

Mount Thorley Warkworth Complaints Register 2026

Date/Time Received	Description of Complaint	Immediate Action Taken
27/01/2026 06:56 PM	Community complaint received regarding Air (Dust). Complainant stated "Dust at Mount Thorley Warkworth mine, excessive dust. Please get watercarts out there." Call back not requested.	<p>18:59 - Community Response Officer (CRO) notified Open Cut Examiner (OCE) of complaint. CRO commenced inspection around the mine.</p> <p>19:05 - CRO notified OCE of possible dust visible in the West Pit area.</p> <p>Operational Controls Implemented:</p> <p>19:10 - Excavator 322 (WML West Pit), Shovel 345 (WML West Pit) and 20 trucks parked (Dust) up cumulative total 3.3 hours. Watercarts sent to campaign West Pit area.</p> <p>19:20 - CRO completed inspection at Bulga RFS monitoring location and observed isolated dust visible over West Pit North (dust not leaving site). OCE notified.</p> <p>19:45 - CRO continue routine inspection. Nil dust visible in the West Pit area. OCE notified.</p>
26/01/2026 10:59 AM	Community complaint received regarding Air (Dust). Complainant stated "silt settled from dust in water tank, water in tap smelling, privately owned property in Bulga and advised 2nd message no response it may not be important to you but affecting our lives". Call back requested.	<p>11:20 - Community Response Officer (CRO) called complainant. Complainant stated they had called two weeks prior and had not heard back regarding tank cleaning request. CRO explained in brief the tank cleaning process that is offered by MTW. CRO advised their details and request would be passed to the Environment and Community team. Complainant outlined that the dust had accumulated in their tank over the last 10 plus years and was impacting taste and smell of drinking water. Complainant stated that recent TV news report in the Bulga area had increased their urgency for the service to be completed. Complainant asked for a timeframe on call back, CRO stated they could not commit a time for the call back, but would communicate the urgency of the request.</p> <p>On 27/01/2026, subsequent to the Australia Day public holiday, Environment & Community Staff contacted the community member, apologised for not responding to the initial enquiry earlier, and commenced arrangements for MTW Amenity Program tank clean offering.</p>

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09/01/2026 06:44 AM	Community complaint received regarding Air (Dust). Complainant stated "Excessive dust". Call back not requested.	<p>06:44 - Community Response Officer (CRO) completing routine inspection when complaint received. Dust inversion observed over WML. At time of inspection wind speed was calm and a valley wide haze was observed. Open Cut Examiner Notified (OCE). Operational Controls in place at time of complaint:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both draglines DL101 & DL103 are parked up to reduce dust generation. - 8 mining watercarts manned and operating. Watercarts hot seated throughout crib windows. - 5 off highway contractor watercarts managed throughout shift. <p>07:32 - Environment and Community Advisor completing inspection along Putty Road, Complainant on side of road and waved down ECS. ECS parked and spoke to complainant. Complainant expressed concern for general dust haze and dust from the South ROM. ECS provided overview of operation and controls in place.</p>

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08/01/2026 07:21 AM	Community complaint received regarding Air (Dust). Complainant stated "Excessive dust from last night". Call back requested.	<p>07:37 - Community Response Officer (CRO) called complainant. Complainant explained that they believed there was excessive dust in the air above the mine this morning. Complainant explained that they thought it was caused last night due to not having any watercarts operating. CRO advised that watercarts were indeed operating throughout the night and other dust management controls were also being implemented throughout the shift. CRO stated that the mine was aware of current and predicted weather conditions that would continue to present challenges for the day and that strategies and changes were already being made to mitigate dust. Complainant went on to express concern for their family's health. Complainant advised they had taken photos and videos and would be sending to the EPA. After further discussion with the CRO complainant then spoke of specific areas of concern which the CRO was able to identify as West Pit South including Battle Axe and Woodlands dumps, as well as the MTO crusher yard. CRO assured complainant that their concerns would be inspected with complaint would be formally recorded. CRO notified Open Cut Examiner (OCE)</p> <p>07:45 - CRO completed inspection along Putty Road in response to complaint. Dust haze visible in West Pit South area. OCE notified. Battleaxe RL 145 and Woodlands Dumps closed.</p> <p>07:50 - Operational Change: Loader 649 South ROM intermittent load technique, Excavator 320 and 322 intermitted modified loading technique.</p> <p>08:03 - Community complaint received regarding Air (Dust). Complainant stated "Rang earlier about dust and received a call back. The run of mine hopper is creating a lot of black dust and going high in sky. Crushing plant is creating a lot of dust as well. Doesn't need call as person in charge of mine has just arrived at his property"</p> <p>08:04 - CRO was approached by complainant at Wallaby Scrub gate off Putty Road. Complainant explained that he believed the MTO Crusher and the South ROM was creating excessive dust. CRO explained that the MTO Crusher had already been identified and was now shut down, the South ROM was being monitored and operations would be modified if required. CRO notified OCE.</p> <p>08:05 - Operational Change: Loader 649 South ROM parked up.</p>