

APPIN MINE LONGWALL 903
LANDSCAPE REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report has been prepared by the South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal Environmental Field Team (IMCEFT) to summarise the observed and measured subsidence effects on water, landscape features and terrestrial ecology, resulting from the extraction of Longwall 903.

Extraction of Longwall 903 commenced on 1 November 2019 and was completed on 7 April 2021.

The IMCEFT conducts detailed monitoring and inspections of landscape features including the Nepean River, tributaries, cliffs and steep slopes; and private properties. This monitoring was conducted in accordance with the Appin Area 9 Extraction Plan (EP), dated 2 September 2014.

IMCEFT identified two new impacts/triggers associated with the extraction of Longwall 903. These impacts were a gas release on the Nepean River and a groundwater trigger to a borehole. One update to an existing gas release on the Nepean River was also identified.

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ABBREVIATIONS

- **CMA** Corrective Management Action
- **DPE** Department of Planning and Environment
- **DPI –** Department of Primary Industries
- DRE Department of Trade and Investment, Division of Resources and Energy
- **EoP** End of Panel
- **EP** Extraction Plan
- IMCEFT Illawarra Metallurgical Coal Environmental Field Team
- **OEH** Office of Environment and Heritage (now BCD)
- **BCD** Biodiversity and Conservation Division (formerly OEH)
- SCA Sydney Catchment Authority (now WaterNSW)
- **SA NSW** Subsidence Advisory NSW
- TARP Trigger Action Response Plan

1 INTRODUCTION

This report outlines monitoring of landscape features relevant to Longwall 903 and forms part of the Appin Area 9 Longwall 903 End of Panel Report (EoP Report). Monitored features include the Nepean River and its tributaries, cliffs and steep slopes, terrestrial flora, as well as private properties (farm dams and private boreholes). Monitoring of landscape features relevant to Longwall 903 has been carried out in accordance with the Appin Area 9 Extraction Plan, dated 2 September 2014. The Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP) details the actions required for any subsidence impacts (Appendix B).

Extraction of Longwall 903 commenced on 1 November 2019 and was completed 7 April 2021.

Monitoring was conducted for landscape features for Longwall 903 during baseline, active mining (i.e. longwall within 400m of a feature) and post-mining periods. This monitoring involved measurement of surface water quality and levels, groundwater quality and levels, from Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC) and private boreholes, and general observation of landscape features within the mining area. The results of the monitoring are outlined in the relevant sections below.

2 SUMMARY OF MONITORING PROGRAM

The Appin Area 9 monitoring program has been designed to identify impacts and consequences of mining and is presented in Figure 1 and Appendix A. Monitoring is conducted during baseline, active mining and post-mining periods. Baseline inspections are undertaken up until the longwall is within 400m of a feature. During active mining, inspections typically increase to weekly until the longwall is 400m past the feature. Monthly post-mining inspections continue as outlined in the Extraction Plan.

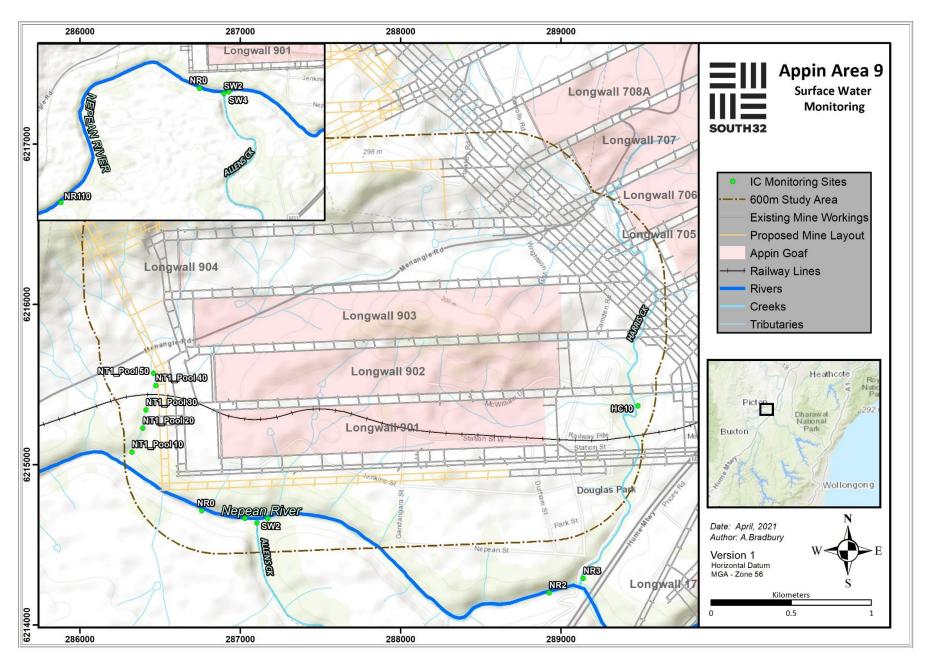


Figure 1: Map showing IMC surface water monitoring sites relevant to Longwall 903.

3 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS

Monitoring and inspections of the Nepean River and its associated tributaries is undertaken in accordance with the approved Appin Area 9 Extraction Plan (EP). Monitoring is conducted by the Illawarra Metallurgical Coal Environmental Field Team (IMCEFT) monthly prior to mining, and weekly during active subsidence. Water quality and water levels are recorded along with photographic records and observational notes.

During the extraction of Longwall 903, one new impact, labelled "AA9_LW903_001", was observed (Table 1). Additionally, a groundwater trigger was observed at Borehole S1941.

3.1 Water Quality

In-situ water quality parameters are measured at the relevant monitoring sites on the Nepean River and its tributaries. In-situ water quality parameters include: temperature, electrical conductivity (EC), oxidation-reduction potential (ORP), pH, dissolved oxygen (DO) as well as visual observations. Water samples are also taken for laboratory analysis. Specialist assessment of water quality results will be included in the Surface Water and Groundwater Assessment of the Longwall 903 EoP Report.

3.1.1 Gas Releases

One gas release zone was reported as a Level 1 Trigger in accordance with the Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP) in the *Appin Area 9 EP: Annex B- Subsidence Monitoring Program* (Appendix B); specifically:

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

The following actions were initiated in response to these impacts:

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

AA9_LW903_001 (287602, 6214639)

AA9_LW903_001 was identified on 23 April 2020 and consisted of a gas release zone on the Nepean River. The site is approximately 1140m from the closest point of Longwall 903 (Figure 3). The zone comprised of approximately 3 intermittent gas releases within an area of approximately 4m² (Photo 1). During the latest inspection on 21 April 2021, this gas zone was observed as active.



Photo 1: Gas release zone AA9_LW903_001. Taken on 23/04/2020.

Continued monitoring of gas release zones previously reported during the extraction of Longwall 901 and Longwall 902 also occurred. The status of these releases during the latest inspection are summarised in Table 2.

3.1.2 Water Level and Flow

Water levels in the Nepean River and its tributaries were monitored by the IMCEFT using photo observations and installed benchmark measurements where available. Inspections are undertaken where access was safe and granted. No subsidence induced flooding of river banks was observed. Additionally, no areas of dry river bed were observed. For assessment of water level and flow refer to Surface Water and Groundwater Assessment the Longwall 903 EoP Report.

3.1.3 Appearance

The appearance of the Nepean River and its tributaries was monitored by the IMCEFT where access was safe and granted. Photographs are taken of monitoring sites, gas zones and any other potential impact site. Apart from the previously mentioned gas release zones, no impacts to the appearance of the Nepean River or tributaries were observed during the extraction of Longwall 903.

3.1.4 Groundwater

Boreholes relevant to Longwall 903 are: EAW9, EAW18, EAW58, S2280 and S2281. Specialist assessment of groundwater data (level and quality) will be included in the Surface Water and Groundwater Assessment of the Longwall 903 EoP Report.

One groundwater trigger (see below) was reported as a Level 1 in accordance with the TARP in *Appin Area 9 EP:*Annex C – Water Management Plan (Appendix B); specifically:

• 5.0 – 7.5 m reduction in the Hawkesbury Sandstone (HBSS) greater than predicted standing water level or pressure (outside of pumping influences in private bores) over a minimum 2-month period

The following actions were initiated:

- Continue monitoring program
- Submit an Impact Report to relevant resource managers

- Report in the End of Panel Report
- Summarise actions and monitoring in AEMR

Borehole S1941 (EAW9)

A groundwater trigger was recorded at borehole *S1941* during analysis of piezometer data from HBSS (Figure 2 and Figure 3). The borehole has three piezometers installed in HBSS, at the depths of 65.00 m, 126.50 m and 201.60 m. The Level 1 trigger was recorded in the piezometer located at 201.60 m.

The Level 1 trigger in Annex C – Water Management Plan is reached when there is 5.0 - 7.5 m reduction in the Hawkesbury Sandstone greater than predicted standing water level or pressure (outside of pumping influences in private bores) over a minimum 2-month period (Appendix B). Section 4.2 of Water Management Plan predicts up to 10 m reduction in HBSS, therefore the level 1 trigger condition is a 15 - 17.5 m reduction for 2 months.

Prior to mining in Appin Area 9, pressure in the piezometer was stabilising at RL of 58.53 m.

On 30 June 2020 water pressure RL in borehole *S1941 (EAW9)* dropped to 43.53 m, i.e. 15 m below the baseline, and on 30 August 2020 (2 months later) the recorded pressure RL was 42,19 m, meeting the level 1 trigger conditions.

No groundwater triggers were observed in the HBSS piezometers installed in the borehole S1941 at depths of $65.00 \, \text{m}$ and $126.50 \, \text{m}$.

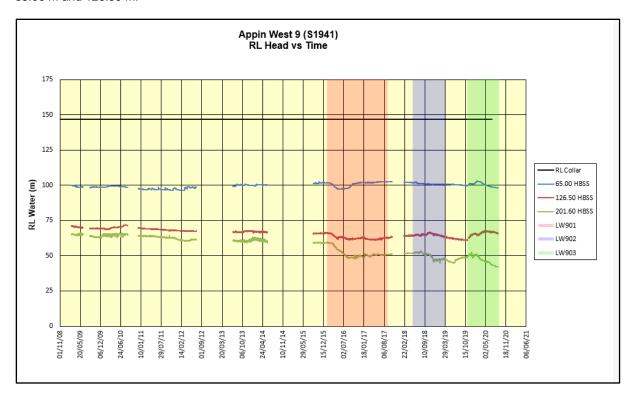


Figure 2: HBSS groundwater levels in S1941, date range: 01/11/2008 to 31/08/2020.

3.1.5 Landscape Features

Observations of clifflines and steep slopes along the Nepean Gorge and associated tributaries were conducted by the IMCEFT on a monthly basis. Monitoring included: observational and photographic; piezometers; and, slope inclinometers. No impacts to cliffs were identified during the extraction of Longwall 903. Observations above the active longwall were conducted where access was available.

3.1.6 Terrestrial Ecology

Terrestrial ecology in Appin Area 9 is monitored by the IMCEFT in conjunction with general observational monitoring. Aspects that are considered whilst monitoring include: changes in vegetation condition and vegetation that may have been impacted by rockfalls, soil slippage or gas emissions. No impacts or changes to terrestrial ecology were observed during monitoring for Longwall 903.

3.1.7 Private Property Inspections

Built Feature Management Plans (BFMPs) have been prepared by IMC for landholders above Appin Area 9. Post-mining inspection of dams, boreholes and natural features set out in the BFMPs are conducted by the IMCEFT with the consent of the relevant property/infrastructure owner and tenant (if applicable). Post-mining inspections were undertaken at properties Lot 1 DP810978, Lot 15 DP 803255, Lot 9 DP 810978, Lot 3 DP 1133989 and Lot 59-64 DP1321 (Figure 4). This included collection of in-situ water quality parameters and water samples for laboratory analysis. Results of water quality will be assessed in the Surface Water and Groundwater Assessment of the Longwall 903 EoP Report. Post-mining inspects were unable to be undertaken at property Lot 22 DP203255 due to access issues.

3.1.8 Aboriginal Archaeology

No Registered Aboriginal Archaeological Sites are located within the Study Area. There is one Shelter with Art which has been identified just outside the Study Area, as shown in MSEC (2012) Drawing No. MSEC448-33. There are no declared Aboriginal Places under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 or identified Aboriginal Sites within the Study Area.

3.1.9 European Heritage

Heritage Sites listed in the Study Area comprise the Railway Cottage at Douglas Park Station, which is listed in the Wollondilly Local Environmental Plan 1999. No impacts have been reported by the resident.

Table 1: Summary of Longwall 903 impacts and triggers.

Site ID	Easting	Northing	Impact/Trigger Type	Identification Date	Status	Description	Impact Level	Report Date
AA9_LW903_001	287602	6214639	Gas Release	23/04/2020	Active	Three intermittent releases within an area of approximately 4m ² .	1	24/04/2020
S1941	287180	6216340	Groundwater Trigger	02/09/2020	N/A	>15m reduction over 2-month period.	1	04/09/2020

Table 2: Summary of Nepean River gas zones relevant to Appin Area 9, as of 21 April 2021.

Site ID	Easting	Northing	Impact Type	Identification Date	Status	Reported Description	Impact Level	Report Date
AA9_LW901_001	286880	6214670	Gas Release	2/03/2016	Inactive	Four individual releases in a 5m² area. One is moderate and constant; the others are light and intermittent.	1	3/03/2016
AA9_LW901_002	286712	6214745	Gas Release	7/03/2016	Inactive	Approx. 12 releases, low to moderate intensity within 12m by 4m area; releases are both constant and intermittent.	1	8/03/2016
AA9_LW901_003	286766	6214713	Gas Release	7/03/2016	Inactive	Multiple releases (too many to count). Low to moderate intensity, releases are both intermittent and constant within a 45m by 6m area.	1	8/03/2016
AA9_LW901_004	286820	6214695	Gas Release	7/03/2016	Inactive	Approx. 20 releases, most releases are constant with a low to moderate intensity. Covers approx. 20m by 8m area.	1	8/03/2016
AA9_LW901_005	286962	6214666	Gas Release	7/03/2016	Active	Approx. 10 releases, releases are constant with a low to moderate intensity across approx. 7m by 2m area.	1	8/03/2016
AA9_LW901_006	286997	6214667	Gas Release	7/03/2016	Active	Approx. 6 releases, releases are constant with low intensity. 3m by 4m area.	1	8/03/2016
AA9_LW901_007	287506	6214668	Gas Release	15/03/2016	Inactive	Approx. 30 light gas releases across the width of the river in a 15m by 24m area. Releases are both constant and intermittent.	1	16/03/2016
AA9_LW901_008	287065	6214662	Gas Release	18/03/2016	Inactive	Approx. 8 releases, light. 4 constant and 4 intermittent in a 7m by 4m area.	1	22/03/2016
AA9_LW901_009	287249	6214679	Gas Release	18/03/2016	Active	>35 releases, light, 4 intermittent, 4 constant; 7m by 4m area.	1	22/03/2016
AA9_LW901_010	287317	6214697	Gas Release	18/03/2016	Active	Multiple (>80), constant and intermittent, 15m by 30m area.	1	22/03/2016
AA9_LW901_011	287036	6214664	Gas Release	21/03/2016	Active	Approx. 22 releases, light, constant, 7m by 8m area. Approx. 10m DS of SW3.	1	22/03/2016

AA9_LW901_012	287191	6214670	Gas Release	21/03/2016	Active	Two areas of release separated by approx. 8m. Upstream area has 12 light constant releases in a 6m by 5m area. Downstream area has 10 similar releases in a 5m by 5m area.	1	22/03/2016
AA9_LW901_013	287377	6214698	Gas Release	21/03/2016	Inactive	Approx. 20 constant releases, light to moderate in intensity, extending across the river, approx. 8m long.	1	22/03/2016
AA9_LW901_014	287575	6214652	Gas Release	21/03/2016	Active	>25 releases, all light and constant, predominately on southern bank, approx. 30m by 10m in area.	1	22/03/2016
AA9_LW901_015	287103	6214639	Gas Release	29/03/2016	Inactive	Allens Ck Gas zone. 3/4 releases. light. Intermittent	1	29/03/2016
AA9_LW901_016	287651	6214611	Gas Release	4/04/2016	Inactive	5 releases, 2 constant, 3 intermittent (5secs), southern bank. 1m by 2m area.	1	4/04/2016
AA9_LW901_017	287156	6214658	Gas Release	8/04/2016	Inactive	14 light constant releases on southern bank (RHS) between LW901_008 and 012. Area is approx. 50m from Allens Ck confluence.	1	8/04/2016
AA9_LW901_018	287429	6194691	Gas Release	21/04/2016	Inactive	~20 releases on the northern bank of the Nepean River. All releases are light and constant. Area is 2m by 25m.	1	22/04/2016
AA9_LW901_019	288075	6214239	Gas Release	4/04/2017	Inactive	Approximately 15 light releases, intermittent to constant, stretching along approximately 20m section.	1	5/04/2017
AA9_LW901_020	288157	6214154	Gas Release	4/04/2017	Inactive	Approximately 15 light constant releases along a stretch of approximately 12m.	1	5/04/2017
AA9_LW901_021	288455	6214091	Gas Release	26/04/2017	Inactive	45 intermittent releases mostly low strength with a few medium. Area of approximately 30 by 10m. On the 23/4/2020, the gas zone was extended 25m downstream with 25 light, intermittent releases.	1	9/05/2017 & 24/04/2020
AA9_LW901_022	288620	6214128	Gas Release	26/04/2017	Inactive	Approximately 20 light intermittent releases with an area of 5m by 8m.	1	9/05/2017
AA9_LW901_023	288292	6214083	Gas Release	17/07/2017	Inactive	Approx. 10 Light constant releases within 1 m ² .	1	19/07/2017

AA9_LW901_024	288253	6214102	Gas Release	24/05/2017	Inactive	One intermittent release of light intensity.	1	30/05/2019
AA9_LW901_025	288218	6214128	Gas Release	24/05/2017	Inactive	One intermittent release of light intensity.	1	30/05/2019
AA9_LW901_026	288016	6214314	Gas Release	31/01/2018	Active	One constant, light intensity release in the center of the river.	1	01/02/2018
AA9_LW902_001	287733	6214551	Gas Release	16/07/2018	Active	Three light intermittent releases within an area of approximately 1m by 5m.	1	18/07/2018
AA9_LW902_002	287704	6214562	Gas Release	4/09/2018	Inactive	Five small, constant releases within an area of approximately 1m by 10m.	1	4/09/2018
AA9_LW902_003	288805	6214172	Gas Release	29/01/2019	Inactive	Four small intermittent releases within an area of approximately 1m.	1	30/01/2019
AA9_LW902_004	289876	6214000	Gas Release	26/04/2019	Inactive	Five light, intermittent releases within an area of approximately 5m ² .	1	1/05/2019
AA9_LW902_005	288692	6214136	Gas Release	26/04/2019	Inactive	Five light releases approximately 70m downstream of gas release zone AA9_LW901_022.	1	1/05/2019
AA9_LW902_006	288955	6214209	Gas Release	24/05/2019	Inactive	Three light, intermittent releases within an area of approximately 1.5m by 0.5m.	1	31/05/2019
AA9_LW902_007	287982	6214357	Gas Release	15/08/2019	Inactive	Five moderate, constant releases within an area of approximately 5m by 5m.	1	19/08/2019
AA9_LW902_008	288500	6214109	Gas Release	11/09/2019	Inactive	15 constant and intermittent releases within an area of approximately 15m by 5m.	1	12/09/2019

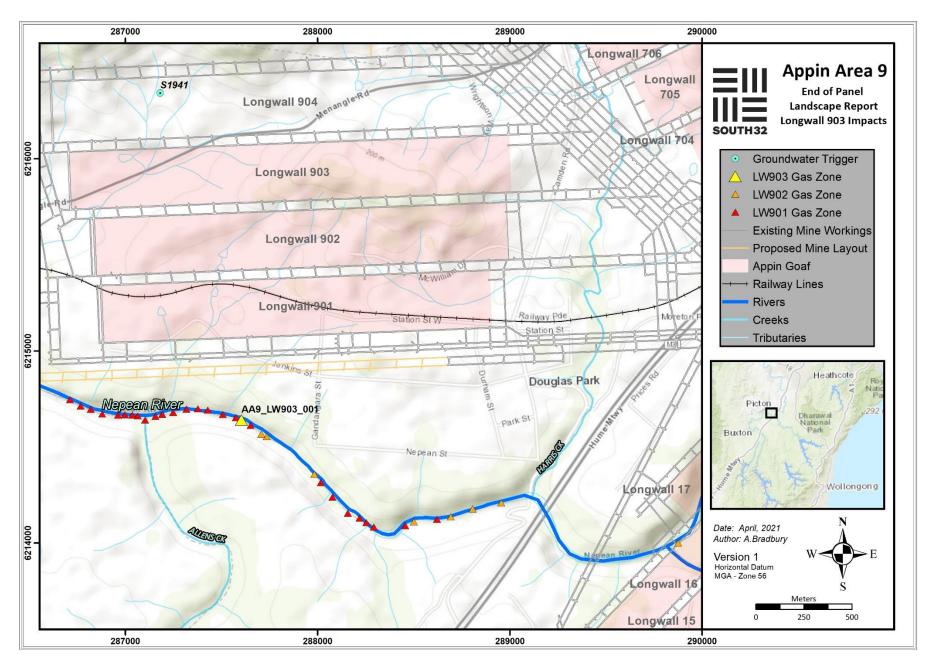


Figure 3: Map showing subsidence impacts and triggers relevant to Longwall 903.

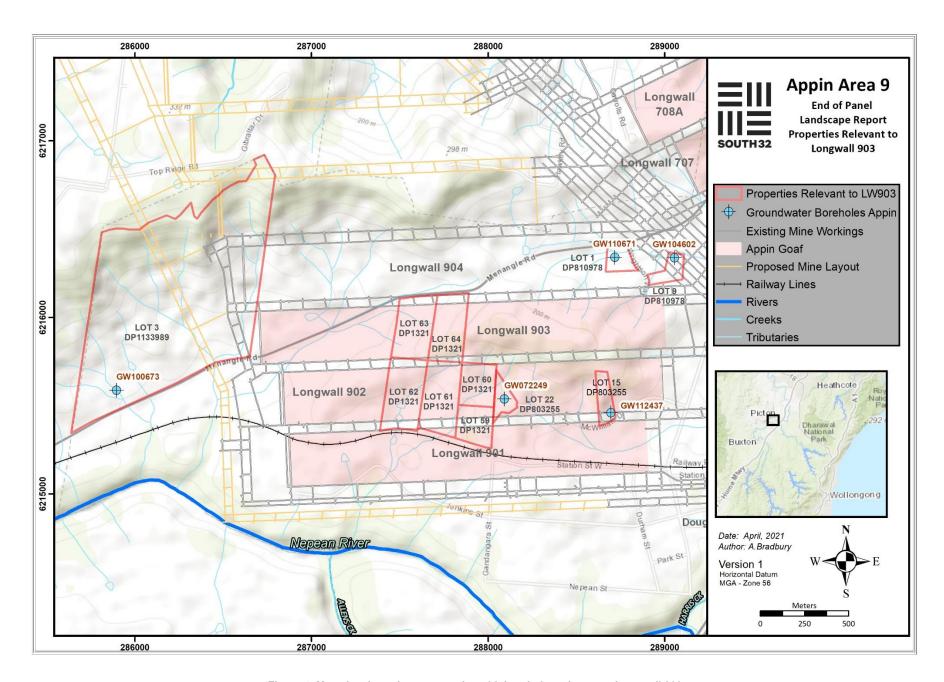


Figure 4: Map showing private properties with boreholes relevant to Longwall 903.

4 FUTURE MONITORING

Recommendations for future monitoring in Appin Area 9, particularly concerning Longwall 904, are outlined in Appendix A. These recommendations are based on monitoring commitments in the Appin Area 9 Longwall 901 to 904 EP and the proximity of Longwall 904 to established monitoring sites.

5 APPENDIX A

Appendix A 1: Appin Area 9 Key Monitoring

	Monitoring Site	Monitoring Type	Monitoring Frequency	Parameters	Future Monitoring (LW 904)
			SURFACE WATER		
AREA 9	Nepean River and tributaries NR110 (Lab, Field, Level, Obs) NR0 (Lab, Field, Obs) SW2 (Lab, Field, Obs) SW3 (NR1) (Field, Obs) NR2 (Lab, Field, Obs) NR3 (Lab, Field, Obs) NT1_Pool 10 (Lab, Field, Level, Obs) NT1_Pool 30 (Field, Level, Obs) NT1_Pool 40 (Field, Level, Obs) NT1_Pool 50 (Field, Level, Obs) If and where strata gas emission plumes above 3000 L/min are detected (Lab, Field, Obs)	 Lab sample Field parameters Water levels Observations 	 Monthly baseline monitoring prior to mining Weekly observations and field analysis during active subsidence Monthly laboratory analysis during active subsidence Monthly monitoring for two years post mining 	Field Parameters: Temperature Dissolved Oxygen (DO) Specific Conductivity pH ORP Standard Lab Sample: pH and EC Filtered, Na, K, Ca, Mg, Cl, Ni, Zn, Fe, Mn, Al, SO ₄ Total Fe, Mn, Al Total Alkalinity TKN, TP, NH ₃ .N, NO _x .N (TON), FRP, TSS, DOC Lab Sample for Gas Releases: CH ₄ C ₂ H ₆ Trace Phenols Sulphide Observations: Iron or salinity staining (e.g. orange or white staining in water or on banks/seeps) Evidence of springs in the Nepean River Visual signs of impacts (i.e. cracking, fracturing, vegetation changes, increased erosion, changes in water colour etc) Stream flow and pool water level Impacts determined from comparing photo points taken prior to, during and post mining	No changes

AREA 9	Flow monitoring • Maldon Weir • Broughtons Pass Weir • Menangle Weir	Gauged flow station	Daily flow	Analysis: • 51 baseline dry weather recession periods for Menangle minus Maldon minus Broughtons Pass Weirs with recession curve slope ranging from 0.76 to 0.99 • Recession curves calculated during and post mining • These recessions will be compared from the period of mining to the pre-mining period	No changes
			GROUNDWATER		
AREAG	Private Bores	 Lab sample Field parameters Water levels Observations 	Where access is available and granted, water level and water quality monitoring at least once before and once after the bore is mined under	Field Parameters: Temperature Dissolved Oxygen (DO) Specific Conductivity pH ORP Standard Lab Sample: pH and EC Filtered, Na, K, Ca, Mg, Cl, Ni, Zn, Fe, Mn, Al, SO ₄ Total Fe, Mn, Al Total Alkalinity TKN, TP, NH3-N, NOx-N (TON), FRP, TSS, TDS, DOC Lab Sample for Gas Releases:	No Changes
	BHPBIC Piezometers: Potentiometric head; EAW9 EAW18 EAW58 Piezometers and water samples between Longwall 901 and the Nepean River S2280 S2281	Lab sampleField parametersWater levelsObservations	 Water levels to be logged at least twice daily in the pre-mining baseline, impact and post-mining period At least one appropriately purged sample pre-mining and post mining, where access permits, tested for the analytes in the previous column 	 CH4 C2H6 Trace Phenols Sulphide Observations: Iron or salinity staining (e.g. orange or white staining in water or in the bores 	No Changes

				 Evidence of inflows to the bores e.g. sound of falling water Visual signs of impacts (i.e. cracking, fracturing near the bore or changes in water colour etc.) 	
	Groundwater inflows to the mine	 Mine water budget Observations	Flow meters	Water flow from the goaf to the mine (analyzed as a moving average i.e. 20 day average)	No Changes
			AQUATIC ECOLOGY		
AREA 9	 Nepean River Sites 1 and 2 (downstream) Sites X3 and X4 (adjacent to Longwalls 901 and 902) Sites X5 and X6 (upstream) Sites X7 and X8 (upstream) 	 Water quality - field parameters Survey and sampling Observations 	 Twice in spring for two years prior to the commencement of mining Once every two years during mining Once every two years after mining 	 Habitat surveys Aquatic macrophyte observations Macroinvertebrate monitoring AUSRIVAS sampling Fish sampling Observations of threatened species Assessments of: Water quality Flow River morphology 	No Changes

			TERRESTRIAL ECOLOGY					
AREA 9		As indicated in the Landscape TARP	 Prior to mining provide pre-mining baseline survey of vegetation communities and threatened flora populations for comparison with post-mining Monthly prior to mining Weekly during active subsidence In response to any identified impacts on flora/fauna or threatened species, communities or populations 	Observations of threatened species and endangered ecological communities Changes in vegetation condition Stressed or dead vegetation not readily explained by natural processes (causes may include rock / cliff falls or mass movement, gas emissions, changes in flooding/ ponding)	No Changes			
	ABORIGINAL ARCHAEOLOGY							
	Impacts to the cliff lines on the southern side of the Nepean River will trigger an inspection of Bradcorp 1 and any adjacent sections of the river and creek valleys that have not been inspected	Observational and photographic monitoring	In accordance with Landscape TARP	Subsidence Impacts to cliff lines on the southern side of the Nepean River (e.g. directly north of Bradcorp 1)	No Changes			
AREA 9		Observational and photographic monitoring	Baseline archival recording (when triggered by above) During the extraction of Longwalls 901, 902 and 903 Final impact assessment recording twelve months after final subsidence movement at the site	Macro and micro recording using digital photography Detailed elevation plans of shelter walls recording structural and surface features including but not limited to the art, graffiti, joints, bedding planes, exfoliation scars, cracks, mineral and micro-organism growth, drip line and water seepage locations	No access to property.			

			EUROPEAN HERITAGE		
AREA 9	Douglas Park Railway Cottage – Item 30	Observational monitoring	Baseline archival recording prior to commencement of mining Impact assessment recording following the identification of impacts or when a SA NSW claim is lodged Final assessment recording following the completion of mining of Longwalls 901 and 902 and/or after any repairs	 With the consent of the owner, the subsidence monitoring program will include: Pre-mining inspection and assessment (as part of PSMP) Observational monitoring to identify potential subsidence impacts to the fabric of the building and/or its interior Assessment of heritage impacts by a suitably qualified heritage expert (if required) This assessment would be made available to the SA NSW and include recommendations for management of heritage value during any repairs 	No Changes

		LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
Nepean River cliff lines Harris Creek cliff lines Sensitive terrain near built features (Razorback Range, Douglas Park Ridge) Monitoring locations on private properties to be determined as appropriate/required in consultation with landowner/s	Observational and photographic monitoring Piezometers Slope inclinometers	Harris Creek and Nepean River cliff lines Baseline recording once prior to mining. Monthly routine inspections with weekly inspections during critical periods Low Terrain Sensitivity (visual inspection) 6 months prior to mining 6 months after active subsidence Medium Terrain Sensitivity 6 to 12 months prior to mining 3 monthly during active subsidence 6 months after active subsidence 6 months after active subsidence High Terrain Sensitivity 12 months before commencement of subsidence for visual and on ground survey Monthly for visual during active subsidence 3 monthly for ground survey during active subsidence Installation of piezometers and inclinometers as required and in consultation with landowners as part of PSMP process	Visual inspections Photographic records Ground survey (mid to high terrain sensitivity) Piezometers (high terrain sensitivity) Slope inclinometers (high terrain sensitivity)	No Changes

6 APPENDIX B

Appendix B 1: AA9 TARPS, Key Monitoring, Triggers and Response

Monitoring	Trigger Action	
WATER QUALITY		
Adjacent and downstream sites: Nepean River: NR0 SW3 (NR1) NR2 If and where strata gas emission plumes above 3000 L/min are detected	 Level 1* Impact monitoring sites when comparing the baseline period to the mining period for that site: 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 	 Continue monitoring program Submit an Impact Report to BCD, DoPI, DPI and other relevant resource managers Report in the End of Panel Report Summarise actions and monitoring in AEMR
	 Level 2* Impact monitoring sites when comparing the baseline period to the mining period for that site: pH reduction greater than 2 standard deviation from premining mean resulting from the mining for two consecutive months DO reduction greater than 2 standard deviation from premining mean resulting from the mining for two consecutive months 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 	 Actions stated for Level 1 Review monitoring program Notify relevant technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required Implement agreed CMAs as approved Note: CMAs are to be proposed based on appropriate management of environmental and other consequences of mining impacts i.e. water quality changes with insignificant consequences may not require specific CMAs other than ongoing monitoring to confirm there are no ongoing impacts Strata Gas Emission Plume: Estimate gas emission flow rates. Re-estimate should significant change be observed Take sample of plume (if possible) for: chemical composition dissolved methane from exactly above gas plume and at established downriver monitoring site

Monitoring	Trigger	Action	
		 dissolved sulfide and total phenols from exactly above gas plume and at nearest downriver monitoring site 	
	Level 3* Impact monitoring sites when comparing the baseline period to the mining period for that site: • Level 2-type reduction in water quality resulting from the	Actions stated for Level 2	
		 Notify BCD, DP&I, NoW, DPI, DRE, relevant resource managers and technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required 	
	mining observed for more than 6 consecutive months	Invite stakeholders for site visit	
		Develop site CMA (subject to stakeholder feedback)	
		 Completion of works following approvals, including monitoring and reporting on success 	
		 Review the TARP and Management Plan in consultation with key stakeholders 	
		Note: CMAs are to be proposed based on appropriate management of environmental and other consequences of mining impacts i.e. water quality changes with insignificant consequences may not require specific CMAs other than ongoing monitoring to confirm there are no ongoing impacts	
	Exceeding Performance Measures	Actions stated for Level 3	
	Mining results in more than negligible gas releases, iron	Investigate reasons for the exceedance	
	staining or water cloudiness	Update future predictions based on the outcomes of the investigation	
		Provide environmental offset if CMAs are unsuccessful	
GROUNDWATER			
Groundwater flow into the mine	Level 1*	Continue monitoring program	
	 Increase in water flow from the goaf between 2.7 to 3 ML/day (over 20 day average) 	 Submit an Impact Report to BCD, DoPI, DPI and other relevant resource managers 	
Registered Bores:	• 5.0 – 7.5 m reduction in the Hawkesbury Sandstone greater than predicted standing water level or pressure (outside of	Report in the End of Panel Report	
GW 34425	pumping influences in private bores) over a minimum 2 month	Summarise actions and monitoring in AEMR	
GW 35033	period		
GW 72249			

Monitoring	Trigger	Action	
GW 100673	Level 2*	Actions stated for Level 1	
GW 101133	• Increase in water flow from the goaf between 3 to 3.4ML (over 20 day average)	Review monitoring program	
GW 102043	 7.5 – 10 m reduction in the Hawkesbury Sandstone greater 	Notify relevant technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA	
GW 102584	than predicted standing water level or pressure (outside of	required	
GW 102798	pumping influences in private bores) over a minimum 2 month period	Implement agreed CMAs as approved	
GW 103161	репои	Note: CMAs are to be proposed based on appropriate management of environmental and other consequences of mining impacts i.e. cracking	
GW 104068		at the surface with insignificant consequences may not require specific	
GW 104602		CMAs other than ongoing monitoring to confirm there are no ongoing impacts	
GW 104661		impacts	
GW 110671	Level 3*	Actions stated for Level 2	
BHPBIC Piezometers:	Abnormal increase in water flow from the goaf >3.4ML (20 day average)	Notify BCD, DP&I, DPI, NoW, DRE, relevant resource managers and technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required.	
EAW9	>10m reduction in the Hawkesbury Sandstone standing water	Invite stakeholders for site visit	
EAW18	level or pressure (outside of pumping influences in private bores) over a minimum 2 month period	Develop site CMA (subject to stakeholder feedback). This may include:	
EAW58		- Make area safe	
S2280	 Mining results in groundwater bores unsafe, unserviceable or damaged 	 Any actions agreed to in the Property Subsidence Management Plan 	
S2281		 Provisions of alternate water supply where this has been impacted by mining 	
		SA NSW to repair any infrastructure damaged by mining	
		Completion of works following approvals, including monitoring and reporting on success	
		Review the Groundwater Model, TARP and Management Plan in consultation with key stakeholders	
		Note: CMAs are to be proposed based on appropriate management of environmental and other consequences of mining impacts i.e. cracking at the surface with insignificant consequences may not require specific CMAs other than ongoing monitoring to confirm there are no ongoing impacts	

Monitoring	Trigger	Action	
LANDSCAPE FEATURES		·	
 Nepean River cliff lines Harris Creek cliff lines Sensitive terrain near built features (Razorback Range, Douglas Park Ridge) Monitoring locations on private properties to be etermined as appropriate/required in onsultation with landowner Erosion which stabilises within without CMA Crack or fracture up to 100 mm v 	 Rock fall from a cliff where the cliff is left mostly intact (<10% length of any single cliff) Surface movement or rock displacement where any exposed soil surface is stable Crack at the surface which does not result in ongoing erosion or ground movement Erosion which stabilises within the period of monitoring 	 Continue monitoring program Submit an Impact Report to BCD, DoPI, DPI and other relevant resource managers Report in the End of Panel Report Summarise actions and monitoring in AEMR 	
	 Level 2 Rock fall from cliff where the characteristics of the cliff change (>10% length of any single cliff) Ground disturbance that is unlikely to stabilise within the period of monitoring without CMA Mass movement of a slope causing areas of exposed soil Crack or fracture between 100 – 300 mm width Crack or fracture between 10 – 50 m length 	 Actions stated for Level 1 Report trigger to key stakeholders Review monitoring program Notify relevant specialists and develop and implement any CMA required. Provide safety signage and barricades where appropriate in areas as required for public safety (refer PSMP) Implement agreed CMA's as approved Note: CMAs are to be proposed based on appropriate management of environmental and other consequences of mining impacts i.e. cracking at the surface with insignificant consequences may not require specific CMAs other than ongoing monitoring to confirm there are no ongoing impacts 	
	Level 3 *	 Actions stated for Level 2 Notify BCD, DP&I, DPI, NoW, DRE, relevant resource managers and technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required. Invite stakeholders for site visit 	

Monitoring	Trigger	Action
	 Cliff collapse (100% length of any single cliff) Ground disturbance that does not stabilise within the period of monitoring Mass movement of a slope causing areas of exposed soil that does not stabilise within the period of monitoring Crack or fracture over 300 mm width Crack or fracture over 50 m length 	 Develop site CMA (subject to stakeholder feedback). This may include: Erosion prevention works Establishment of vegetation Completion of works following approvals, including monitoring and reporting on success Review the TARP and Management Plan in consultation with key stakeholders Note: CMAs are to be proposed based on appropriate management of
		environmental and other consequences of mining impacts i.e. cracking at the surface with insignificant consequences may not require specific CMAs other than ongoing monitoring to confirm there are no ongoing impacts
	Exceeding Performance Measures • For cliffs of 'special significance' and other cliffs flanking the Nepean River - mining results in more than negligible environmental consequences (i.e. more than occasional rockfalls, displacement or dislodgement of boulders or slabs, or fracturing, that in total impact more than 0.5% of the total face area of such cliffs within any longwall mining domain	 Actions stated for Level 3 Make area safe Investigate reasons for the exceedance Update future predictions based on the outcomes of the investigation Provide environmental offset if CMAs are unsuccessful
	Other cliffs – mining results in more than minor environmental consequences (that is occasional rockfalls, displacement or dislodgment of boulders or slabs or fracturing, that in total impact more than 3% of the total face area of such cliffs within any longwall mining domain	

AQUATIC ECOLOGY			
Nepean River	Level 1*	Continue monitoring program	
Sites 1 and 2 (downstream) Sites X3 and X4 (adjacent to Longwalls 901 and	Reduction in aquatic habitat resulting from the mining over 1 season	Submit an Impact Report to BCD, DoPI, DPI and other relevant resource managers	
902)		Report in the End of Panel Report	
		Summarise actions and monitoring in AEMR	
	Level 2*	Actions stated for Level 1	
	Reduction in aquatic habitat resulting from the mining over 2 seasons	Report trigger to key stakeholders	
		Review monitoring program	
		Notify relevant specialists and develop and implement any CMA required.	
		Implement agreed CMA's as approved	
		Note: CMAs are to be proposed based on appropriate management of environmental and other consequences of mining impacts i.e. impacts to aquatic habitat with insignificant consequences may not require specific CMAs other than ongoing monitoring to confirm there are no ongoing impacts	
	Level 3*	Actions stated for Level 2	
	• Reduction in aquatic habitat resulting from the mining for >2 consecutive seasons or complete loss of habitat	Notify BCD, DP&I, DPI, NoW, DRE, relevant resource managers and technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required.	
		Invite stakeholders for site visit	
		Develop site CMA (subject to stakeholder feedback). This may include:	
		Grouting of fractures which result in flow diversion	
		Completion of works following approvals	
		Completion of works following approvals, including monitoring and reporting on success	
		Review the TARP and Management Plan in consultation with key stakeholders	

	Exceeding Performance Measures • Mining results in more than negligible environmental consequences for a threatened species, threatened population or endangered ecological communities	Note: CMAs are to be proposed based on appropriate management of environmental and other consequences of mining impacts i.e. impacts to aquatic ecology with insignificant consequences may not require specific CMAs other than ongoing monitoring to confirm there are no ongoing impacts Actions stated for Level 3 Investigate reasons for the exceedance Update future predictions based on the outcomes of the investigation Provide environmental offset if CMAs are unsuccessful
TERRESTRIAL ECOLOGY		
Visual inspections as part of landscape and water	Level 1*	Continue monitoring program
monitoring programs in active mining areas	Impacts detectable via observational monitoring (e.g. canopy thinning, thinning of shrub layer, minor loss of ground cover) to a single vegetation strate.	Submit an Impact Report to BCD, DoPI, DPI and other relevant resource managers
	single vegetation strata	Report in the End of Panel Report
	Subsidence impacts (such as surface cracking, rock falls) resulting in small areas of disturbance that will mitigate without CMA	Summarise actions and monitoring in AEMR
	Level 2*	Actions stated for Level 1
	Impacts detectable via observational monitoring (e.g. canopy thinning with dead branches present, thinning of the shrub layer with dead	Report trigger to key stakeholders
	branches, loss of ground cover in multiple areas) to multiple vegetation strata • Subsidence impacts (such as surface cracking, rock falls) resulting in	Review monitoring program
		Notify relevant specialists and develop and implement any CMA required.
		Implement agreed CMA's as approved
	small areas of disturbance that will not mitigate without CMA	Note: CMAs are to be proposed based on appropriate management of environmental and other consequences of mining impacts i.e. impacts to terrestrial with insignificant consequences may not require specific CMAs other than ongoing monitoring to confirm there are no ongoing impacts
	Level 3*	Actions stated for Level 2
		Notify BCD, DP&I, DPI, NoW, DRE, relevant resource managers and technical specialists and seek advice on any CMA required.

- Impacts (e.g. canopy thinning with dead branches present, thinning
 of the shrub layer with dead branches, loss of ground cover in multiple
 areas) to multiple vegetation strata caused by subsidence effects
- Subsidence impacts (such as surface cracking, rock falls) resulting in large areas of disturbance that will not mitigate without CMA
- Negligible environmental consequences to threatened species, populations or EEC

- Invite stakeholders for site visit
- Develop site CMA (subject to stakeholder feedback). This may include:
 - Erosion prevention works
 - Establishment of vegetation
- Completion of works following approvals, including monitoring and reporting on success
- Review the TARP and Management Plan in consultation with key stakeholders

Note: CMAs are to be proposed based on appropriate management of environmental and other consequences of mining impacts i.e. impacts to terrestrial ecology with insignificant consequences may not require specific CMAs other than ongoing monitoring to confirm there are no ongoing impacts

Exceeding Performance Measures

 Mining results in more than negligible environmental consequences on threatened species, threatened populations, or endangered ecological communities

- Actions stated for Level 3
- Investigate reasons for the exceedance
- Update future predictions based on the outcomes of the investigation
- · Provide environmental offset if CMAs are unsuccessful

ABORIGINAL ARCHAEOLOGY

 Impacts to the cliff lines on the southern side of the Nepean River will trigger an inspection of Bradcorp 1 and any sections of the river and creek valleys that have not been surveyed for Aboriginal heritage

Level 1*

- Change in shelter conditions not attributable to natural weathering or
 preservation that do not alter the heritage values of the place e.g.
 mineral growth or micro-organism growth
- Changes external to shelter conditions that effect the sites context
 e.g. ground cracking, boulder slumping, rock and/or tree falls
- Continue with monitoring program
- · Condition assessment and photographic record
- Notify relevant specialists and key stakeholders (e.g. Registered Aboriginal Parties)
- Summarise impacts and report in the End of Panel Report and AEMR

Level 2*

 Change in shelter conditions not attributable to natural weathering or preservation e.g. change in drip line or seepage, cracking or exfoliation of overhang or shelter, movement or opening of existing planes and joints

- Actions stated for Level 1
- · Review monitoring program
- Review impacts against the Performance Measures

	Develop site management plan to mitigate effects in consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties and the landowner
Level 3*	Actions stated for Level 2
preservation e.g. cracking or exfoliation of art panel, movement of	 Investigate reasons for impacts Update future predictions based on outcomes of the investigation

	Exceeding Performance Measures More than 10% of sites across the mining area are affected by subsidence impacts (other than negligible impacts or environmental consequence)	 Actions stated for Level 3 Investigate reasons for the exceedance Update future predictions based on the outcomes of the investigation
EUROPEAN HERITAGE		
Douglas Park Railway Cottage – Item 30 from the BSOP EA	 Level 1* Cracks or warping of external weatherboards, Cracks or movement < 5 mm in width in any external or internal wall claddings, linings, or finish Isolated cracked, loose, or drummy floor or wall tiles No impact to heritage values of the site Level 2* Continuous cracking or warping of weatherboards, Slippage along the damp proof course of 5 to 15 mm Loss of bearing to isolated walls, piers, columns, or other load-bearing elements Loss of stability of isolated structural elements Loss of heritage value no greater than predicted in HMP 	 Continue monitoring program Condition assessment and photographic record Notify relevant specialists and key stakeholders Summarise impacts and report in the End of Panel Report and AEMR Actions stated for Level 1 Review monitoring program Review impacts against the Performance Measures Develop site management plan to mitigate effects in consultation with stakeholders, where appropriate
	 Level 3* Continuous cracking or warping of weatherboards Slippage along the damp proof course of 15 mm or greater anywhere in the total external façade Re-levelling of building Loss of stability of several structural elements Loss of heritage value greater than predicted in HMP 	 Actions stated for Level 2 Investigate reason for impacts Notify DP&I and SA NSW as soon as practicable Seek advice on any CMA required. Consultation with stakeholders (undertake site inspection if required). Review the relevant TARP and Management Plan in consultation with key stakeholders

Exceedin	a Perfi	ormance	Measures

• Loss of heritage value greater than predicted under the Heritage Management Plan

- Actions stated for Level 3
- Investigate reasons for the exceedance
- Update future predictions based on the outcomes of the investigation

Department of Planning and Environment (DoPE)

NSW Trade and Investment: including Division of Resources and Energy (DRE), and Fisheries (DPI)

NSW Office of Water (NoW)

Subsidence Advisory NSW (SA NSW)

^{*} These may be revised in consultation with DoPE and DT&I and other key stakeholders following analysis of natural variability within the pre-mining baseline data.