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Appin Area 7 Longwall 705 Landscape End of Panel Report

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Executive Summary

This report has been prepared by the BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal Environmental Field Team (ICEFT) to summarise the observed and measured subsidence effects on landscape features resulting from the extraction of Longwall 705.

Extraction of Longwall 705 began on the 7th of September 2012 and was completed on 27th March 2014.

The ICEFT conducted detailed monitoring of landscape features including the Nepean River, watercourses, groundwater, cliffs and steep slopes as well as private properties. This monitoring was conducted in accordance with the Appin Longwall 705 to 706 Subsidence Management Plan (SMP).

During the monitoring three impacts to natural features were observed by the ICEFT. These three impacts, Gas Zones 16, 17 and 18 are Level 1 Impacts according to TARPs for Appin Area 7, Longwalls 705 and 706. Gas zones 16 and 17 have been inactive for some time with Gas Zone 18 remaining as the only impact for Longwall 705.

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Abbreviations

- CMA Corrective Management Action
- DP&I Department of Planning and Infrastructure
- DRE Department of Trade and Investment, Division of Resources and Energy
- **EoP** End of Panel
- Illawarra Coal BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal
- ICEFT Illawarra Coal Environmental Field Team
- **OEH** Office of Environment and Heritage
- **SMP** Subsidence Management Plan
- TARP Trigger Action Response Plan

1. Introduction

This report has been prepared by the BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal Environmental Field Team (ICEFT) as part of the Appin Area 7 Longwall 705 End of Panel Report (EoP Report). Monitoring programs and impacts associated with subsidence from Longwall 705 are outlined in this report. Extraction of Longwall 705 began on the 7th of September 2012 and was completed on the 27th March 2014.

Monitoring of environmental features was carried out in accordance with the Appin Longwall 705 to 706 Subsidence Management Plan (SMP). This report outlines monitoring of the Nepean River, other watercourses, groundwater, cliffs and steep slopes as well as private properties. The Trigger, Action, Response Plans (TARPs) set out in the SMP provide the actions required to be undertaken for subsidence impacts (Appendix A).

For all observed impacts associated with Longwall 705, the appropriate TARP was applied and actions implemented. This report provides a summary of impacts and triggers observed during the extraction of Longwall 705.

Monitoring was conducted for landscapes in the zone of influence of Longwall 705 during baseline, active mining and post-mining periods. Baseline inspections were conducted until the longwall was within 400m of each feature. Weekly inspections of each feature were conducted during active mining until the longwall was 400m past the feature. Post-mining inspections started after this and will continue as required.

An overview of the monitoring conducted is provided as Table 1 and in Figure 1. Observations and measurements of surface water parameters, groundwater parameters and key landscape features were conducted by the ICEFT. Natural features monitored in association with Longwall 705 include the Nepean River and its surrounding gorge, watercourses in the area and groundwater through instrumented boreholes.

Inspections of dams, boreholes and natural features on properties within the influence of Longwall 705 were conducted by the ICEFT before and after mining. Property inspection reports have been prepared and made available to relevant landholders. All inspections are conducted with the consent of the relevant property/infrastructure owner and/or tenant. Information on private properties can be found within the main EoP Report.

2. Summary of Monitoring Results

Table 1: Summary of Monitoring

MONITORING SITE	SITE TYPE	MONITORING FREQUENCY	MONITORED SITES ASSOCIATED WITH LONGWALL 705
WATER QUALITY			
Nepean River Baseline upriver sites for cross- checking for upriver perturbations: • NR0 • NR2 (pre Area 9 mining) • NR110 (New site - post Area 9 mining) • NR4 • NR5 • NR6 Impact monitoring sites adjacent to each longwall: • NR11 • NR12 • NR13 • NR20 • NR30 Other sites NR7 • NR50	Grab Sample and field measurements	 Monthly baseline prior to mining (data has been recorded for most sites since 2003). Weekly observations and field analysis during mining. Monthly detailed laboratory analysis during mining. Monthly monitoring for 2 years post mining (or as otherwise required/approved). If required as a result of assessment of mining impacts. 	Nepean River Baseline upriver sites for cross- checking for upriver perturbations: NR0 NR2 (pre Area 9 mining) NR110 (New site - post Area 9 mining) NR4 NR5 NR6 Impact monitoring sites adjacent to each longwall: NR12 NR13 NR20 NR30 Other sites NR7 NR50
Ephemeral Watercourses Lower Harris Creek (NR3) Elladale Creek (NR8) Ousedale Creek (NR10) Menangle Creek (NR40) Upper Harris Creek (HC10) Foot Onslow Creek (FO1) Navigation Creek (NAV1)	Grab sample and field measurements	 Prior to mining of longwall underlying watercourse or mining of any immediately adjacent longwall. Monthly detailed laboratory analysis during mining. Following the development of incremental subsidence for each longwall that will impact on the feature. 	Ephemeral Watercourses Lower Harris Creek (NR3) Elladale Creek (NR8) Ousedale Creek (NR10) Menangle Creek (NR40) Upper Harris Creek (HC10)
LEVEL AND FLOW			
Nepean River At benchmark sites and water pump sites: • NRL05 • NRL10 • NRL12 • NRL13 • NRL15	Water Level Water flow (measured at SCA weirs)	 Monthly baseline prior to mining (data has been recorded for most sites since 2007). Weekly manual monitoring at nails during mining. Flow monitoring at weirs (data supplied by SCA). Ongoing monthly monitoring for 2 years post 	Nepean River At benchmark sites and water pump sites: • NRL05 • NRL10 • NRL12 • NRL13 • NRL15

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 NRL20 Pump 1 NRL Pump 2 NRL NRL25 NRL30 NRL33 NRL35 NRL40 NRL45 NRL48 NRL50 Pump 5 NRL Pump 6 NRL 		mining (or as otherwise required/approved).	 NRL20 Pump 1 NRL Pump 2 NRL NRL25 NRL30 NRL33 NRL35 NRL40 NRL45 NRL48 NRL50 Pump 5 NRL Pump 6 NRL
Ephemeral Watercourses Lower Harris Creek (NR3) Elladale Creek (NR8) Ousedale Creek (NR10) Menangle Creek (NR40) Upper Harris Creek (HC10) Foot Onslow Creek (F01) Navigation Creek (NAV1)	Water Level	 Prior to mining of longwall underlying watercourse or mining of any immediately adjacent longwall. Following the development of incremental subsidence for each longwall that will impact on the feature. 	Ephemeral Watercourses Lower Harris Creek (NR3) Elladale Creek (NR8) Ousedale Creek (NR10) Menangle Creek (NR40) Upper Harris Creek (HC10)
APPEARANCE			
APPEARANCE Nepean River • Visual observations along the length of the Nepean River within the active mining area.	Observational and photographic monitoring	 Monthly baseline prior to mining (data has been recorded for most sites since 2003). Weekly observations and field analysis during mining. Monthly monitoring for 2 years post mining (or as otherwise required/approved). If required as a result of assessment of mining impacts. 	 Nepean River Visual observations along the length of the Nepean River within the active mining area
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Pump 4			Pump 4
Pump 5 NRL			Pump 5 NRL
Pump 6 NRL			Pump 6 NRL
GROUNDWATER			
Water Level	Groundwater level	IC Bores	Water Level
IC monitoring bores		 Pre-mining (data has been recorded since 	IC monitoring bores
• NGW3		September 2004 for some sites)	 No IC monitoring bores associated with Longwall 705
NGW4		 Water level logged hourly 	
 NGW6 		 Post-mining – following the development of 	Private bores
 NGW5 		incremental subsidence for each longwall that	 1 registered bore monitored for Longwall 705 (see main report
NGW7		will potentially impact on the borehole.	"Property Inspections" section for details on Private bore
 NGW9 		 Monitoring to continue for at least 12 months 	impacts).
• NGW10		post mining.	
• NGW11			
• EAW5		Private Bores	
 EAW7 (S1936) 		 Prior to mining of longwall underlying bore or 	
• S1584		mining of any immediately adjacent longwall (if	
• S1809		In agreement with landholder).	
• S1853		- Post-mining – ronowing the development of	
• S1854		will impact on the borehole (if in agreement	
		with landholder)	
Private bores		- As requested by landholder or if physical	
10 registered bores within the SMP area		impacts to bore identified (landholder to	
(refer to Built Feature Management Plans for		observe during use of bore).	
monitoring/management)		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
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		 Pre-mining – prior to mining of longwall underlying here or mining of only immediately 	No IC monitoring bores
		adjacent longwall	
• 110773		 Bost mining following the development of 	Private hores
Private bores		 Fost-mining – following the development of incremental subsidence for each longwall that 	1 registered hore monitored for Longwall 705 (see main report
10 registered bares within the SMP area		will impact on the feature (i.e. each longwall)	"Property Inspections" section for details on Private hore
(refer to Built Feature Management Plans for		As required to provide additional data for any	impacts).
monitoring/management)		bore impact investigation or if physical impacts	
mennenng/managemenny		to bore identified.	
		Private Bores	
		Prior to mining of longwall underlying bore or	
		mining of any immediately adjacent longwall (if	
		in agreement with landholder).	
		 Post-mining – following the development of 	
		incremental subsidence for each longwall that	
		will impact on the borehole (if in agreement	
		with landholder).	
		 As requested by landholder or if physical 	

		impacts to bore identified (landholder to observe during use of bore).	
LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
 Cliffs Along Nepean Gorge Steep Slopes Along Nepean Gorge, associated tributaries and above western end of the proposed longwalls. 	Observational and photographic monitoring	 Once prior to mining. Photographic records taken. During mining, monthly visual inspections, increased to weekly inspections during critical periods (for cliffs and steep slopes along the Nepean Gorge and associated tributaries). Monitoring to continue 6 monthly for 2 years following the completion of mining (or as otherwise required/approved). As required when specific impacts are identified or when concern is raised by a landowner. As required, in accordance with Built Feature Management Plans and landholder agreement. 	 Cliffs Along Nepean Gorge Steep Slopes Along Nepean Gorge, associated tributaries and above western end of the proposed longwalls.

* Analytes tested for only when gas release observed



Figure 1: Location of Monitoring Sites

2.1. Water Quality

In-situ water quality parameters for the Nepean River and its tributaries are collected by the ICEFT on a weekly basis (when access is available). Parameters measured include temperature, specific conductivity (SpC), Oxidation-Reduction Potential (ORP), pH and dissolved oxygen (DO). Water samples are collected on a monthly basis to test for a range of laboratory parameters. In-situ and sampled water quality results are assessed by EcoEngineers and is included in the relevant water quality section of the EoP Report.

2.2. Gas Releases

Three gas zones (Gas Zones 16, 17 and 18) have been observed on the Nepean River. Gas Zone 16 was first observed on the 4th October 2012 and consisted of multiple releases in an approximate 60m x 5m area. This release has not been active since the 17th January 2014 (**Photos 1 - 3**). Gas Zone 17 was first observed on the 12th February 2013 and has not been active since the 19th February 2014. It consisted of up to seven releases (**Photos 4 & 5**). Gas Zone 18 was first observed on the 18th March 2013 and consisted of up to 20 releases; it remains active at the time of this report (**Photos 6 & 7**).

The flow rate from Gas Zone 16 was estimated to be approximately 200L/min. Gas Zones 17 and 18 were too small and diffused to estimate flow rates. The releases are Level 1 Impacts according to the TARPs, specifically: Identification of strata gas plume of flow rate <3000L/min.



Photo 1: AA7LW705 Gas Zone 16 looking downstream. Taken on 04/10/2012.



Photo 2: AA7LW705 Gas Zone 16 looking downstream. Taken on 23/10/2012.



Photo 3: AA7LW705 Gas Zone 16 looking down stream. Gas zone not active. Taken on 17/01/2014.



Photo 5: AA7LW705 Gas Zone 17 looking across stream. Gas zone not active. Taken on 19/02/2014.



Photo 7: AA7LW705 Gas Zone 18 looking downstream across stream. Taken on 18/03/13.

2.3. Water Level and Flow

Water levels in the Nepean River and its tributaries are monitored by the ICEFT using observations and measured benchmarks on a weekly basis (when access is available). No



Photo 4: AA7LW705 Gas Zone 17 looking across stream. Taken on 18/03/2013.



Photo 6: AA7LW705 Gas Zone 18 looking downstream. Taken on 18/03/13.

impacts to the water levels of the Nepean River or its tributaries were observed during the extraction of Longwall 705 (**Figures 2 – 5**).



Figure 2: Comparison of Water Level at Nepean River site NRL25 with Daily Rainfall before and after the beginning of Longwall 705. Rainfall data collected from *Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) Douglas Park (St Marys Towers) NSW.*



Figure 3: Comparison of Water Level at Nepean River site NRL48 with Daily Rainfall before and after the beginning of Longwall 705. Rainfall data collected from *Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) Douglas Park (St Marys Towers) NSW.*



Figure 4: Comparison of Water Level at Nepean River site Pump 5 – NRL with Daily Rainfall before and after the beginning of Longwall 705. Rainfall data collected from *Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) Douglas Park (St Marys Towers) NSW.*



Figure 5: Comparison of Water Level at Nepean River site NRL13 with Daily Rainfall before and after the beginning of Longwall 705. Rainfall data collected from *Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) Douglas Park (St Marys Towers) NSW.*

2.4. Appearance

The appearance of the Nepean River and its tributaries is monitored by the ICEFT on a weekly basis (when access is available). Photographs are taken of monitoring sites, gas zones and any other potential impact site. No impacts to the appearance of the Nepean River or its tributaries were observed during the extraction of Longwall 705 (**Photos 8 – 13**).



Photo 8: NRL25, located downstream of Longwall 705, looking downstream. Taken on 05/09/12 (prior to start of Longwall 705).



Photo 10: NRL48, located upstream of Longwall 705, looking upstream. Taken on 05/09/12 (prior to start of Longwall 705).



Photo 9: NRL25, located downstream of Longwall 705, looking downstream. Taken on 16/04/14 (Following extraction of Longwall 705).



Photo 11: NRL48, located upstream of Longwall 705, looking upstream. Taken on 16/04/14 (Following extraction of Longwall 705).



Photo 12: NR13, located downstream of Longwall 705, looking downstream. Taken on 05/09/12 (prior to start of Longwall 705).



Photo 13: NR13, located downstream of Longwall 705, looking downstream. Taken on 16/04/14 (Following extraction of Longwall 705).

2.5. Groundwater

Groundwater levels were collected for Nepean Groundwater (NGW) piezometers. Groundwater will be assessed by GeoTerra and the relevant sections of the EoP Report.

2.6. Landscape Features

Observations and photographs of landscape features such as cliffs and steep slopes along the Nepean Gorge and associated tributaries were conducted by the ICEFT. No impacts to landscape features were found during the extraction of Longwall 705 (**Photos 14 - 17**).



Photo 14: Cliffline downstream of site Pump 2 – NRL before mining. Taken on 05/09/12 (before start of Longwall 705).



Photo 15: Cliffline downstream of site Pump 2 – NRL before mining. Taken on 30/04/14 (after start of Longwall 705).



Photo 16: Cliffline near NR11, no impact. Taken on 30/04/14.



Photo 17: Cliffline and steep slope area near NR11, no impact. Taken on 30/04/14.

2.7. Summary of Impacts

Three impacts to water quality were identified by ICEFT during the monitoring of Longwall 705. All three impacts are Gas Zones occurring on the Nepean River and are summarised in **Table 2**. A detailed description of these impacts can be found in the relevant impact reports provided as an attachment to the Longwall 705 EoP Report.

Table 2: Su	mmary of	Impacts t	o Water	Quality

Site ID	Easting	Northing	Impact	First Obs	Last Obs	Description	Feature Affected	TARP Level Triggered	Impact Report/s Dated
AA7LW 705 Gas Zone 16	290956	6215645	Gas Zone	4/10/12	17/01/14	Multiple releases on western side of river with one main constant release. This gas zone is spread variably over approximately 280m ²	Nepean River	Level 1	5 th October 2012
AA7LW 705 Gas Zone 17	290815	6215562	Gas Zone	12/02/13	19/02/14	Up to 7 intermittent releases	Nepean River	Level 1	14 th February 2013
AA7LW 705 Gas Zone 18	290623	6215275	Gas Zone	18/03/13	16/04/14	Up to 20 intermittent releases	Nepean River	Level 1	18 th March 2013 & 6 th May 2013

3. Recommendations for Future Monitoring

Recommendations for future monitoring in Appin Area 7, particularly concerning monitoring of Nepean River are outlined in **Table 3**. These recommendations are based on monitoring commitments in the SMP, data gathered during mining Longwall 705 and the proximity of sites to Longwall 706.

MONITORED SITES ASSOCIATED WITH LONGWALL 705	MONITORING FREQUENCY	RECOMMENDED FUTURE MONITORING
WATER QUALITY		
Nepean River Baseline upriver sites for cross- checking for upriver perturbations: • NR0 • NR2 (pre Area 9 mining) • NR110 (New site - post Area 9 mining) • NR4 • NR5 • NR6 Impact monitoring sites adjacent to each longwall: • NR11 • NR12 • NR13 • NR20 • NR50	 Monthly baseline prior to mining (data has been recorded for most sites since 2003). Weekly observations and field analysis during mining. Monthly detailed laboratory analysis during mining. Monthly monitoring for 2 years post mining (or as otherwise required/approved). If required as a result of assessment of mining impacts. 	 Monthly observations and field analysis due to distance from mining. Removal of NR20 and NR30 due to distance from mining and adequate location of NR12, NR13 and NR50.
Ephemeral Watercourses Lower Harris Creek (NR3) Elladale Creek (NR8) Ousedale Creek (NR10) Menangle Creek (NR40) Upper Harris Creek (HC10)	 Prior to mining of longwall underlying watercourse or mining of any immediately adjacent longwall. Monthly detailed laboratory analysis during mining. Following the development of incremental subsidence for each longwall that will impact on the feature. 	As per the monitoring program
LEVEL AND FLOW		
Nepean RiverAt benchmark sites and water pump sites:NRL05NRL10NRL12NRL13NRL15NRL20Pump 1 NRLPump 2 NRLNRL33NRL35NRL40NRL45NRL48NRL50Pump 5 NRLPump 6 NRL	 Monthly baseline prior to mining (data has been recorded for most sites since 2007). Weekly manual monitoring at nails during mining. Flow monitoring at weirs (data supplied by SCA). Ongoing monthly monitoring for 2 years post mining (or as otherwise required/approved). 	 Monthly measurement of benchmark sites due to distance from mining

Table 3: Summar	y of Recommended	Future	Monitoring
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Ephemeral Watercourses Lower Harris Creek (NR3) Elladale Creek (NR8) Ousedale Creek (NR10) Menangle Creek (NR40) Upper Harris Creek (HC10)	 Prior to mining of longwall underlying watercourse or mining of any immediately adjacent longwall. Following the development of incremental subsidence for each longwall that will impact on the feature. 	As per the monitoring program
APPEARANCE		
 Nepean River Visual observations along the length of the Nepean River within the active mining area 	 Monthly baseline prior to mining (data has been recorded for most sites since 2003). Weekly observations and field analysis during mining. Monthly monitoring for 2 years post mining (or as otherwise required/approved). If required as a result of assessment of mining impacts. 	 Monthly observations and field analysis due to distance from mining
Ephemeral Watercourses Lower Harris Creek (NR3) Elladale Creek (NR8) Ousedale Creek (NR10) Menangle Creek (NR40) Upper Harris Creek	 Prior to mining of longwall underlying watercourse or mining of any immediately adjacent longwall. Following the development of incremental subsidence for each longwall that will impact on the feature. 	As per the monitoring program
Water Pumps Pump 1 NRL Pump 2 NRL Pump 3 Pump 4 Pump 5 NRL Pump 6 NRL	 Pre mining photographs Weekly visual inspection during mining If required as a result of assessment of mining impacts. 	 Monthly inspection due to distance from mining.
GROUNDWATER		
Water Level IC monitoring bores • No IC monitoring bores associated with Longwall 705 Private bores • 1 registered bore monitored for Longwall 705	 IC Bores Pre-mining (data has been recorded since September 2004 for some sites) Water level logged hourly Post-mining – following the development of incremental subsidence for each longwall that will potentially impact on the borehole. Monitoring to continue for at least 12 months post mining. Private Bores Prior to mining of longwall underlying bore or mining of any immediately adjacent longwall (if in agreement with landholder). Post-mining – following the development of incremental subsidence for each longwall that will impact on the borehole (if in agreement with landholder). As requested by landholder or if physical impacts to bore identified (landholder to observe during use of bore). 	IC monitored bores S1936 Cease regular monitoring of IC boreholes as mining has been outside the area of influence for at least 12 months NGW3 NGW4 NGW5 NGW5 NGW6 NGW7 NGW9 NGW10 NGW10 NGW11 Private bores Monitoring of private boreholes prior-to and post-mining of Longwall 706 GW104661 GW104602 GW102584 GW108312
IC monitoring bores NGW5 NGW6 Private bores 1 registered bore monitored for Longwall 705	 Pre-mining – prior to mining of longwall underlying bore or mining of any immediately adjacent longwall. Post-mining – following the development of incremental subsidence for each longwall that will impact on the feature (i.e. each longwall). As required to provide additional data for any bore impact investigation or if physical impacts to bore identified. 	IC monitored bores • Cease regular monitoring of following IC boreholes as mining has been outside the area of influence for at least 12 months: - NGW3 - NGW4 - NGW5 - NGW6 - NGW7 - NGW9

	 Private Bores Prior to mining of longwall underlying bore or mining of any immediately adjacent longwall (if in agreement with landholder). Post-mining – following the development of incremental subsidence for each longwall that will impact on the borehole (if in agreement with landholder). As requested by landholder or if physical impacts to bore identified (landholder to observe during use of bore). 	 NGW10 NGW11 Private bores Monitoring of private boreholes prior-to and post-mining of Longwall 706: GW104661 GW102584 GW108312
LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
 Cliffs Along Nepean Gorge Steep Slopes Along Nepean Gorge, associated tributaries and above western end of the proposed longwalls. 	 Once prior to mining. Photographic records taken. During mining, monthly visual inspections, increased to weekly inspections during critical periods (for cliffs and steep slopes along the Nepean Gorge and associated tributaries). Monitoring to continue 6 monthly for 2 years following the completion of mining (or as otherwise required/approved). As required when specific impacts are identified or when concern is raised by a landowner. As required, in accordance with Built Feature Management Plans and landholder agreement. 	Monthly inspections due to distance from mining



Figure 6: Location of impacted sites

Appendix A – Subsidence Predictions, TARP Trigger Observations and Impacts Associated with Longwall 705

Monitoring	Trigger	Actions Undertaken if Impact was Observed	Impacts Observed	Impacts within prediction?	Further Actions or Recommendations
WATER QUALITY					
Nepean River Impact monitoring sites adjacent to each Longwall: NR11 NR12 NR13 NR20 NR30 Refer Figure 1a Notes: Baseline upriver sites will be used for cross- checking for upriver	 Level 1 (Within Prediction)⁽¹⁾ Impact monitoring sites: pH reduction greater than 1 standard deviation but less than 2 standard deviation from pre-mining mean resulting from the mining for two consecutive months DO reduction greater than 1 standard deviation but less than 2 standard deviation but less than 2 standard deviation from pre-mining mean resulting from the mining for two consecutive months Identification of strata gas plume of flow rate < 3000 L/min ⁽²⁾ 	 Continue monitoring program Report impacts to key stakeholders Summarise impacts and record 	Three Gas Zones in the Nepean River with flow rate <3000L/min • AA7LW705 Gas Zone 15 • AA7LW705 Gas Zone 16 • AA7LW705 Gas Zone 17	Yes	Continue Monitoring Program
perturbations ⁽³⁾ Baseline Upriver site NR2 data to be updated at end of panel following completion of each longwall, subject to checks-for, and discard-of upriver perturbed data	 Level 2 (Within Prediction – CMAs may be required)⁽¹⁾ Impact monitoring sites: pH reduction greater than 2 standard deviation from pre-mining mean resulting from the mining for two consecutive months DO reduction greater than 2 standard deviation from pre-mining mean resulting from the mining for two consecutive months 	 Actions as stated for Level 1 plus: Review monitoring program Notify relevant specialists (BHPBIC) and develop and implement remedial action if necessary Strata Gas Emission Plume: Estimate gas emission flow rates. Re-estimate should significant change be observed Take sample of plume (if possible) 	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A

	 EC, total Fe and total Mn increases greater than 2 standard deviation from pre-mining mean resulting from the mining for two consecutive months Identification of strata gas plume of flow rate > 3000 L/min⁽²⁾ 	 for: chemical composition dissolved methane from exactly above gas plume and at established downriver monitoring sites dissolved sulfide and total phenols from exactly above gas plume and at nearest downriver monitoring site(s) Actions as stated for Level 2 plus: Immediately notify OFH_D&PI 	No such impacts	NA	N/A
	 Impact monitoring sites: Level 2-type reduction in water quality resulting from the mining observed for more than 6 consecutive months 	 Immediately notify OEH, D&PI, NoW & DRE and any other relevant specialist. Consultation with stakeholders. Collect laboratory samples and analyse for: pH, EC, Total Fe and Mn Suite of Filterable metals. Dissolved methane, sulfide and total phenols (if relevant). Develop site management measures as soon as practically possible (pending stakeholder availability) and seek any approvals required to implement 	observea		
	 Exceeding Prediction More than negligible gas releases 	 Actions as stated for Level 3 Investigate reasons for the exceedance Update future predictions based on the outcomes of the investigation 	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A
WATER LEVEL AND FLOW					
 Nepean River Visual observations along the length of the Nepean River within the active mining area 	 Level 1 (Within Prediction)⁽¹⁾ Observation of areas of dry and/or flooded riverbed in comparison to pre- mining baseline observations and flows, for less than 2 consecutive months. 	 Continue monitoring program Report impacts to key stakeholders Summarise impacts and record 	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A

	 Level 2 (Within Prediction – CMAs may be required)⁽¹⁾ Observation of areas of dry and/or flooded riverbed in comparison to premining baseline observations and flows, for more than 2 consecutive months. Level 3 (CMAs likely to be required)⁽¹⁾ Observation of areas of dry and/or flooded riverbed in comparison to premining baseline observations and flows, for more than 6 consecutive months. 	 Actions as stated for Level 1 Review monitoring program Notify relevant technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required Implement agreed CMAs as approved Actions as stated for Level 2 Immediately notify relevant government agencies, other resource managers and relevant technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required. Site visits with stakeholders if required Develop site CMA in consultation with key stakeholders within 1 month. Completion of works following approvals Issue CMA report within 1 month of works completion Conduct initial follow up monitoring & reporting within 2 months of CMA completion if required Review the relevant TARP and Management Plan in consultation with key stakeholders 	No such impacts observed No such impacts observed	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
APPEARANCE					
 Nepean River Visual observations along the length of the Nepean River within the active mining area 	 Level 1 (Within Prediction)⁽¹⁾ Identified iron staining resulting from the mining for two consecutive months Identified water cloudiness resulting from the mining for two consecutive months 	 Continue monitoring program Report impacts to key stakeholders Summarise impacts and record 	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A
	Level 2 (Within Prediction – CMAs may	Actions as stated for Level 1Review monitoring program	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A

	 be required)⁽¹⁾ Iron staining greater than baseline monitoring resulting from the mining for two consecutive months Water cloudiness greater than baseline monitoring resulting from the mining for two consecutive months 	•	Notify relevant technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required Implement agreed CMAs as approved	No such impacts	N/A	N/A
	 Iron staining greater than baseline monitoring resulting from the mining for six consecutive months Water cloudiness greater than baseline monitoring resulting from the mining for six consecutive months 	• • • •	Immediately notify relevant government agencies, other resource managers and relevant technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required. Site visits with stakeholders if required Develop site CMA in consultation with key stakeholders within 1 month. Completion of works following approvals Issue CMA report within 1 month of works completion Conduct initial follow up monitoring & reporting within 2 months of CMA completion if required Review the relevant TARP and Management Plan in consultation with key stakeholders	observed		
	 Exceeding Prediction More than negligible iron staining resulting from the mining More than negligible increase in water cloudiness resulting from the mining 	•	Actions as stated for Level 3 Investigate reasons for the exceedance Update future predictions based on the outcomes of the investigation	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A
 Ephemeral Watercourses Upper Harris Creek (HC10) Foot Onslow Creek (FO1) 	 Level 1 (Within Prediction)⁽¹⁾ Fracturing with no observable loss of surface water flow 	•	Continue monitoring program Report impacts to key stakeholders Summarise impacts and record	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A

 Navigation Creek (NAV1) Visual observations at water quality monitoring sites and along the length of the stream within the active mining area where landholder access is granted 	 Fracturing with no reduction in pool water level when compared to similar environmental conditions in baseline period Increase in turbidity, iron staining, algal growth, or other visible water quality parameters resulting from the mining for two consecutive months determined by comparing baseline photos with photos during the mining period 				
	 Level 2 (Within Prediction – CMAs may be required)⁽¹⁾ Fracturing resulting in loss of surface flow in some creeks or tributary Fracturing resulting in water loss from some permanent pools Reduced water retention time in pools Increase in turbidity, iron staining, algal growth, or other visible water quality parameters resulting from the mining for two consecutive months determined by comparing baseline photos with photos during the mining period 	 Actions as stated for Level 1 Review monitoring program Notify relevant technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required Implement agreed CMAs as approved 	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A
	 Level 3 (CMAs likely to be required)⁽¹⁾ Fracturing resulting in total loss of surface flow in all sections of a creek or tributary Fracturing resulting in total water loss from all permanent pools in the mining area Reduced water retention time in all pools in the mining area 	 Actions as stated for Level 2 Immediately notify relevant government agencies, other resource managers and relevant technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required. Site visits with stakeholders if required Develop site CMA in consultation with key stakeholders within 1 month. Completion of works following approvals Issue CMA report within 1 month of works completion 	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A

	 Exceeding Prediction Fracturing of controlling rockbars and/or stream bed, resulting in the diversion of all stream flow in the mining area 	•	Conduct initial follow up monitoring & reporting within 2 months of CMA completion if required Review the relevant TARP and Management Plan in consultation with key stakeholders Actions as stated for Level 3 Investigate reasons for the exceedance	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A
	 Increased leakage from all pools in the mining area 		the outcomes of the investigation			
 Water Pumps There are six pumps in the Nepean River which will be monitored for the effects from subsidence: Pump 1 Pump 2 Pump 3 Pump 4 Pump 5 Pump 6 	 Pump not functioning due to physical disturbance from subsidence 	•	Continue monitoring program Report impacts to key stakeholders Summarise impacts and record Develop and implement CMA (if required) in consultation with key stakeholders	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A
GROUNDWATER						
Water LevelLIC monitoring bores:.NGW3.NGW4.NGW6.SGW5.EAW5.EAW7.	 Level 1 (Within Prediction)⁽¹⁾ Up to an additional 2.5m reduction from the predicted standing water level or pressure (outside of pumping influences) over 2 consecutive months 	•	Continue monitoring program Report impacts to key stakeholders Summarise impacts and record	Refer to Longwall 705 End of Panel specialist report on Groundwater for more information		
Private Bores Registered bores and any	 Level 2 (Within Prediction – CMAs may be required)⁽¹⁾ Between 2.5m and 5m additional reduction from the predicted standing 	•	Actions as stated for Level 1 Review monitoring program Notify relevant technical specialists and seek advice on any			

new bores within the SMP area	water level or pressure (outside of pumping influences) over 2 consecutive months	•	CMA required Implement agreed CMAs as approved				
Notes: Impact monitoring data during longwall mining is compared to predicted groundwater levels from the BSOP (or later updates) groundwater model, during preparation of the End of Panel Report Privately owned water supplies are monitored as agreed with landowners in the Built Feature Management Plans Refer Figure 1a	 Level 3 (CMAs likely to be required)⁽¹⁾ Greater than 5m of additional reduction from the predicted standing water level or pressure (outside of pumping influences) over 2 consecutive months Privately owned water supply adversely impacted from the mining (other than impact that is negligible) 	•	Actions as stated for Level 2 Immediately notify relevant government agencies, other resource managers and relevant technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required. Site visits with stakeholders if required Develop site CMA in consultation with key stakeholders within 1 month. Completion of works following approvals Issue CMA report within 1 month of works completion Conduct initial follow up monitoring & reporting within 2 months of CMA completion if required Review the relevant TARP and Management Plan in consultation with key stakeholders Compensatory water supply measures must be provided as an alternative long-term supply that is equivalent to the loss attributed to the mining impact, and be provided (at least on an interim basis) within 24 hours of the loss being identified				
Water Quality IC monitoring bores	Level 1 (Within Prediction) ⁽¹⁾	•	Continue monitoring program Report impacts to key stakeholders	Refer to Longwall 705 End of Panel			
 NGW6 NGW5 	than 1 standard deviation but less than	•	Summarise impacts and record	specialist report on Surface Water and			
Private Bores	2 standard deviation from pre-mining mean resulting from the mining for two			Snallow Groundwater			
	incurresulting norm the mining for two			1	1	1	

 Registered bores and any 	consecutive months		for more information	
new bores within the SMP				
area (where water quality				
samples can be taken)	Level 2 (Within Prediction – CMAs may	 Actions as stated for Level 1 		
	be required) ⁽¹⁾	 Review monitoring program Natify relevant to chained an acialists 		
	 Groundwater quality reduction greater 	 Notify relevant technical specialists and sack advise on any CMA 		
	than 2 standard deviation from pre-			
	mining mean resulting from the mining	 Implement agreed CMAs as 		
	for two consecutive months	- Implement agreed CIVIAS as		
		 Actions as stated for Level 2 		
	Level 3 (CMAs likely to be required)	 Actions as stated for Level 2 Immediately notify relevant 		
	Level 2-type reduction in water quality	government agencies other		
	resulting from the mining observed for	resource managers and relevant		
	more than 6 consecutive months	technical specialists and seek		
		advice on any CMA required.		
		 Site visits with stakeholders if 		
		required		
		 Develop site CMA in consultation 		
		with key stakeholders within 1		
		month.		
		 Completion of works following 		
		approvals		
		Issue CMA report within 1 month		
		of works completion		
		 Conduct initial follow up 		
		monitoring & reporting within 2		
		months of CMA completion if		
		required		
		 Review the relevant TARP and 		
		Management Plan in consultation		
		with key stakeholders		
		 Compensatory water supply 		
		measures must be provided as an		
		alternative long-term supply that is		
		equivalent to the loss attributed to		
		the mining impact, and be provided		
		(at least on an interim basis) within		
		24 hours of the loss being		

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		identified			
LANDSCAPE FEATURES					
 Cliffs Along Nepean Gorge Steep Slopes Along Nepean Gorge, associated tributaries and above western end of the proposed Longwalls Refer Figure 19.1 in LW705-710 SMP 	 Level 1 (Within Prediction)⁽¹⁾ Any rock fall, displacement, dislodgement of boulders or slabs or fracturing of a cliff line flanking the Nepean River resulting from mining Erosion resulting from mining localised to a small area that should naturally stabilise within the monitoring period Surface movement resulting from mining with no more than negligible soil surface exposed 	 Continue monitoring program Report impacts to key stakeholders Summarise impacts and record 	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A
	Level 2 (Within Prediction – CMAs may be required) ⁽¹⁾ Any rock falls, displacements,	 Actions as stated for Level 1 Review monitoring program Notify relevant technical specialists 	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A

	 dislodgements of boulders or slabs or fracturing of a cliff line(s) flanking the Nepean River resulting from mining that in total impacts 0.3% of the total cliff line face area of the mining domain. Erosion resulting from mining likely to naturally stabilise within the monitoring period. Surface movement or rock displacement resulting from mining with no more than minor soil surface exposed 	 and seek advice on any CMA required Implement agreed CMAs as approved 			
Cliffs flanking the Nepean River	 Level 3 (CMAs likely to be required)⁽¹⁾ Any rock falls, displacements, dislodgements of boulders or slabs or fracturing of a cliff line(s) flanking the Nepean River resulting from mining that in total impacts up to 0.5% of the total cliffline face area of the mining domain. Any rock falls, displacements, dislodgements of boulders or slabs or fracturing of a cliffline(s) flanking the Nepean River resulting from mining that in total impacts 0.4% of the total cliffline face area of the mining domain after 1 longwall. Mass movement of a slope causing large areas of exposed soil Any form of rockfall or erosion that poses a threat to public safety 	 Actions as stated for Level 2 Immediately notify relevant government agencies, other resource managers and relevant technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required. Site visits with stakeholders if required Develop site CMA in consultation with key stakeholders within 1 month. Completion of works following approvals Issue CMA report within 1 month of works completion Conduct initial follow up monitoring & reporting within 2 months of CMA completion if required Review the relevant TARP and Management Plan in consultation with key stakeholders 	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A
	 Exceeding Prediction More than negligible environmental consequences (that is occasional rockfalls, displacement or dislodgement of boulders or slabs, or fracturing, that 	 Actions as stated for Level 3 Investigate reasons for the exceedance Update future predictions based on the outcomes of the investigation 	No such impacts observed	N/A	N/A

in total impacts more than 0.5% of the
total face area of such cliffs within the
Longwall mining domain)
 Rockfall or erosion that poses more than
a negligible increased risk to public
safety

(1) These may be revised in consultation with DoPI and DPI and other key stakeholders

(2) If strata gas emission plumes are detected – particularly coinciding with low river flow and significant gas evolution (3) Baseline upriver sites for cross-checking for upriver perturbations impacting Area 7 monitoring sites:

- NR0 possible perturbations from Allens Creek (>2 standard deviation) -
- NR2 upstream perturbations (>2 standard deviations) pre-Area 9 mining -
- New site NR110 possible perturbations from Area 9 (>2 standard deviations) post-Area 9 mining commencement -

Checks at Upriver sites NR4, NR5 and NR6 for possible Cataract River-based perturbations (>2 standard deviation) -Current values:

Level 1

- NR11
- . pH>6.93;<7.33
- DO>47.8%;<66.0%
- EC>561 uS/cm;<758 uS/cm .
- Total Fe>0.589;<0.866mg/L •
- Total Mn>0.044;<0.074 mg/L .

The above data values are updated during the preparation of each End of Panel Report

NR2 upstream normality checks

- . pH>7.01
- DO>55.3% •
- EC<890 uS/cm
 - Total Fe<1.220 mg/L •
 - Total Mn<0.090 mg/L •

Level 2 and 3 NR11

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DO<47.8%

EC>758 uS/cm

Total Fe>0.866

Total Mn>0.074

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