

Monitoring of the Nepean River and its associated tributaries is undertaken in accordance with the approved Appin Area 7 Extraction Plan (EP). Monitoring is conducted by the Illawarra Metallurgical Coal Environmental Field Team (IMCEFT) on a monthly basis, prior to mining and weekly during mining. Water quality and surface water levels are measured along with photographic and observational records. Longwall 708B began extraction on 24 April 2020 and as of 25 October 2020, had progressed approximately 965m (Figure 1). Changes to a historical gas zone were identified during the most recent inspection.

AA7_LW703_Gas Zone 10 Update (E 292967, N 6217438)

AA7_LW703_Gas Zone 10 is a historical gas release zone on Ousedale Creek that was first identified on 21 May 2010 during the extraction of Longwall 703. The site is approximately 2050m from Longwall 708B at its closest point (Figure 1). The zone was initially observed as three separate intermittent releases. During the latest inspection, 10 to 12 light, intermittent releases were identified in a 15m by 5m surface area creek, towards the confluence with the Nepean River (Photo 1 and Photo 2). No other Appin Area 7 gas zones were active during the latest inspection.

AA7_LW703_Gas Zone 10 remains a Level 1 Trigger as per the Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP) in the Appin Area 7 EP (Appendix A, Table 1):

- Identification of strata gas plume of flow rate < 3000 L/min.



Photo 1: *AA7_LW703_Gas zone 10* on Ousedale Creek. Taken on 2/11/2020.



Photo 2: AA7_LW703_Gas zone 10 on Ousedale Creek. Taken on 2/11/2020.

Corrective Management Actions (CMAs)

Monitoring and reporting will continue as required by the EP. The following actions have been initiated:

- Continue monitoring program
- Submit an Impact Report to relevant stakeholders
- Report in the End of Panel Report
- Summarise actions and monitoring in the AEMR

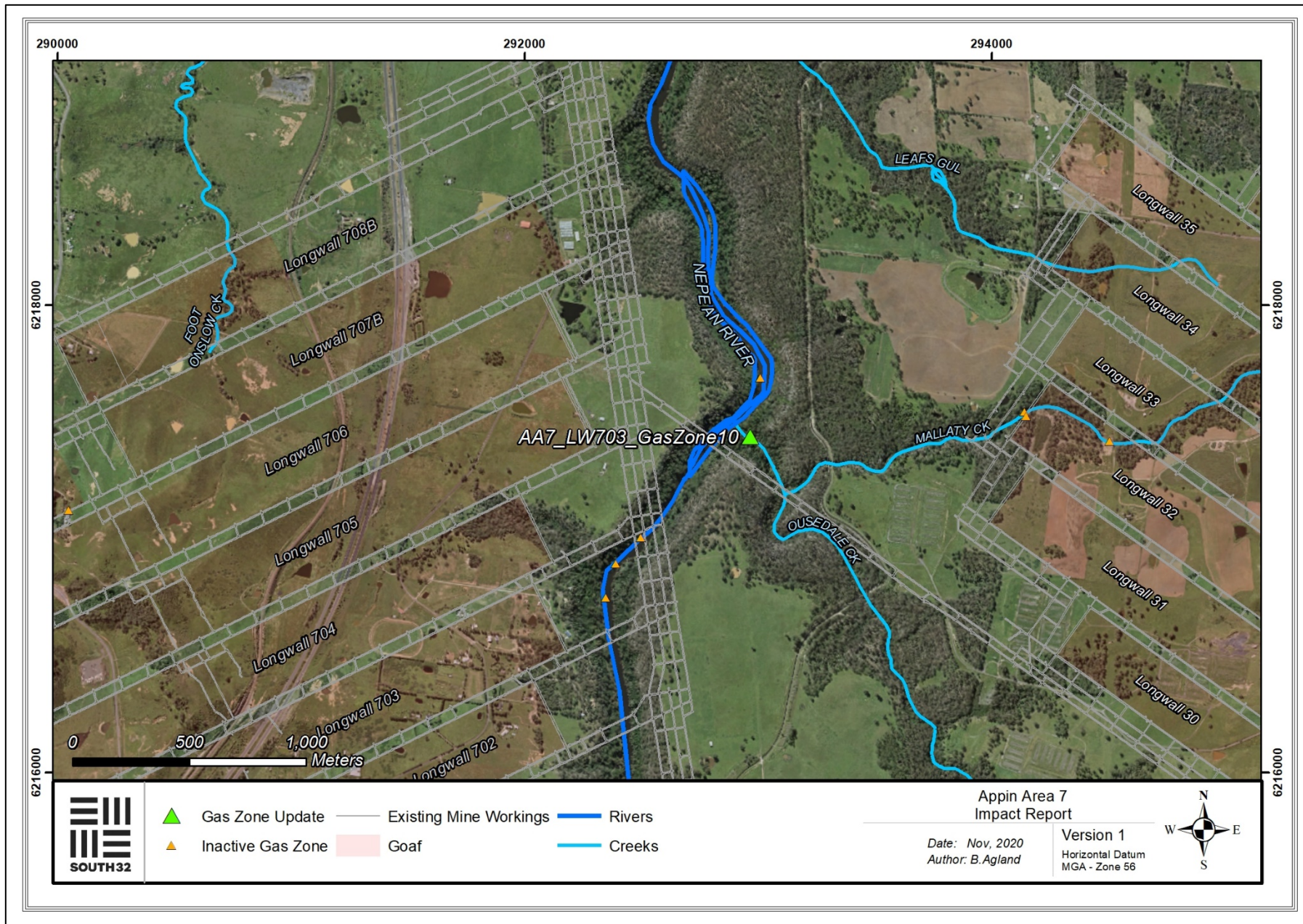


Figure 1: Subsidence impacts in relation to Appin Area 7.

Appendix A

Table 1: Extract from Appin Area 7 Trigger Action Response Plan.

MONITORING	TRIGGER	ACTION																																																				
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<p>Nepean River Impact monitoring sites adjacent to longwalls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NR12 NR13 <p>Refer to Figure 1</p> <p>Notes: Baseline upriver site NR110 will be used for cross-checking upriver perturbations⁽³⁾</p>	<p>Level 1⁽¹⁾ Impact monitoring sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 from pre-mining mean resulting from the mining for two consecutive months Identification of strata gas plume of flow rate < 3000 L/min⁽²⁾ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue monitoring program Report impacts to key stakeholders Summarise impacts and record 																																																				
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	<p>Exceeding Prediction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than negligible gas releases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions as stated for Level 3 Investigate reasons for the exceedance Update future predictions based on the outcomes of the investigation 																																																				