot of time. These negotiations want to be identified and resolved quickly which was outlined in the last CCC meeting.

• CG Last two points of IH's presentation to be left until the EPA's response. IH does not agree with the wording in the EU and believes it should be corrected.

EPA Response

- CF stated that there are guidelines that need to be met before the EPA is able to consider entering into an EU. Some of the reason why it appears that this process hasn't been transparent is because the EU was agreed to as part of the investigation into breaches of the POEO Act.
- CF stated that the EPA need to follow their prosecution guidelines. During the 2023 bust the dust campaign they knew there was a lot of complaints being made from the community and noticed there was a lot of dust being generated from Warkworth. As part of the investigations there is a lot of evidence that needs to be collected and entering into an EU is just one of the regulatory options that are available to the EPA, but because it's an active investigation it is difficult for the EPA to be transparent.
- HR fully acknowledge the concerns and complaints in 2023, the complaints led into the Bust the Dust campaign and where their resources went into the campaign leading to increased unannounced inspections of Warkworth. It was during one of those unannounced inspections that the EPA identified issues of concern that was a potential contravention of licence conditions which kicked off a subsequent formal investigation by the EPA. For a contravention of licence conditions the EPA has a statue of limitations of 12 months from the date of offence or the date of the alleged offence. Because of the nature of investigation, it does take time getting records and going back and forth which can occur at the same time as an application for an EU. That talks to the extent of why it takes so long to get to the point of finalising the EU.
- HR stated that as GM said under the EU guidelines there are a number of elements to an EU which involve the number of alleged offences and goes towards how the site will prevent it occurring in the future, it also goes towards an externally funded community project, in this case it was an unfunded project identified by Singleton Council. The agreed media statement relates specifically to the matters investigated at the time. HR acknowledges IH broader concerns however the media statement is specifically to the matters investigated as part of the EU. The media releases relating to individual EU's are tailored to the specific matters in which the EU is the subject of and that is why the statement is worded the way that it is. If there was offsite impacts identified as part of that investigation, it would have been worded differently and so if you look at the range of different EU's that are available on the EPA's POEO public register. Those media releases with those various EU's are tailored according to the matters that were investigated as part of the individual EU's. HR again highlighted that he was not talking down IH's concerns but acknowledging that the wording in the media released is specific to the matters that were under investigation for which the EU was the subject of.
- CG asked where the EU fit in in relation to the regulatory options and asked if that incident is now over.
- HR confirmed that the EPA has a regulatory policy. Includes engagement with the regulator, monitoring and enforcement action. Where there are potential issues with the regulatory action. Ranges from do nothing, advisory letter, official caution, penalty notice, so from an official caution upwards, there is an evidentiary burden of proof that evidentiary burden of proof, which that which is set in legislation is beyond reasonable doubt. For an official caution penalty notice or prosecution, the EPA have to establish a minimum evidentiary standard of view on reasonable doubt. For say, prosecution that is a criminal offence.

Separately an EU is a civil remedy available under the POEO Act, in which remedy available under the POEO Act, in which the EPA may use its discretion to consider a civil remedy as an alternative to prosecution. For an EU, the EPA needs to consider a number of things, including the history of compliance with the site, the scale of the impact of the non compliances and also the broader community interests, not only the direct impact on the community but also the expenditure of tax payers funds if the matter was going to go to court. In determining the cost of the externally funded project that is put forward, the EPA considers the penalty that a court may have imposed for similar cases for a prosecution pathway.

- CF added that as an outcome of EU's, often there is a community benefit that comes out of the amount of money that the offending party will put forward, whereas if it is prosecution the applicant will be fined but that money will just go to consolidated revenue and not be put back into the community. HR said the EPA is guided by various policy documents and legislation along with what is the most appropriate form of regulatory action. CF stated that this EU is entered into it is a legal process that EPA's legal team are involved in it and ultimately the decision maker to enter into any EU is the CEO of the EPA.
- IH said if the EPA needed evidence would it be good to involve the community as he has letters from the damage that was done at the time of the event and there was no undertaking to improve things. IH believes that MTW is the only pit contributing to the dust in this area. Says the other mines are clear except for MTW. GM states that it is not in dispute that MTW contributes to the air quality issue in the valley and confirmed site has said that we generate dust. We have said that as well and it changes with changing weather conditions is what we've told you again and you asked for a detailed report after one of IH's previous photo observations, air quality observations and a detailed report was provided to IH. It provided all of the monitoring results of what we saw and what our interpretation of what is happening. That was a detailed report that was provided to all the CCC members, as the request from IH was sent to all CCC members.
- IH showed photos from 22 July 2025 including photos of 3 water carts parked up. One of the water carts was confirmed to be parked up for repairs in the workshop by TV. GM confirmed that this is also one of the trucks that has been replaced by the newer water carts. IH would like to see the records of operation for the water trucks on that day. GM said he can provide that. GM confirmed that the water trucks run to the conditions required and gave an example that less water carts are required to operate at night due to lower temperature and higher humidity.
- GM stated that was provided in his response in the last detailed report, the site does generate dust, and that during winter, at night especially when the inversion is present it does keep it in the void in the still conditions of the time. GM noted that wheel generated dust has been very well controlled, we have jumped on that aspect in response to feedback from EPA and entering the EU.
- GM continued that when the sun comes up and the inversion lifts site has been pausing its draglines early in the morning on night shift to let the dust potentially settle before the temperature and winds get up. GM noted MTW has been doing that each night shift for some time.
- GM stated what you will still see is the trapping of dust and mist in that morning time frame. More broadly, the broader atmosphere of the Singleton region, the Hunter region, it displays different particulate levels based on rainfall conditions. So, as the rainfall drops down, you'll see more and more particulates in the atmosphere which has been explained previously.
- IH asked why you can't see this at the other mines. GM stated it is because they do not have a road running through the centre of their mine. IH asked if it is the draglines then. GM said they do generate dust.
- TV stated that draglines are shut down by himself and he does not wait for a community complaint. GM does not shut them down, they are done by the operations team.

- CG asked if any other committee members had questions of the EPA.
- NH asked why does the Warkworth monitor pick up high levels and has been for about 5 years. Is it an issue
 with what we already have in place and if it is it an issue above the technical understanding of everyone at
 this table. Does that mean all the monitoring that has been put in place in the Bulga Broke area isn't
 working.
- NH stated that there are five mines in this area and he is putting it to all these people in the meeting to ask what is going on. There is an issue beyond all the regulations and testing that has been done and something is wrong. NH wants to understand what the issue is. EPA should understand what the issue is. Everyone is at logger heads with each other because we don't understand the issue. NH wants some sort of understanding of what to do and asked what the issue is and put it forward to the EPA to answer.
- IH state that the health alerts aren't seen up in the valley like they are seen in this area and mining can be done cleanly and said that the excessive health alerts are only seen around this mine.
- NH said where are the technical experts that understand these issues. The health issues are the dust that lands on a water tank that ends up being cooked with and ends up in your digestive system. We don't have a collective group that understand the issue. Believes the issue is beyond this group.
- GM said that the mine has taken it seriously and have taken a lot of positive steps to improve in this area and MTW will continually share its progress with the group. MTW has not sat idly after the feedback received from regulators and from community in that period in 2023.
- CG agreed that IH has acknowledged that and said he wished the EPA would do more bust the dust campaign.
- CF said the next Bust the Dust campaign kicks off next week and that the EPA will be in the valley on dry and windy days and if the community see's dust to report it through to the environment line as that is how the EPA will judge what mines require the EPAs attention. CF noted in relation to regional air quality, that IH is part of the Hunter Environment Advisory Group, which is run by the EPA, and it might be better for IH to share that information through that group, which has links to other government departments through that group
- BB would like to once more say that it's not healthy and we are at a standstill with IH saying there's an issue and GM saying we are doing something and the community is hurting and doesn't believe the issue can be pinned on one or two people. There are fantastic results of equipment being bought but that alone is not fixing the issue. BB said this is a cry from the community saying \$120k going to the Singleton Council that the good will would have been better spent in this community. Thinks we need to be more positive for the community.
- SM asked the EPA if they place much concern around noise and not just dust in regard to acquisition. States there is still a noise issue occurring and has evidence of it occurring which he would like to pass onto the EPA.
- IH asked MR what she thought the dust was like compared to 12 months ago. MR said it is ongoing, it's better than it used to be and paused to think about 12 months ago. HR said it would be hard to answer that due to the wet winter. Stated the EPA sees the community complaints go up and down with rainfall. Since 2019 there's a few years they haven't run Bust the Dust due to the high rainfall. The EPA will tailor their resources in relation to the weather.
- HR addressing SM comments about noise, due to internal resources they haven't gotten to a body of work
 for Mt Thorley Warkworth in relation to Environmental Protection Licences. The EPA acknowledged they
 do need to pick up relevant noise limits within the planning consents and rather than setting up limits at
 different premises they set up noise assessment groups in a certain area that will have similar acoustic

properties so there will be a limit that applies to a representative group. HR acknowledged that they require the availability to do this work.

- CG thanked the EPA for their time.
- HR thanks the committee for having them along and stated that the EPA does not often attend the CCC's
 often as there are too many licensees to regulate but do attend ad hoc to address some concerns of the
 dialogue of today's meeting. Encouraged calls to be made to the EPA in relation to dust and said that they
 may not get back to every call, but it all goes into their records. EPA looks at the long range forecast to
 target weather conditions for their Bust the Dust campaigns.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 26/5/2025 From IH Request for Review and Improvement of MTW CCC Meeting Format
- 6/06/2025 From NM MTW CCC Q2 2025 -Draft Minutes
- 20/06/2025 From NM MTW CCC Q2 2025 -Final Minutes
- 6/08/2025 From GM MTW CCC Q2 2025 -Final Minutes (to MR and KW, distribution missed due to error with distribution of Q2 2025 minutes)
- 8/08/2025 MTW CCC Q3 2025 Weds 27 August 2025 1230pm Draft Agenda
- 11/08/2025 From CG Invitation to EPA to attend CCC meeting
- 12/08/2025 Confirmation from EPA to attend CCC meeting
- 21/08/2025 MTW CCC Q3 2025 Weds 27 August 2025 1230pm Business Papers and advice of Annual Review report now available on MTW website
- 26/08/2025 From GM MTW VPA Community Committee 2025 Funding Program Round 2 Key Dates

HJ had a question on the funding that the Singleton subbranch put in a funding request for ANZAC day which was rejected because it was outside of the timeframe. HJ asked if they had to put in another application for the 2026 year GM confirmed.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Confirmed at the meeting by CG.

7. COMMUNITY MEMBERS - New Enquiries

CG identified there is a change to today's meeting agenda and that enquiries will now be addressed prior to the proponent's overview report rather than at the end of the meeting to address concerns that there was not enough time left for everyone to have their say.

- IH concerns raised regarding the time frame of getting the minutes on the website. Asked if they minutes
 come from the independent minute taker or if they are vetted. GM said a first pass is reviewed and provided
 to Col. IH said that under the guidelines they are to be provided within two weeks. CG agreed that we will
 undertake to improve that.
- IH states there is concern that there is not enough engagement with the community and showed an
 example of a Glencore newsletter. GM stated that Yancoal has prepared a newsletter which will be sent
 out shortly which provides the information that is shared with the CCC that isn't shared to the broader
 community. There will be a link to the CCC meeting and contact details of the Community Complaints line,

- that we have community response officers driving around in the community. It is drafted and will go out after this meeting. The aim is to provide these biannually.
- SM addressed that the monthly reports received particularly from March which was 5 months ago and believes the information is useless as if there was something that was worth discussing it is now ancient history. Asked if they could be sent out more promptly.
- SM mentioned that there were 2 blasts initiated within 1 minute of each other. SM has noticed that there has been more than one blast happening quickly within a similar time frame and asked if there was a reason why this is happening now. GM confirmed that it has been happening for a long time and the requirement is that site can only undertake one road closure per day but they can do a road closure for a blast event which an event can be 2 blasts done in quick succession and it is intended so they don't need to close the road more than once in any given day. SM said they get a blast which shakes his house and then they get another. TV confirmed that there is typically 2 blasts, rarely 3 and they will generally be very close together as it is riskier to separate from one another due to creating spots for misfire. GM shared that this information can be found in the blast reports online.
- SM notes that site more frequently operates blasts on weekends. GM acknowledged that is a bit of a change as site is approved to do blasts on weekends but didn't tend to due to staffing availability and not having blasting personnel on shift. TV said that site changed to a single roster which allows for blasting personnel to be on day shift 7 days a week. SM asked if that would affect road closures on weekends. TV confirmed that it could cause a road closure but they typically put them at times that won't impact the environment and community as little as possible.
- SM Denis Maizey asked SM to raise regarding recent incident where he complained about the level of
 noise he experienced and was advised the level was 26dBA which his understanding is inaudible. GM agreed
 that it is close to inaudible. SM said if it was inaudible for Dennis why would he complain. The figures he
 was given by the CRO was different to the monitoring recording given by the monitor on Wambo Road. GM
 will check site records and compare and will get back to Dennis.
- BB stated that tourism is down and she has had many people asking why the site needs to do blasting on weekends. BB is pleading with the site to consider the blasting on weekends and its effects on tourism.
- BB asked if MTW is doing any cooperation with the other mines? GM confirmed yes in regard to events, community support programs, (i.e. Jerrys Plains hall), sometimes three different mines will contribute to a project. Things that are done together and separately. Includes operating conditions including sharing water which provides sharing mine water rather than pulling it out of the river. BB asked what MTW is doing with the local business. GM confirmed they are members of the business chamber. Purchase from local business, locals employed who are active members of the community. BB wanted to address it as people are concerned. BB stated that something needs to be done with Bulga Hall and the Tavern which was promised by the mine. The second issue is fuel, BB acknowledges that the site has tried to do something about fuel but stated there are farms around the area that can do something about fuel and the community is hurting and concerned. GM noted he understood. BB stated that the tower has been put up but it's not helping the community. GM confirmed the MTW one on Charlton Ridge is for site communications. GM noted that MTW reached out to telecommunications providers at the time of construction of the MTW tower to see if they would like to put mobile equipment on the MTW tower, but they declined and have not reached out to telecommunications providers again recently. GM also noted he has had an update from the Yancoal communications person that has a contact at Telstra, and the Telstra tower is not commissioned yet and we will see how well it works when it is turned on. IH agreed that is his understanding of current position for Telstra. BB states communication is very important i.e. to call an ambulance is a big

- issue. BB has been informed by Telstra that they could get star link but doesn't believe it will help community.
- MR raised the weekend blasting that she has not noticed. GM asked MR if she can hear and see the blasts.
 MR has been noticing the blast dust plumes recently on the weekends which she thought was out of the ordinary.
- MR asked about Doctors Creek. GM confirmed that it is not used as a discharge by the site and commented that it must be being naturally saturated. MR noticed it came up very quickly in recent rain events. Where Doctors Creek go through her property cattle can get stranded on one side and was wondering if it was additional water from the site. GM confirmed that MTW does not discharge into that creek.
- NH noted his approach has been on health for air quality or sense of place. He has been watching what IH has been doing on dust. The other issue he has been looking at is what is left in the valley is heritage. What will be done with all the bits and pieces. NH has been looking at a community cultural heritage investigation which will come out as a community cultural heritage report. SM noted that as part of the consent for mining extension there are three properties that need to be conserved and the one that concerns him is Springwood Cottage which he understands site is beginning to do work on but that it will not be available for public access. GM stated it will not have public access as it will be in an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and biodiversity conservation area on a Yancoal owned property. SM said that it is the only remaining building on the Yancoal lease.
- HJ touched on the post mining land use strategy being reviewed and Singleton Council are in the process of putting in a submission for funding for permanent positions to address post mining land use.

8. PROPONENT REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

GM Presented MTW Operations – Enforceable Undertaking (EU)

Refer to presentation for details on the EU and the commitments of the EU.

- Commitments update for CCC (since last meeting):
 - Dust Management Competency for Leaders and Mining supervisors 11/6/25.
 - O Dust Management Competency for all staff on track, with training to be delivered by end of year (>1000 employees already completed of 1400 staff). HJ asked how long the training went for whether it was a 2 minute spiel. GM said it is a presentation which outlines the EPA guidelines that is tailored to the workforce. TV added that the questions in the assessment are tailored to the specific areas of the workforce. IH asked what the training was for the CRO's. TV stated it was a separate competency with a lot of technical knowledge including how to operate monitors and read results.
 - Toolbox talk refresher communications to be delivered in Spring 2025 regarding dust management awareness.
 - In 2026 Year 1 status report on Col Fisher Park project being implemented by Singleton Council to deliver benefits to environment/community. Due to EPA end August 2026.

GM Presented MTW Operations – Dust Improvement Projects

Refer to presentation for details on dust improvement Projects.

• New item: MTW has brought forward the purchase of an additional 3 x new CAT 789D watercarts to 2026 delivery estimated in 12 months (\$>24 m project)

MTW Operations

Refer to presentation

- GM provided update on MTW operations and production. Mining progressing to the west.
- Coal processing and train loading normal operations.
- WML: Water management drains and sediment dams commenced completed March 2025 and have worked effectively in the recent rainfall events.
- 770ML were discharged.
- MR asked if the site have to test before the water is discharged. GM confirmed that confirmation is given when the river goes up how much volume they are permitted to discharge as per their salinity credits and the water is tested every day via telemetry along with sampling every day as per EPL limits.

North Out Of Pit Dam (NOOP)

Refer to presentation

- GM provided a brief update on the NOOP Dam upgrade status.
- Pumping infrastructure in progress and should be completed by Sept Oct 2025.

MTO Discharge Upgrade

Refer to presentation

- GM provided a brief update on the discharge point upgrade status.
- 75ML/day to 300ML/day as per approval in Mt Thorley consent. Commenced in August 2024 with works still progressing.
- EPL variation is required and consultation with the EPA prior to the variation has occurred.

Exploration

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on exploration for 2025.
- GM noted exploration undertaken as shown in the presentation slides as per usual ahead of mining and is scheduled to continue to the end of the year.

Groundwater Monitoring Bores Installation

Refer to presentation

- GM noted 2 new ground water bores, one next to Putty Road. Same rig used for groundwater bore as is used for exploration and noted specifically there is not exploration licence in that area. Signage to be used to state that it is a ground water bore.
- GM highlighted that MTW does not hold exploration licences / mining lease in the area near Putty Road and the drilling is purely for groundwater monitoring.

MTW Operations

Refer to presentation – summary of downtime

- GM presented information on equipment downtime and CRO noise assessments completed year to date.
- JVB presented some downtime statistics.

Rehabilitation / Disturbance

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on rehabilitation progress and disturbance YTD.
- Rehabilitation planned for 2025 89 Ha seeded.
- 90.6Ha of dump released for rehabilitation and 63ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped.
- 31.4Ha spread with topsoil / compost and is ready for seeding.
- 17.9Ha of area seeded / claimed rehabilitation as shown in presentation in yellow.
- Disturbance forecast for 2025 53.7Ha and the progress to the end of April 2025 is 28.7Ha.

Vertebrate Pest Management

Refer to presentation

- GM advised of control programs completed so far and planned for 2025.
- Pig trapping has continued which has been successful.
- Wild deer ground shoot conducted at Bowditch Biodiversity Area in Autumn.
- Ground baiting program targeting feral pigs.
- Cage trapping onsite for feral pigs.
- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas has been scheduled for Autumn (currently underway) and Spring.
- Noisy miner control program at the Goulburn River Biodiversity Areas to assist Regent Honeyeater conservation is continuing.
- Additional programs are undertaken as required.

Weed management

Refer to presentation

- Weeds continued to be targeted.
- Removing planting guards as areas are established.

Offsets Other

Refer to presentation

• GM presented slides showing flora and fauna within the offset areas.

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 March 2025 to May 2025 were provided. June 2025 MEMR to be provided at a later date.

Management Plans / Reporting

Refer to presentation

• Annual Reporting

- Annual Return for MTO submitted to EPA 30/5/2025 required by Environment Protection Licence
 1976
- 2024 Annual Rehabilitation Reporting, Forward Program and RCE for Resources Regulator (RR) as required by Mining Lease conditions was completed to submission stage on 31/03/25, but not all able to be submitted due to issues with the RR submission portal. RR acknowledged issues with portal on 31/03/25 and will accept final submission once their portal is rectified (ongoing issue at present). Forward Program and Annual Rehabilitation Report submitted on 5/06/2025 and published to MTW website.
- Annual Review Report 2024 for MTW to Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) originally submitted 31/03/2025. An updated report was submitted 5/06/2025 to clarify rehabilitation reporting data after ARR/FP submission. Annual Review approved by DPHI 12/08/2025 and published to MTW website. CCC provided link to report with this meeting Business Paper distribution.
- o HRSTS Annual Reports 2024-2025 submitted to EPA for WML 25/08/2025 and MTO 26/08/2025.

Management Plans

- MTW submitted several management plans to DPHI:
 - Blast Management Plan (28/07/2025), Air Quality Management Plan (25/07/2025)
 - Noise Management Plan (submitted 25/07/2025, approved by DPHI 25/08/2025).
- MTW will progress Management Plan updates for several management plans in 2025:
 - Site Water Management Plan, Environmental Management Strategy, Cultural Heritage Management Plans.
 - Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP), consultation with CCC is a requirement of development consent. RMP was provided to CCC for consultation 22 February 2024. Feedback on the content of the RMP is again invited from CCC. RMP is available on MTW website: https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-documents/#mgt-docs

Heritage Update

Refer to presentation

- NPWS Land Acquisitions and Dealings Team advised Dec 2024 they have progressed documents relating to the registration of conservation agreements to their legal team for lodgement with Land Registry Service.
- Meeting with working group (CHWG) meeting was held 9 May 2025
 - o Plan of Management Implementation Group (PMIG) for the Conservation Areas forming 2025/26.
 - o PMIG meeting held 28 May 2025.

Historic Heritage

Refer to presentation

• GM provided an updated on Historic Heritage activities including some additional works undertaken due to vandalism.

- o Springwood access upgrade ready to commence although works have been delayed by weather.
- RAAF Cook House
 - Access track works delayed following elevated initial quote. Scope of works in review to bring within budget.
 - Now projected late Winter/Spring commencement.
 - Asbestos inspection postponed due to weather.
- Routine area maintenance and termite management has continued at each site.
- Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) meeting held 9 April 2025.

9. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

• EPA Representatives invited to meeting regarding Enforceable Undertaking. GM asked for it to be noted in the minutes that the EPA representatives had already been in attendance earlier in this meeting.

10.GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business MTW - Community Update

Refer to presentation

• GM advised that the Community Support Program. The 2026 is being advertised in local media from August – September in 2025 and closes 26 September 2025.

General Business MTW – MTW Voluntary Planning Agreement

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on the contributions made. After January 2025 payment, MTW has contributed \$9.05M (of \$11M total).
- Overview of new VPA Committee members provided.
- First meeting has been completed at Bulga community hall. Council website has minutes and reports of meeting. Applications are open for the next VPA round which close on the 28th September 2025.

General Business MTW - Bulga Tavern Update

- In February 2025, the Tavern licensee provided notice they will not continue as licensee. The Bulga Tavern has temporarily closed.
- MTW engaged a Hotel broker and a local Agent to run the process of finding a new long term Lessee.
- Of those parties who had prerecorded an interest, none have progressed further.
- The initial advertising program did not result in any interested parties.
- The search for a new Lessee is ongoing.
- BB has asked if there is a reason for that. GM said he doesn't know the reason why people haven't applied.
 IH asked if Yancoal would consider selling the Tavern. GM said he did not know. IH said feedback he has had as to why people aren't applying is that there is no long term return due to leasing and thought maybe there would be more interest if the Tavern would be put on the market. GM said he would take on the feedback.

General Business MTW - Bulga Service Station/Shop Update

Refer to presentation

- GM advised a DA for demolition, rehabilitation and new construction has been lodged with Singleton Council
- Tenders have been received back to the project managers who are finalising the tender review against the tender scope and it is expected to have their recommendations within the next few weeks.
- MTW will consider the project managers recommendations and then make a decision on future direction.
- BB asked if Yancoal would also be interested in selling the Service Station. GM said he could ask about that as well but noted there is a contamination legacy to deal with.

General Business MTW – Community Amenity Tank Cleaning

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on the Community Amenity Tank Cleaning
- Invitation to participate remains open.

General Business MTW - Yancoal MTW First Aid Courses

Refer to presentation

 GM provided an update on the Yancoal First aid courses which are open to Yancoal personnel, contractors, family members and local community. GM advised in our view it is good to have first aid trained people in our community.

BB asked if anything had been mentioned about the trails between Broke and Bulga. GM said there had not been but he will take it onboard.

11. NEXT MEETING

Next CCC Meeting: Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 12:30pm.

CG asked if the committee was happy to continue with the new format. HJ raised that the issues the committee raised were generally captured within the presentation so would it be worth using the old format. CG would like to try the format again next time.

CG thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

MEETING CLOSED 2:34 pm.

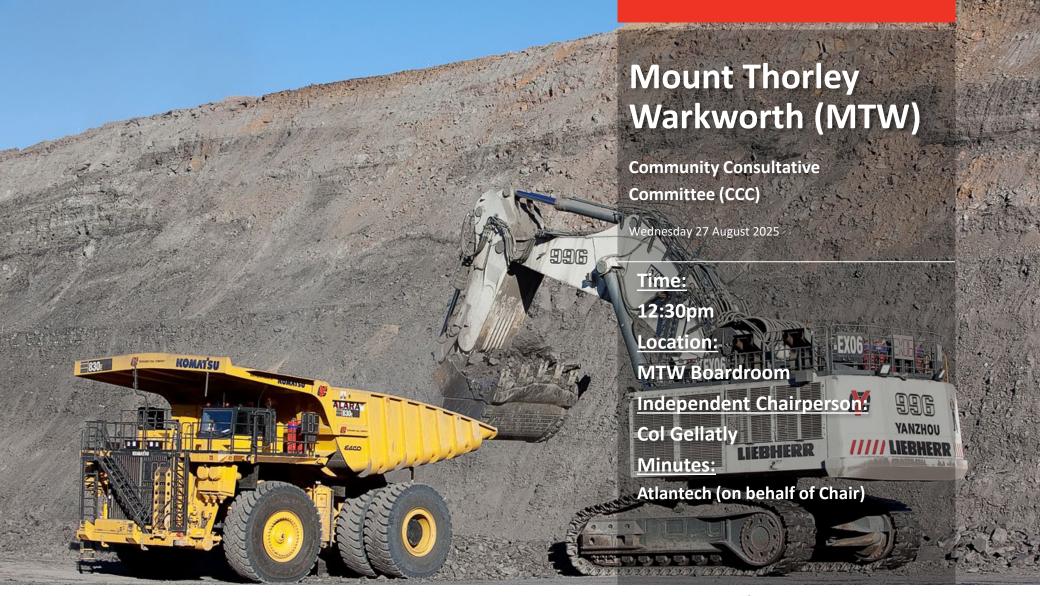
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

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: KW to provide example video dust observations of what he has observed at next meeting.

Action 3: MTW to provide IH with a response in regard to how much dust is generated from a blast.

Action 4: Records of the water truck operations from the 22nd July to be provided at the next meeting.



Reaching new horizons together



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3. Declaration of pecuniary interests / conflicts of interest

Declaration forms all received. All members must declare any new interests.

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.

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.

Source: Community consultative committee guideline, State significant projects (DPE, June 2023)

3. Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct Form - All members must sign CoC form — and annually confirm acceptance of the code of conduct. All members confirmed acceptance at May 2025 meeting.

Department of Planning and Environment



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

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.

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.

Respect and inclusion

Respect and inclusion are fundamental to a harmonious, productive and psychologically safe environment where people feel able to speak up about concerns.

The department has no tolerance for bullying, harassment, victimisation or discrimination.

All committee members are responsible for:

- · treating people with dignity and respect, and contributing to a positive and productive space
- advising the chairperson in advance when they cannot attend a meeting
- · trying to resolve disputes and following the directions of the chairperson
- making sure other committee members feel valued and can take part fully
- not discriminating against, harassing or victimising anyone on any grounds
- demonstrating inclusive behaviours and language
- · not interrupting when another member is speaking
- preventing bullying.

4.13 Conduct of committee members

Chairpersons and all other appointed committee members must sign the code of conduct agreement during the appointment process and before they take part in a committee meeting. Members must confirm acceptance of the code of conduct on an annual basis.

The chairperson must notify relevant members if they witness or become aware of any alleged breach or perceived breach of the code of conduct. The chairperson may give the relevant members a warning. If the alleged breach is severe, the chairperson may refer it to the department for review.

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3. MTW CCC Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference has been updated with current CCC members and circulated on behalf of Chairperson — Discussed and confirmed at May 2025 meeting



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Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Consultative Committee - Terms of reference

The Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW) Community Consultative Committee Terms of Reference is in accordance with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's Community consultative committee guideline: State Significant Projects 2023.

Purpose of the community consultative committee

The committee has been established to provide a forum for open discussion between Mount Thorley Warkworth, representatives of the community, stakeholder groups and Singleton Council on issues directly relating to Mount Thorley Warkworth, which includes the Warkworth Continuation Project, the Mount Thorley Continuation Project and exploration licence activities associated with Mount Thorley Operations Pty Ltd.

Purpose and scope

The purpose of this committee is to serve as a forum for ongoing communication about the project and its environmental performance. It is not a decision-making body but performs an advisory and consultative role.

The scope of this committee includes:

- discussing the resolution of community concerns and complaints
- discussing the implementation of any conditions of approval or consent and management plans
- · consulting on any proposed amendments or modifications to projects
- · reviewing the results of any monitoring, annual reviews or independent audits
- consulting on any community initiatives
- · conducting site visits to view the project.

Committee membership

Chairpersor

The appointed chairperson is Dr Colin Gellatly.

Committee members

The committee members are:

- Mr. Stewart Mitchell Community Member
- . Mr. Ian Hedley Community Member
- . Ms. Barbara Brown Community Member
- Ms. Myree Russell Community Member
- Mr. Kevin Waldock Community Member
- Mr. Neville Hodkinson Stakeholder Representative (Singleton Shire Healthy Environment Group)
- · Cr. Hollee Jenkins Singleton Council Representative
- Mr. Cris Shadbolt on behalf of Yancoal MTW, the proponent
- . Mr. Gary Mulhearn on behalf of Yancoal MTW, the proponent
- Mr. Josh van Bezouwen on behalf of Yancoal MTW, the proponent

4.1 Terms of reference

The procedures and processes for how each committee will operate will be set out in the **terms of reference** that the committee prepares and approves. The department has prepared a terms of reference template that sets out standard processes and suggested timeframes for operational matters (including meeting frequencies and the distribution of draft agendas and minutes).

Committees must use the template to outline:

- · committee purpose and scope
- membership of the committee
- procedures for meeting operations including frequency, format, agendas, papers, minute taking, and extraordinary meetings
- procedures for site visits
- the publication of materials related to the committee
- the production of an annual report
- review processes.

The committee must discuss the terms of reference and the members must confirm them annually, although they can be reviewed at any point by request or when the conditions of consent or approval are modified.

Template for Terms of Reference Source: Community consultative committee guideline, State significant projects (DPE, June 2023)

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4. Business Arising

Action No.	Action	Response/ Update
1	CCC members that are yet to	All previously completed forms have been provided to
	complete the updated code of	Chairperson.
	conduct and declarations of interest	-All declaration of interest forms have been received and
	forms to complete and provide	Chairperson has copy.
	these to Chairperson as required by	-One CCC member's CoC form is outstanding. Follow up has
	DPHI CCC guidelines.	occurred since May meeting.
2	IH to arrange a meeting with the	Complete. EPA invited to CCC meeting by Chairperson and EPA
	EPA regarding the EU wording.	confirmed attendance.
3.	KW to provide example video dust	Action item followed up with KW 19/8/25.
	observations of what he has	
	observed at next meeting.	
4.	MTW to consider invitation to visit	Complete. Deposited dust issue has been discussed openly at
	IH house to observe dust	CCC meetings, this has included IH deposited dust photos,
		MTW's deposited dust monitoring results, and dust management
		methods. There has been an acknowledgement that deposited
		dust as an impact in the Singleton area from multiple sources,
		and of the availability of the MTW amenity resource to
		neighbours near to MTW. MTW considered a visit is not required
		to IH property for this specific issue.

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5. Correspondence

- 26/5/2025 From IH Request for Review and Improvement of MTW CCC Meeting Format
- 6/06/2025 From NM MTW CCC Q2 2025 Draft Minutes
- 20/06/2025 From NM MTW CCC Q2 2025 Final Minutes
- 6/08/2025 From GM MTW CCC Q2 2025 Final Minutes (to MR and KW, distribution missed due to error with distribution of Q2 2025 minutes)
- 8/08/2025 MTW CCC Q3 2025 Weds 27 August 2025 1230pm Draft Agenda
- 11/08/2025 From CG Invitation to EPA to attend CCC meeting
- 12/08/2025 Confirmation from EPA to attend CCC meeting
- 21/08/2025 MTW CCC Q3 2025 Weds 27 August 2025 1230pm Business Papers and advice of Annual Review report now available on MTW website
- 26/08/2025 From GM MTW VPA Community Committee 2025 Funding Program -Round 2 Key Dates

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Community Members – New enquiries

- This is a new Agenda item.
- Opportunity for community members to raise new enquiries earlier in the meeting.

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MTW Operations - Enforceable Undertaking Update

- Enforceable undertakings (EU) are voluntary, legally binding, written agreements between the EPA and a company or individual that is alleged to have breached environmental legislation.
- An EU agreement includes commitments by the company or individual, in response to an alleged breach, that are designed to improve environmental outcomes and prevent similar incidents occurring in the future.
 - At MTW, EPA provided feedback on dust management observations made on 5, 13 and 17 October and 8 November 2023. The EPA considered that Warkworth Mining's conduct was in breach of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.
 - After reviewing EPA's feedback, EU negotiation commenced August 2024.
 Final EU version offered to EPA was accepted by EPA (EPA CEO signed the EU) on 17 March 2025.
 - EU document is published on EPA's Enforceable Undertakings Register.

MTW Operations - Enforceable Undertaking Update

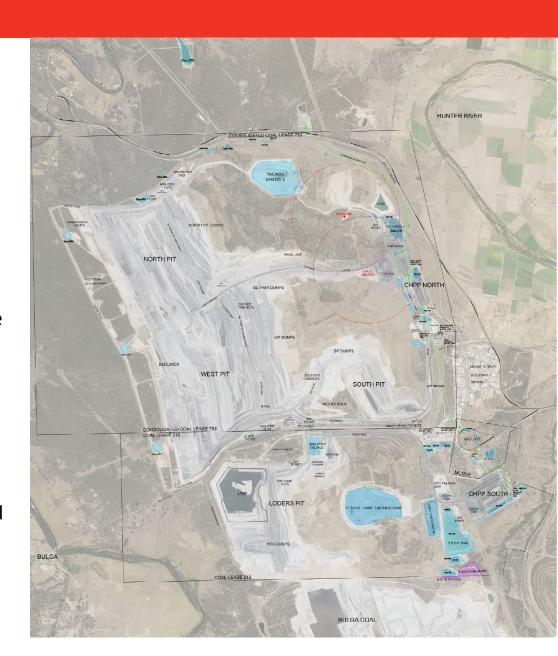
- EU Commitments update for CCC (since last meeting):
 - Dust Management Competency for Leaders and Mining supervisors completed 11/6/25.
 - Dust Management Competency for All Staff on track, with training to be delivered by end of year (>900 employees completed)
 - Toolbox talk refresher communications to be delivered in Spring 2025 regarding dust management awareness (Will occur early spring).
 - In 2026 Year 1 status report on Col Fisher Park project being implemented by Singleton Council to deliver benefits to environment/community. Due to EPA end August 2026.

MTW Operations – Dust Improvement Projects

- MTW continues the Dust Improvement Projects which commenced October 2023 in response to conditions at the time, and EPA feedback from their unannounced inspections. CCC was advised of commencement of the dust improvement project in November 2023 meeting.
- Over the past 18 months, MTW has been actively working to further improve dust management systems by addressing regulator and community feedback and, importantly, implementing long-term measures to improve outcomes. This includes comprehensive operational improvements, such as optimising equipment usage and investing in targeted dust management projects, and initiatives designed to mitigate potential environmental impacts.
- Updates have been provided at CCC meetings.
- NEW ITEM: MTW has brought forward the purchase of an additional 3 x new CAT 789D watercarts (\$>24M project) from 2028 into 2026 to improve water cart effectiveness and wheel generated dust performance.

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.
- Coal processing and train loading normal operations.
- WML: Water management drains & sediment dams commenced completed March 2025.
- Licenced discharge operations have occurred in August 2025 to decrease water inventory (770ML discharged August MTD).



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.

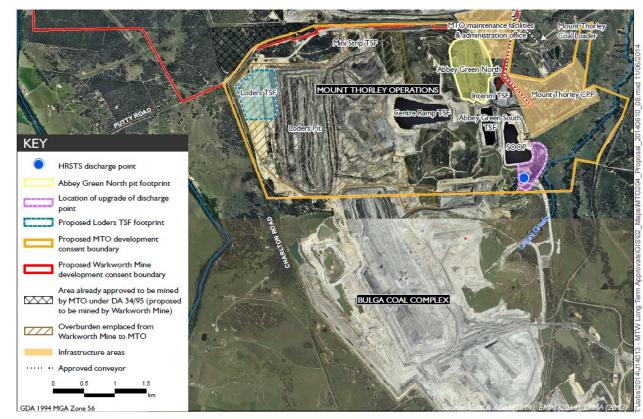
- North Out of Pit (NOOP) Dam main mining excavation completed Q2 2024.
- Pumping infrastructure in progress: Mechanical installation complete.
 Electrical completion by Sep-Oct 2025 (Air photo is 7 May 2025)



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.

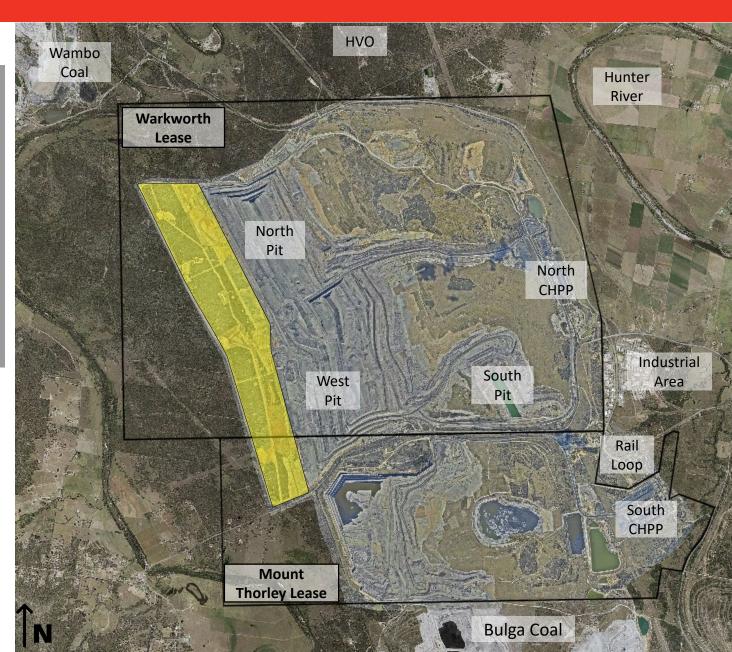
- MTO discharge upgrade works commenced August 2024.
- Civil works and pipeworks Q4 2024.
- Electrical works and systems (SCADA) integration / programming completed July 2025.
- MTO Environment Protection
 Licence 1976 variation
 required as part of project
 prior to use. Consultation with
 EPA prior to variation has
 occurred.



The proposal
Mount Thorley Operations 2014
Environmental Impact Statement
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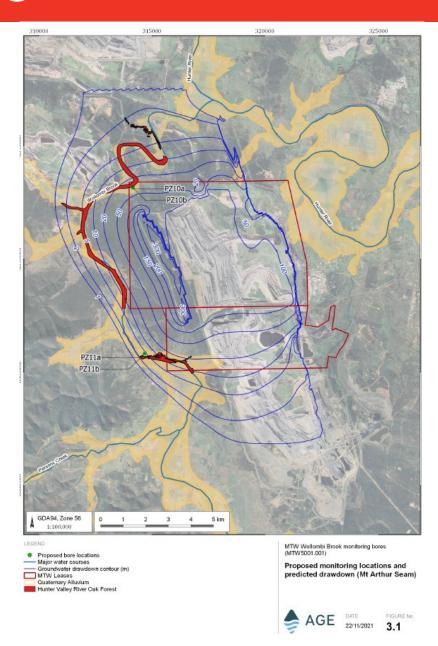
Exploration

- All exploration sites are on Yancoal owned land and mining tenements.
- Exploration will be within the yellow polygon and no activities are taking place outside the disturbance limit.
- Exploration drilling for 2025 is expected to continue until the end of the year.

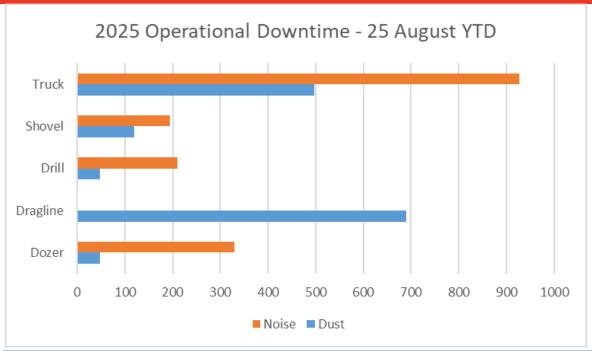


Groundwater Monitoring Bores Installation

- 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 complement 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 is intended to be placed near the drill rig explaining this.
- Works are schedule to be completed during 2025.



MTW Operations



MTW CRO Noise Monitoring YTD							
	# CRO Assessments	# Individual assessment above trigger	# Nights above with assessment above trigger				
2025 (YTD)	5780	119	43				
2024	7599	161	81				
2023	7293	143	66				
2022	7226	106	59				

MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

Rehabilitation planned for 2025 – 89Ha seeded (shown in red).

Progress to end July 2025:

- 90.6Ha of dump released for rehab; and 63ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped.
- 31.4Ha spread with topsoil/compost and is ready for seeding.
- 17.9Ha of area seeded / claimed rehabilitation (shown in yellow).





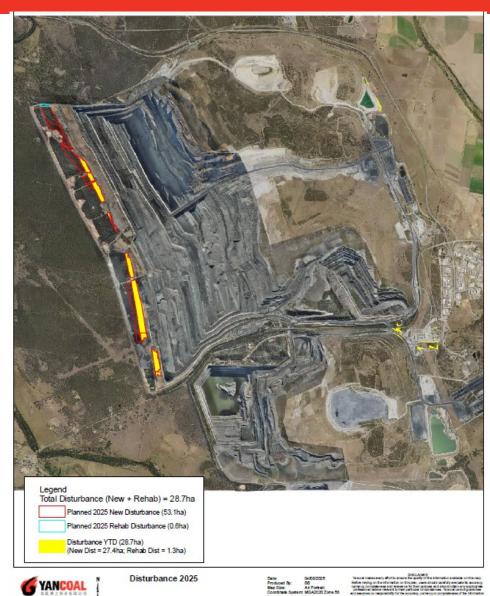
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MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

Disturbance forecast for 2025 - 53.7Ha Progress to end of July 2025:

Disturbed = 28.7 Ha



MTW Vertebrate Pest Management

2025 programs undertaken YTD:

- Vertebrate pest thermal ground shoot at Goulburn River Biodiversity Area in Autumn; Five feral pigs and one fox were controlled.
- Wild deer ground shoot at Bowditch Biodiversity Area in Autumn; Nine feral deer and one fox were controlled.
- Hoggone ground baiting program targeting feral pigs at the North CHPP in January and February; up to 11 pigs controlled.
- Cage trapping program at MTW (onsite) and SBA in January and February controlled 37 pigs and 19 pigs respectively
- Cage trapping and baiting program at MTW (onsite) and local SBA and NBA in July and August controlled 41 pigs.
- Aerial shoot (NPWS) to include the Goulburn River and Seven Oaks Biodiversity Areas in August; numbers pending report.
- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Autumn; 59 dog takes and 50 fox takes at MTW and Local BA's and 36 dog takes and 79 fox takes at MTW's regional BA's.
- Noisy Miner program at the Goulburn River Biodiversity Area in August; numbers pending report.

The following 2025 programs have been scheduled:

- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Spring
- Additional programs as required

The 2025 vertebrate pest programs will be coordinated with LLS and other large landholders in the area so programs are undertaken at the same time across the broader Hunter Valley area.



Wild dog captured on motion sensor camera at Putty BA bait site, taken 8 June 2025



European fox captured on motion sensor camera eating meat bait at GRBA

MTW and Local BA Weed Management

Weeds targeted in MTW operational and local Biodiversity Areas in Q2 2025 included:

- African Box Thorn (Lycium ferocissimum)
- African Lovegrass (Eragrostis curvula)
- African Olive (Olea europaea)
- Asparagus Fern (Asparagus asparagoides)
- Ashwagandha (Withania somnifera)
- Balloon Vine (Cardiospermum grandiflorum)
- Blue Heliotrope (Heliotropium amplexicaule)
- Brazilian Nightshade (Solanum seaforthianum)
- Castor Oil Plant (Ricinus communis)
- Coolatai Grass (Hyparrhenia hirta)
- Galenia (Aizoon pubescens)
- Green Cestrum (Cestrum parqui)
- Guinea Grass (Megathyrsus maximus)
- Lantana (Lantana camara)
- Mother of Millions (Bryophyllum delagoense)
- Moth Vine (Araujia sericifera)
- Narrow Leaf Cotton Bush (Gomphocarpus fruticosus)
- Paterson's Curse (Echium plantagineum)
- Peppercorn Tree (Schinus molle)
- Prickly/Tiger Pear (Opuntia sp.)
- Rhodes Grass (Chloris gayana)
- South African Pigeon Grass (Setaria sphacelata)
- Stinking Roger (Tagetes minuta)
- Telegraph Weed (Heterotheca sp.)
- Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus altissima)
- Whiskey Grass (Andropogon virginicus)



Low volume spraying Coolatai Grass, NBA



Scrape and paint targeting Green Cestrum, SBA1



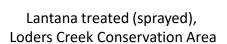


Cut and paint targeting lantana, SBA3

Treated Mother of Millions, SBA3

MTW and Local BA Weed Management Cont.







Galenia treated, MTO adjacent Charlton Road



Mother of Millions treated, Charlton Ridge

Regional BA Weed Management

Weeds targeted in MTW Regional Biodiversity Areas in Q2 2025:

- African Lovegrass (Eragrostis curvula)
- African Olive (Olea europaea)
- Blue Heliotrope (Heliotropium amplexicaule)
- Bridal Creeper (Asparagus asparagoides)
- Brazilian Nightshade (Solanum seaforthianum)
- Cadaghi (Corymbia torelliana)
- Castor Oil (Ricinus communis)
- Cats Claw Creeper (Dolichandra unguis-cati)
- Duranta (Duranta erecta)
- Galenia (Galenia pubescens)
- Green Cestrum (Cestrum parqui)
- Jacaranda (Jacaranda mimosifolia)
- Lantana (Lantana camara)
- Mother of Millions (Bryophyllum delagoense)
- Moth Vine (Araujia sericifera)
- Narrow-Leaf Cotton Bush (Gomphocarpus fruticosus)
- Pepper Tree (Schinus molle)
- Prickly/Creeping Pear (Opuntia sp.)
- Queensland Wattle (Acacia podalyriifolia)
- Ragwort (Senecio jacobaea)
- Robinia (Robinia pseudoacacia)
- Silky Oak (Grevillea robusta)
- Sticky Nightshade (Solanum sisymbrifolium)

- Sweet Briar (Rosa rubiginosa)
- Thistle (Cirsium sp.)
- Trad (Tradescantia fluminensis)
- Tree of Heaven (Alianthus altissima)
 - Tree Tobacco (*Nicoti anaglauca*)
- Whiskey Grass (Andropogon virginicus)
- Wild Tobacco (Solanum mauritianum)
- Willow (Salix sp.)
- Yucca (Yucca aloifolia)



Previous treatment of Tree of Heaven, GRBA



African Olive cut and painted, North Rothbury BA



Native shrub preserved and controlled African Lovegrass, Putty BA

Offsets Other







Snake, Putty BA

Lizard, Putty BA

Striped Honeyeater, Seven Oaks BA

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 March 2025, April 2025, May
 2025
- Appendix D June 2025 MEMR to be provided at a later date.

Annual Reporting

Reporting

- Annual Return for MTO submitted to EPA 30/5/2025 required by Environment Protection Licence 1976.
- 2024 Annual Rehabilitation Reporting, Forward Program and RCE for Resources Regulator (RR) as required by Mining Lease conditions was completed to submission stage on 31/03/25, but not all able to be submitted due to issues with the RR submission portal. RR acknowledged issues with portal on 31/03/25 and will accept final submission once their portal is rectified (ongoing issue at present). Forward Program and Annual Rehabilitation Report submitted on 5/06/2025 and published to MTW website.
- Annual Review Report 2024 for MTW to Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) originally submitted 31/03/2025. An updated report was submitted 5/06/2025 to clarify rehabilitation reporting data after ARR/FP submission. Annual Review approved by DPHI 12/08/2025 and published to MTW website. CCC provided link to report with this meeting Business Paper distribution.
- HRSTS Annual Reports 2024-2025 submitted to EPA for WML 25/08/2025 and MTO 26/08/2025.

Management Plans

Management Plans

- MTW submitted several management plans to DPHI:
 - Blast Management Plan (28/07/2025), Air Quality Management Plan (25/07/2025),
 - Noise Management Plan (submitted 25/07/2025, approved by DPHI 25/08/2025).
- MTW will progress Management Plan updates for several management plans in 2025:
 - Site Water Management Plan, Environmental Management Strategy, Cultural Heritage Management Plans.
 - Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP), consultation with CCC is a requirement of development consent. RMP was provided to CCC for consultation 22 February 2024.
 Feedback on the content of the RMP is again invited from CCC. RMP is available on MTW website: https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-documents/#mgt-docs

Heritage Update

- Cultural Heritage Conservation Areas
 - NPWS Land Acquisitions and Dealings Team advised in Dec 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.
- Cultural Heritage Working Group (CHWG) meeting held on 9 May
- Plan of Management Implementation Group (PMIG) for the Conservation Areas formed for 2025/26.
- PMIG meeting held 28 May



Historic Heritage

- Springwood access upgrade ready to commence
 - Scope finalised and work order issued
 - Materials delivered to site
 - Works delayed by weather

RAAF Cook House

- Access track works delayed following elevated initial quote. Scope of works in review to bring within budget.
- Now projected late Winter / Spring commencement
- Asbestos inspection postponed due to weather. To be rescheduled.
- Routine area maintenance and termite management has continued at each site
- Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) meeting held 9 April 2025

Red Brick House

- Detailed inspection to scope roof and gutter works to occur.
- Installation of curtilage fence date set for August, delayed due to contractor onboarding issues.
- Door boarding replaced following vandalism.
- Door boarding, all termite stations removed/stolen same week.











Heritage Houses schedule tracking

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2024/2025	Status	Comment	Mar	Apr	May	July	Aug	Sept	Nov Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	ylnr	Aug	Sept	Oct	Dec
Heritage																				
Springwood Homestead																				
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Structural Engineering Inspection	Complete	Completed April 2024				$oxed{oxed}$		\perp					\Box			\perp		\perp		$oxed{oxed}$
Initial prop & tie of walls	Complete	Completed August 2024						\perp								\perp		\perp	\perp	
Access upgrade (MR truck access)	In progress	Order issued, Start pending	Ш					\perp												$oxed{igsquare}$
Tree removal	Not Started										Ш									
Structural stabilsation works (per Bligh Tanner)	Not Started																			
Scope follow-on works (incl. roof)	Not Started																			
RAAF Cook House																				
Current objectives: enable safe access, remove asbestos, stabilise																				
Structural Engineering Inspection	Complete	Completed April 2024																		
Access upgrade (MR truck access)	In progress	Revising Scope to meet budget																		
Remove asbsestos materials from surrounds	In progress	Inspection pending																		
Remove tree from roof, surrounding trees	Not Started																			
Initial prop & tie roof	Not Started																	\perp		
Remove asbestos from internal fooprint	Not Started																	\perp		
Scope follow on works (incl. asbestos roof & wall removal)	Not Started																			
Red Brick House																				
Current objective: ensure watertight																				
Structural Engineering Inspection	Complete	Completed April 2024																		
Scope roofing & gutter repairs	In progress	Initial inspection completed																		
Roof & gutter repairs	Not started																			
Scope follow on works (incl. brick repointing)	Not started																			T

Future meetings

For comment: indicative yearly meeting cycle

Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Community												
CCC		X			X			X			X	
Historic Heritage												
CHAG				>	<					Х		
Heritage Inspection										X		
Cultural Heritage												
PMIG		X			X			X			X	
CHWG			>	(>	(
ACH Inspection									>	(

Timings are indicative. Notice of meetings, meeting dates, and call for agenda items will occur in period prior to meetings in normal manner.

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Other Agenda Items

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Community Support Program 2026

The Community Support Program for 2026 is being advertised in local media in Aug-Sep 2025, and closes 26 September 2025.

NEED FUNDING TO HELP IMPROVE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?

Yancoal Community Support Program call for applications

Mt Thorley Warkworth is a proud and active member of the local community. Yancoal's 2026 Community Support Program offers community groups the opportunity to apply for funding to support projects, events and initiatives that help make a genuine positive difference to the Singleton Region.

If you have a project or idea with the potential to benefit others across the areas of health, community, environment, arts, culture, education or training, please visit: www.yancoal.com. au/our-sites/mount-thorley-warkworth/

Applications close 26th September 2025.

Please share with your community networks, and please contact Gary Mulhearn (E&C Manager) if you have any queries on the program or application process.

Community Support Program 2025

The Community Support Program has continued. The 2025 round of applications were advertised in Aug-Sep 2024. There were 33 applications received,

and two existing partnerships. The following organisations are being supported in 2025 through the CSP.

Organisation	Project	Sponsorship Amount 2025
Business Singleton	2025 Events Program – Business Awards / International Women's Day / 1 x Chamber Breakfast / October Business Luncheon	\$10,000
Family History Society Singleton Inc	The Beginning of Singleton Fire Station 444 (1878) – Book printing	\$4,000
Hunter Valley Amateur Bee Keeping Association	Varroa Controller Biosecurity Protection Equipment	\$6,330
Maitland Saints AFL Club	Boundary Protection Netting	\$13,791.50
Northern Agriculture Association	Singleton Show and Campdraft 2025	\$6,000
Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter	Singleton Art Prize 2025	\$10,000
Rural Fire Service Bowthorne/Hinton	Portable Lighting and tools	\$3,374
Samaritans Foundation	Christmas Lunch in Singleton 2025	\$4,000
Singleton Clay Target Club Inc	2025 Champion Season – Trophies /prizes	\$4,000
Singleton Council	Christmas on John Street 2025	\$8,880
Singleton Council - Library	Digital Support for Library Outreach	\$1,150
Singleton Council	Seniors High Tea & Expo	\$5,500
Singleton Dressage Club	Dressage Championship Prizes	\$4,000
Singleton Fire Brigade Social Club	Santa Lolly Run 2025	\$500
Singleton Golf Club – Lady Members	Ladies Golf Club Open Day 2025	\$500
Singleton Heights Pre School	Weatherproofing the Soft Fall Area	\$12,000
Singleton Mountain Bike Club	Picnic Tables and Shade Shelters	\$13,239.



Community Support Program 2025 (cont.)

Organisation	Project	Sponsorship Amount 2025
Singleton Neighbourhood Centre	Volunteer Training – Senior First Aid	\$3,250
Singleton Rugby Club Ltd	Improve Car Park at the Club	\$1,120.59
Singleton Strikers Football Club	Senior Goals	\$6,600
Singleton Theatrical Society	2025 Productions	\$2,500
Towns With Heart Inc	Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival 2025	\$5,000
United Hospital Auxiliary - Singleton	Hospital Bed Upgrade	\$25,075.20
YWCA Hunter Region Inc	YWCA Encore	\$10,000
Singleton Roosters AFL Club	IT equipment (laptop and printer)	\$2,597.00
Westpac Rescue Helicopter	Charity Golf Day 2025 Sponsorship	\$2,300.00
University of Newcastle	Science & Engineering Challenge (Year 3 of 3 year agreement)	\$ 13,619.00
University of Newcastle	SMART Science School Tour (Year 3 of 3 year agreement)	\$ 20,460 .00
TOTAL		\$194,286.29





MTW Voluntary Planning Agreement - Update

- After the January 2025 payment, MTW has contributed \$9.05M (of \$11M total).
- Current MTW VPA Community Committee as endorsed by Council for current Singleton Council period.
 - Community Representatives: Ian Hedley, Pauline Rayner, Neale McCallum, Stirling Keayes, Sarah Purser.
 - MTW representative: Gary Mulhearn
- 7 applications have were received by closing date 28 March 2025. VPA Community Committee meeting assessed applications 2 July 2025 meeting:
 - Tennis and Soccer Practice Wall; Bulga War Memorial Gates Refurbishment; Bulga Tennis Court Refurbishment; Resurfacing of Cricket Pitch; Equipping Bulga Evacuation Centre for Emergencies; Bulga and Milbrodale Community Event Fund; Enhanced Community Yoga & Connection Program
 - Recommendations from VPA Community Committee recorded in minutes and put forward to Council for decisions.
- All VPA Community Committee agendas and minutes, and application processes are available on Singleton Council website.
- Applications open for next VPA round Closes 28 September 2025.
- https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/Council/Community-Funding-Programs/VPA-Community-Committee

Bulga Tavern update

- In February 2025, the Tavern licensee provided notice they will not continue as licensee. The Bulga Tavern has temporarily closed.
- MTW engaged a Hotel broker and a local Agent to run the process of finding a new long term Lessee.
- Of those parties who had prerecorded an interest, none have progressed further.
- The initial advertising program did not result in any interested parties.
- The search for a new Lesee is ongoing.



Bulga Service Station/Shop update

- DA for demolition, rehabilitation and new construction has been lodged with Singleton Council
- Tenders have been received back to our project managers.
- Our project managers are finalising their tender review against the tender scope and we expect to have their recommendations within the next few weeks.
- MTW will consider the project managers recommendations and then make a decision on future direction.



Community Amenity – Tank Cleaning

- Amenity works recognising air quality contribution by MTW
 - Invitation to participate remains open
- Year to date works in 2025 have included:
 - 13 tanks cleaned
 - 2 new filtered water taps installed
 - Water deliveries offsetting usage in cleaning
 - 29 spare & replacement filters supplied
 - Works undertaken across 7 residences
 - YTD expenditure of \$18,870
- Program remains ongoing. Please direct enquiries to site.

2025 Yancoal MTW First Aid Courses



Month	Day / Date
Sept	Saturday 20 th
Sept	Thursday 25 th
Oct	Tuesday 21 st
Nov	Thursday 6 th
Dec	Tuesday 2 nd

Location: North Admin Training Room Time: 9:00am – 1.00pm (Arrive at 8:45am) All participants in 2025 will receive a Yeti cup.



Open to Yancoal Personnel, Contractors, family members and local community.

To make a booking, please contact the Training Department via email: MTWTraining@yancoal.com.au
Please include your name, email and mobile phone number.

<u>There is pre-course training required prior to attending which will provided from the MTW Training Department, upon booking.</u>

This is a Nationally Accredited Course

Units attained: HLTAID011 Provide First Aid, HLTAID009 Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, HLTAID010 Provide Basic Emergency Life Support

General Business

General Business – other?

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Future Dates

Next Meeting Date

Date: Wednesday - 5 November 2025

Time: 12:30-2:30 PM

Location: Boardroom, North Warkworth Building





Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

BUSINESS PAPERS August 2025

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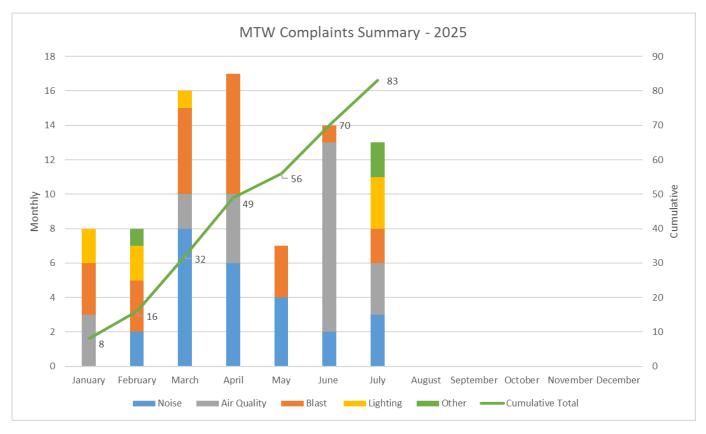
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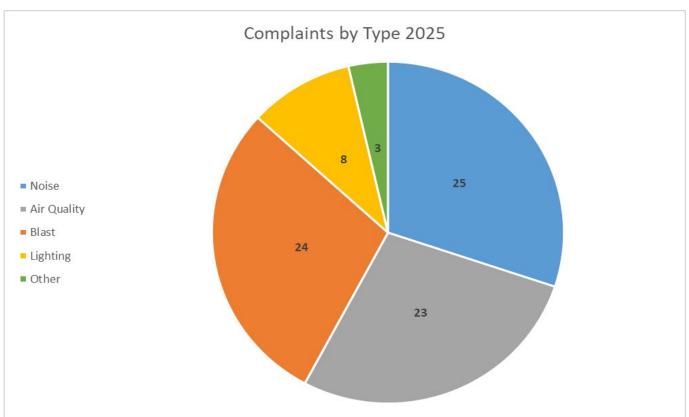
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1 COMPLAINTS

Complaints overview for period – 1 January 2025 to 31 July 2025



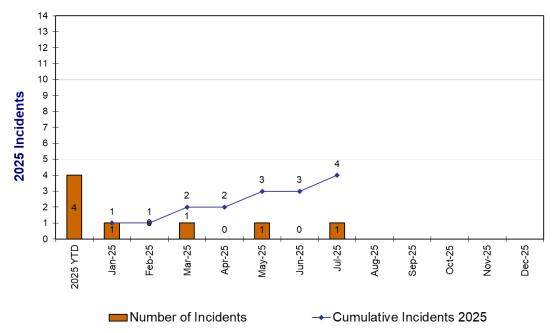


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2 INCIDENTS

Environmental incidents overview for period – 1 January 2025 to 31 July 2025





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Incident Summary for the period 1 May 2025 to 31 July 2025

Date	Details	Key Actions	Aspect
26/05/2025	Overpressure exceedance at Bulga	Notification and a written report was	Blast
	Village blast monitor	provided to EPA and DPHI. An	
		investigation was undertaken, including	
		third party blast specialists to review	
		the potential cause. The investigation	
		did not find contribution from blast	
		design, modelling and execution. The	
		potential cause was not definitively	
		determined, with identified potential	
		causes including an instrumentation	
		issue (a wavetrace anomaly identified	
		only on this monitor and not on others),	
		or meteorological conditions differing	
		from that predicted in relation to	
		enhancement conditions. An additional	
		blast monitor was installed at the Bulga	
		Village location as part of the	
		equipment investigation.	
31/07/2025	Blast mis-capture was identified	Blast monitoring systems consultant	Blast
	during Environment Protection	investigated the opportunity to retrieve	
	Licence monthly public reporting	data from the database or physical	
	processes. Two blasts were	blast monitoring unit and confirmed	
	initiated within 1 minute of each	blast data was beyond memory range.	
	other. One blast did not trigger all	Data from one onsite monitor at	
	monitors to record as blast	Charlton Ridge that recorded this blast	
	vibration was below the threshold	indicated vibration 0.1mm/sec, and	
	of 0.2mm/sec to automatically	overpressure 105.2 dB(L), which	
	trigger a blast recording.	indicates nil risk of blast exceedance at	
		private residence locations further	
		afield. Actions implemented to	
		improve procedural process and blast	
		systems to prevent reoccurrence. EPA	
		to be notified of mis-capture during	
		annual reporting processes.	

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3 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

Monthly summaries of environmental monitoring:

- March 2025 Attached as Appendix A
- April 2025- Attached as Appendix B
- May 2025 Attached as Appendix C
- June 2025 Appendix D (to be provided at a later date)

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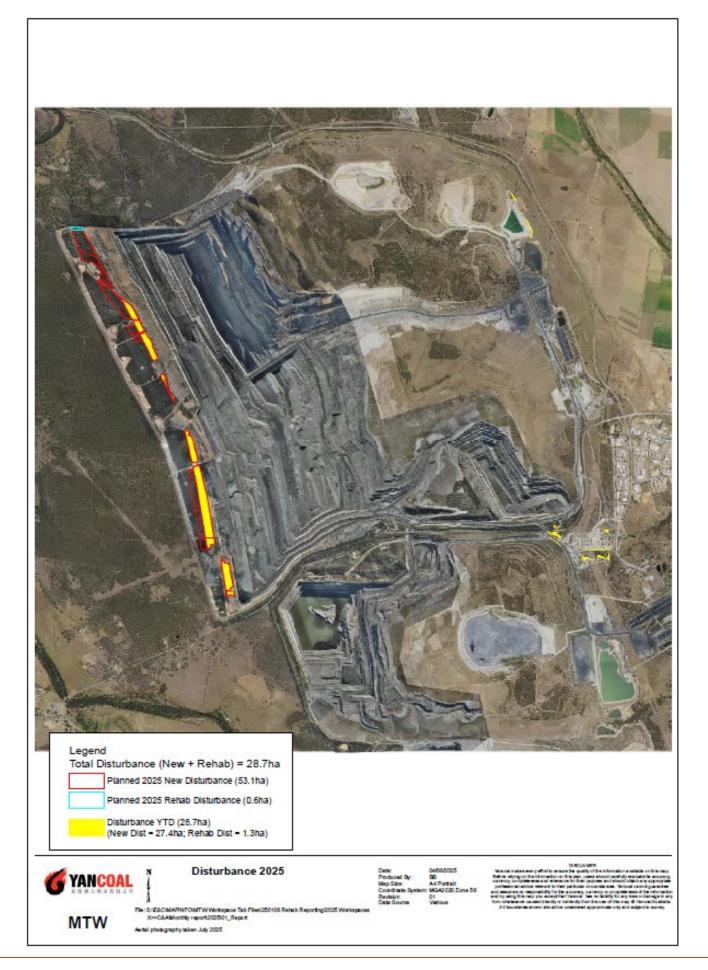
4 REHABILITATION PLAN

The rehabilitation planned for 2025 is 89ha which is consistent with the Rehabilitation Management Plan target for 2025 (89ha). The planned total disturbance is 53.7ha.

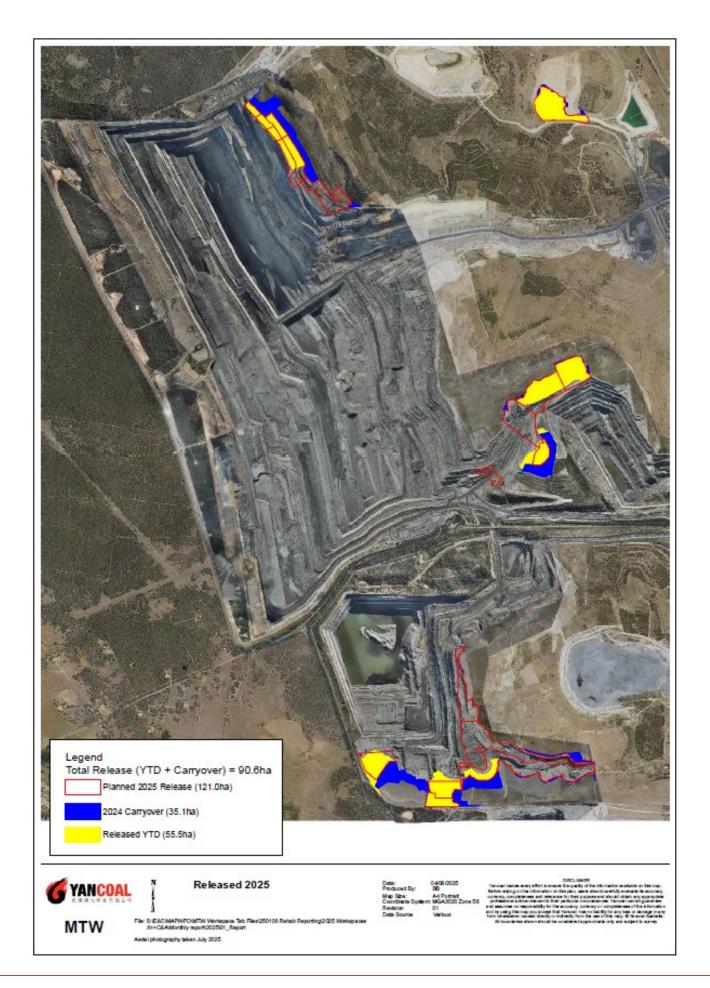
The rehabilitation and disturbance progress to the end of July 2025 are presented in the maps below. There is currently 90.6 ha of dump released for rehab; and 63ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped. There has been 17.9ha of rehab seeded to the end of July and a further 31.4ha is ready to seed.

To the end of July 2025, 28.7ha of land has been disturbed to allow for mine progression in North and West Pits in Warkworth.

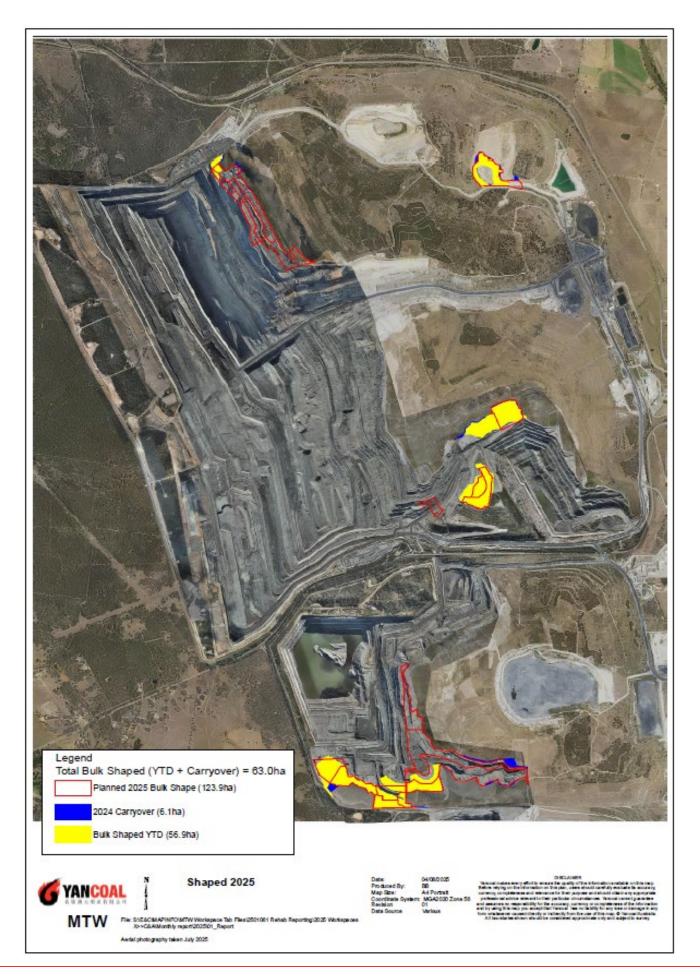
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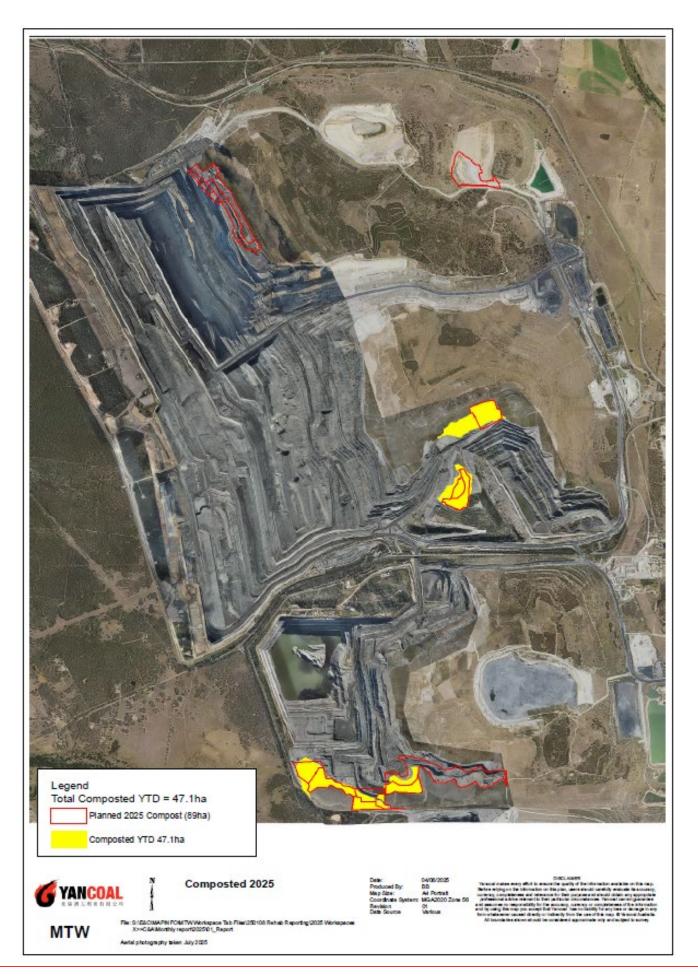
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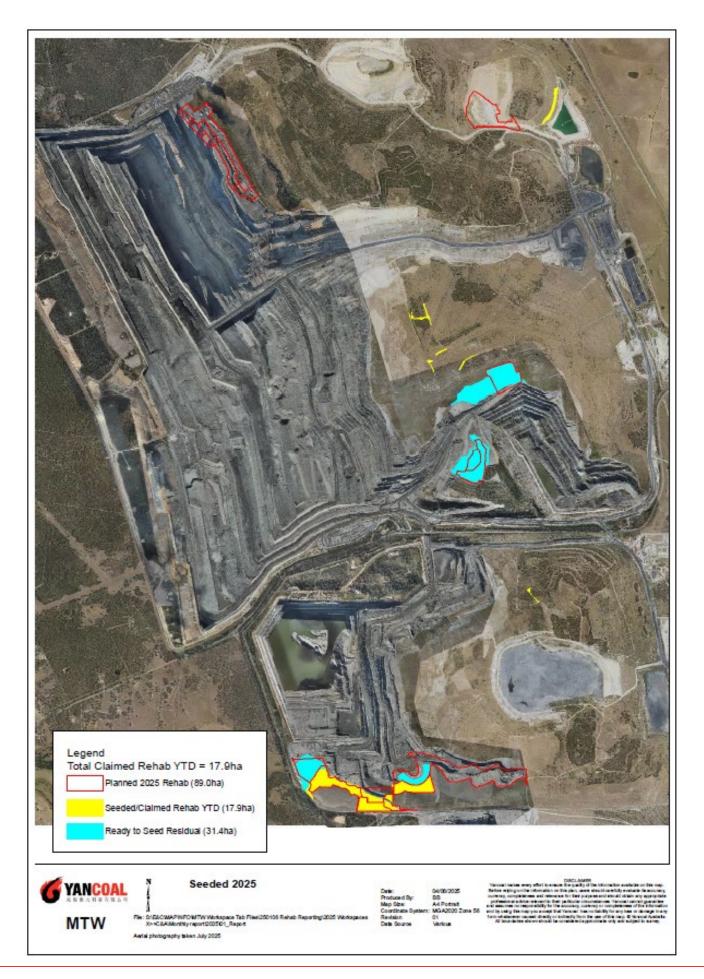
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5 WEBSITE UPLOADS

The table below is a list of all new documents uploaded to the MTW's website from 1 May 2025 to 31 July 2025. Please refer to MTW's new website: https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-warkworth/

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7-May-25
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6 YANCOAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The CSP invests in community groups working in the areas of health, social and community, environment, education and training. The following organisations are being supported in 2025 through the CSP.

Organisation	Project
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	Chamber Breakfast / October Business Luncheon
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Association	
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Applications are open for MTW's 2026 Community Support Program, closing 26 September 2025. For information please visit our website at https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-documents/ under Community Documents, Community Support Program or email mtw.csp@yancoal.com.au

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Appendix A: March 2025 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

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Appendix B: April 2025 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

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Appendix C: May 2025 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

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Appendix D: June 2025 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

*This Appendix will be provided at a later date.

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