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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

An independent environmental audit of the mining and infrastructure areas of the Cowal Gold Project (CGP) was conducted between the 28 April and 2 May 2008 by Trevor Brown and Robert Drury, of Trevor Brown & Associates, to assess the status of the CGP operation of the mine and ore processing plant, in accordance with the Minister's Conditions of Approval (MCoA) 8.8.

The compliance audit was conducted generally in accordance with the Australian/New Zealand Standards AS/NZS ISO 19011:2003 - Guidelines for Quality and/or Environmental Management System Auditing.

This audit reviewed the status of compliance of the CGP operations from June 2007 to May 2008

The files held at the CGP site and interview/discussions with the available site personnel provided the auditors with the required information and documentation for the verification of compliance of the CGP operations with the MCoA and other statutory approvals.

A recommendation was made by the Independent Monitoring Panel in their Annual Report 2007 that the Independent Environmental Audits be conducted an annual basis. This Independent Environmental Audit has been conducted in response to that recommendation.

The audit findings confirmed a high degree of compliance with the Minister's Conditions of Approval, and requirements of the conditions attached Environment Protection Licence and the Mining Lease.



# 1. INTRODUCTION

# 1.1 Background

The development consent granted for the Cowal Gold Mine (CGP) on 26 February 1999 required an independent third party audit of compliance to be conducted 12 months after commencement of processing and then each 3 years thereafter until decommissioning of the mine and ore processing operations in accordance with the Minister's Condition of Approval (MCoA) 8.8 - Third Party Monitoring/Auditing:

- (a) An Independent Environmental Audit shall be completed:
  - six monthly during construction;
  - 12 months after commencement of ore processing;
  - then every three years thereafter until decommissioning of the mine and ore processing operations respectively, or as otherwise directed by the Director-General.

The Applicant shall conduct an environmental audit of the mining and infrastructure areas of the development in accordance with ISO 14010 - Guidelines and General Principles for Environmental Auditing, and ISO 14011 - Procedures for Environmental Auditing (or the current versions), and in accordance with any specifications required by the Director-General. Copies of the report shall be submitted by the Applicant to the Director-General, BSC, EPA, DLWC, DMR, NPWS and CEMCC within two weeks of the report's completion for comment.

(i) The audit shall:

assess compliance with the requirements of this consent, licences and approvals; in the event of any non-compliance, report on the effectiveness of the environmental management of the mine as it may relate to the area of non-compliance;

be carried out at the Applicant's expense; and be conducted by a duly qualified independent person or team approved by the Director-General in consultation with BSC and CEMCC.

A recommendation was made by the Independent Monitoring Panel in their Annual Report 2007 that the Independent Environmental Audits be conducted an annual basis. This Independent Environmental Audit was conducted for Barrick Australia Pty Ltd (Barrick) by Trevor Brown and Robert Drury of Trevor Brown & Associates between 28 April and 2 May 2008, to address the recommendation by the Independent Monitoring Panel.

# 1.2 Scope of Work

The audit was conducted generally in accordance with the Australian/New Zealand Standards AS/NZS ISO 19011:2003 - Guidelines for Quality and/or Environmental Management System Auditing.

The scope of work for the audit of the CGP included the following components:

- review of the implementation of the requirements of the development consent conditions, licences and approvals for the project for the operation of the mine and process plant;
- conduct of site inspections and review of on-site documentation and monitoring data relevant to the compliance audit;
- discussions held with project staff in relation to the development consent conditions;
- assessment of compliance of the project with the development consent conditions;
- preparation of an Independent Environmental Audit Report providing assessment of compliance against each consent condition.



# 1.3 Structure of the Audit Report

The report has been prepared to provide comment on each condition of approval in a tabulated form, with additional discussion where required on specific matters. The tabulated comments are attached for the MCoA, Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) and Mining Lease (ML), with discussion of the status of other approvals provided where relevant:

Section 1 Introduction
Section 2 Cowal Gold Project Status May 2008
Section 3 Ministers Conditions of Approval (MCoA)
Section 4 Other Approvals
Section 5 Conclusions

Attachment A Ministers Conditions of Approval Table

Attachment B Environment Protection Licence No. 1192 Conditions Table

Attachment C Mining Lease No. 1535 Table

Attachment D Bore Licence Certificates - Cowal Gold Project

Glossary

# 1.4 Compliance Tables

The status of compliance of the CGP with the conditions of consent have been expressed in the attached tables using the following terminology:

Compliance - Yes Implies compliance with the intent and/or requirement of the

approval condition.

Compliance - **NO** The specific requirement of the consent condition was not met.

Not Activated (N/A) 
The condition had not been activated because the activity had not

yet commenced, or the requirement of the condition had not been triggered (e.g. complaint driven monitoring, land acquisition, etc).

Noted No specific auditable requirement for the condition.

The comments in the tables for the current audit period between June 2007 and May 2008 are in **brown** and the audit findings of the previous audit conducted in May 2007 are retained for reference.



# 2. PROJECT STATUS

Following receipt of the Minister's Conditions of Approval (MCoA) for the CGP in 1999 and preparation and approval of the required environmental management plans in accordance with the MCoA, construction activities for the CGP occurred between January 2004 and June 2006. Commissioning of the process plant began in March 2006.

The general layout for the mine infrastructure and facilities has been in accordance with MCoA 1.1 as amended on 4 August 2004:

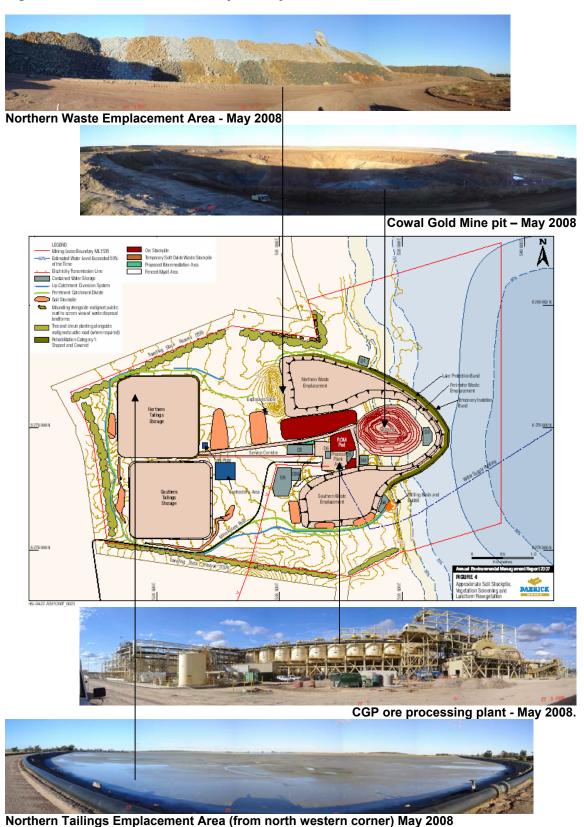
"The development is to be carried out generally in accordance with the EIS dated 13 March 1998, including the Statement of Intent by North Gold (WA) Ltd, and prepared by Resource Strategies, as amended by the plans in Appendix 2 of this consent and all other relevant documentation, including the Applicant's primary submission, and submission in reply to the Commission of Inquiry, as may be modified by the conditions set out herein."

Plate 1: Cowal Gold Project Layout (Aerial Photograph December 2007)





Figure 1: Cowal Gold Mine Layout May 2008





### 3. MINISTER'S CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Development Consent (DA14/98) under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Minister's Conditions of Approval (MCoA) for the CGP were granted on 26 February 1999. Modifications to the consent were granted on 11 August 2003, 22 December 2003, 4 August 2004, 23 August 2006 and 13 March 2008 for the overall development of the CGP. The recent Modification granted on 13 March 2008 was in relation to fauna death reporting and ongoing baseline monitoring.

This Independent Environmental Audit reviewed the available documentation in relation to the requirements of the MCoA and the other licenses and approvals granted for the mining activities and process plant operation for the CGP project between June 2007 and May 2008.

Where an authority other than Department of Planning has administrative responsibility for the requirements of the condition(s) or other approvals, the compliance status has been determined by reviewing correspondence and consultation undertaken by Barrick to meet the requirement of the condition of approval.

Review of compliance and comments with the MCoA for the CGP are summarised in Attachment A. Additional specific comments on the Management Plans are presented in section 3.1 below.

# 3.1 Management Plans

The following EMPs were amended and approved by the Director-General between June 2007 and May 2008:

- Traffic Noise Management Plan was amended to address the DECC Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise guideline with approval granted by DoP on 16 July 2007;
- Noise Management Plan was amended to relocate the bird breeding area noise monitoring site N04 to a safe accessible location on Barrick owned land. Approval was granted by DoP on 15 August 2007;
- Dust Management Plan was amended and the location of dust gauges to include DG11 to DG13 approved by DoP on 31 August 2007;
- Cyanide Management Plan was amended for use of the picric acid method for cyanide analysis at the onsite laboratory, and removal of the v-notch channel at the tailings storage facilities. Approval was granted by DoP on 24 October 2007.
- Hazardous Waste and Chemical Management Plan was amended to include Trash Screen Oversize, and on-site bioremediation of soil from minor hydrocarbon spillages. Approval was granted by DoP on 25 January 2008; and
- Flora and Fauna Management Plan (FFMP) was amended in relation to the change to the fauna death reporting. Approval was granted on 13 March 2008.

An independent review of the Surface Water, Groundwater, Meteorological & Biological Monitoring Plan was being conducted by Professor David Fox (Environmentrics, Melbourne) at the time of this audit, as recommended by the Independent Monitoring Panel (IMP Report 2006-2007 SOE Report). Revision of the Monitoring Plan documentation will occur as required when the results of the independent review by Professor Fox has been completed.

Comments on the implementation of the environmental management plans for the project are included under each specific condition in the MCoA and EPL tables in Attachments A and B. The following comments are provided where commitments in the management plans are made by Barrick for the CGP and specific additional comment was required.



#### Indigenous Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management Plan

The Indigenous Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management Plan was prepared by Barrick and approved by the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation (WCC) in writing on 6 August 2003. Approval was given under the auspices of the Wiradjuri Condobolin Culture and Heritage Company (WCC&HC) which was set up to manage the cultural and heritage component of the agreement between Barrick and the Wiradjuri Condobolin People. The following comments are provided in relation to the implementation of the management program for indigenous archaeology and cultural heritage:

- Archaeological investigations have been undertaken by Cultural Heritage Officers
  provided by WCC working under the Principal Consulting Archaeologist, prior to land
  disturbance or earthworks at the CGP mine lease site between the June 2007 to May
  2008. The works and collection of artefacts are conducted under the Section 87 and
  90 Consents issued for the project by NPWS. The major area subjected to
  archaeological investigation during 2008 was approximately 50ha prepared for the
  southern waste emplacement where the clearing of vegetation and topsoil stripping
  was undertaken. Cultural Heritage Officers from WCC conducted the site surveys. A
  Letter of Certification was issued for this area.
- The Master Inventory of items found during archaeological investigations was updated during the June 2007 to May 2008 period and the items placed in the Temporary Keeping Place on the CGP site. Artefacts presently kept on the CGP site are to be relocated to a temporary Keeping Place in Condobolin prior to being placed in the permanent Keeping House to be incorporated into the WCC Study Centre at Condobolin. The construction the Study Centre and Keeping Place is currently the subject of discussions between WCC and Lachlan Shire Council.
- The Keeping Place Master Inventory was inspected on 7 March 2008 by a DECC Archaeologist, the DECC Regional Manager and Colin Pardoe Principal Consulting Archaeologist for CGP.
- Four meetings were held with Cowal Project Co-ordinating Committee (CPCC) and three with the Employment Training and Business Committee (ETBC) during the June 2007 to May 2008 audit period.
- There were no incidents with respect to archaeological matters during the June 2007 to May 2008 audit period.

### Flora and Fauna Management Plan

The Flora and Fauna Management Plan presents the general management strategies for the conservation of wildlife values within ML1535 and around Lake Cowal. The Threatened Species Management Protocol and Vegetation Clearance Protocol developed as part of the Flora and Fauna Management Plan are operational. The following comments are provided in relation to the implementation of the Flora and Fauna Management Plan:

- Four monitoring quadrants set up on Fellmans Hill Revegetation Enhancement Project (RVEP) were monitored in November 2007. The survival rate of the planted tube stock was low due to the drought conditions and replanting of stock to these areas is planned during 2008.
- 6740 tube stock have been planted on the ML and CGP properties and direct seeding was carried out on the Lakeside and Lake Cowal sites.
- Shaping of the perimeter waste emplacement has been undertaken and subsoil and topsoil has been spread on the southern section of the first batter of the emplacement. No further rehabilitation has been carried out on the Southern Tailings Storage Facility (STSF) since the June 2006 audit.
- Vegetation Clearance Protocol Reports for clearance surveys conducted during May 2007 to May 2008 were completed for:



- Northern Waste emplacement (southern section)
- Southern Waste emplacement
- > Ammonium Nitrate preparation area
- Soil stockpile 6
- > Southern Tailings Storage Facility
- The Threatened Species Management Plan was not triggered during the June 2007 to May 2008 audit period:
- 94 Fauna Incident Notifications were provided to DECC between June 2007 and May 2008.

#### **Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan**

The Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan 2003 presents general measures to be implemented for the project with specific Erosion and Sediment Control 'Sub'-Plans prepared for each area of the project area development during construction activities.

Erosion and sediment control management during the June 2007 to May 2008 period involved maintenance and inspection of erosion and sediment control structures after trigger rainfall events.

As the major construction activities are now completed, no further 'Sub' Plans were prepared during the June 2007 to May 2008 audit period under the Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan.

The ongoing management of erosion and sediment control on the site and particularly the batters of the lake protection bund require review to ensure that the rehabilitation of the constructed surfaces is maintained for long term stability (see Plates 2 and 3). Review of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan is due during 2008 under MCoA 3.2 and the applicability of the plan to the operational management of the site should be confirmed during the review process.



Plate 2: Erosion on the lake protection bund from recent rainfall runoff.



Plate 3: Erosion from reactive soils on the access track on the southern side of the Lake Protection bund.



#### Soil Stripping Management Plan

The Soil Stripping Management Plan presents the processes and scheduling for soil stripping provided in the Mining Operations Plan 2007-2009 (prepared in accordance with the Mining Lease requirements imposed by the DPI-Minerals).

During the June 2007 to May 2008 period soil stripping was carried out at the southern waste rock emplacement area and phase 3 of the open pit.

To date 2.02M m³ of subsoil and 1.55M m³ of topsoil have been stockpiled. Stockpiles are managed in accordance with the Soil Stripping Management Plan. All stockpiles are sign posted.

The topsoil stockpile database is updated as new mining stockpile information is obtained from estimates determined from the site activities.

#### Landscape Management Plan

The requirements of Stage 1 of the Landscape Management Plan were activated with the Earth Mound Screening structures placed along the northern boundary of the lease area in 2005. The Earth Mound Structures on the northern boundary were seeded with native grass in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2006 as the tube stock planted in 2005 did not survive due to the drought conditions.

Stage 2 Vegetation Screening along the lease boundary has been completed.

Grass trials on the lake bund showed germination one week after sowing, with plants reaching 50 mm height after 16 days.

A proposed trial of the use of biosolids to help the establishment of vegetation on the site rehabilitation works areas was submitted to DECC on 18 April 2008. DECC had no objections to the proposed trial (letter dated 23 April 2008) and the trail will be commenced in 2008. The objective of the trial is to determine using Landscape Function Analysis and other soil physical and chemical analyses, to investigate the relative effectiveness of biosolids treatment in stabilising the soil on rehabilitation areas.

#### **Bushfire Management Plan**

The Bushfire Management Plan outlines response to fires including assessment, control and cleanup, generally guided by the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS). Response capability available in the CGP area includes three brigades in the region (Wamboyne, Clear Ridge and Blow Clear). The Emergency Services Co-operation Agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) between Barrick and the NSW Fire Brigade, was signed on 20 February 2007.

Barrick have two Category 7 fire tenders, two (2) trailer mounted 1000L firewater tanks and fire hose units housed in the Rescue Station located near the main maintenance workshop, and also has two spill response units on site.

A first aid vehicle is permanently based on site and a first aid room has been established in the administration building adjacent to the process plant.

A Fire Trail Register for the ML area is on the CGP computer network.

The Emergency Response Team undertakes regular training sessions in fire fighting skills and fire appliance familiarization. Barrick Emergency Response Team members also receive training as members of RFS. There are five permanent Emergency Response Officers on site employed on a rotational shift basis.

General CGP staff fire training includes basic theory on the Emergency Response Plan, fire awareness theory and basic hose handling techniques.



#### Land Management Plan

The land management strategies relating to pasture management, weed and pest control outlined in the Land Management Plan have been progressively implemented.

Four exclusion fences have been erected at the remnant vegetation area on the Hillgrove property to determine the impact of kangaroos on pasture.

Further fencing is being provided on the Thornton and Lake Cowal properties to reduce the impact of sheep grazing on remnant vegetation.

Following the annual weed inspection carried out in 2007, Bathurst Burr, African Boxthorn and Devils Claw were sprayed on the ML area, Travelling Stock Route reserve and lake properties.

A pest animal inspection was carried out by Condobolin Rural Lands Protection Board in November 2007. Rabbit activity was noted on the Lakeside property. Two fox baiting programmes were carried out on site in November 2007.

Pasture cropping trials were set up on the Hillgrove property with an honours student from the University of Sydney undertaking research on native grass recruitment utilising pasture cropping techniques. These trials are being funded by the Lake Cowal Foundation (LCF).

#### Compensatory Wetland Management Plan

Monitoring of the survey sites identified in the Compensatory Wetland Management Plan [i.e. the compensatory wetland site (CW); the remaining areas of wetland within ML1535 (RW) and wetland areas subject to grazing (site GW)] was carried out in November 2007. The November 2007 Compensatory Wetland Area Monitoring Report was sighted during this audit and monitoring site RW1 was visited during this audit inspection. Monitoring of compensatory wetland areas on Lake Cowal that are not grazed within the mining lease, were reported to show higher regeneration rates and groundcover than the grazed sites off the mining lease.

#### Site Water Management Plan

The approved Site Water Management Plan has been implemented with all of the water management ponds constructed and surface water drainage structures completed.

The Operations Water Budget is subject to regular review and revision by process plant staff. The water budget was also reviewed and revised by independent consultants during 2007.

Water management pond D9 was commissioned in June 2007 for temporary storage of water pumped from the Lachlan River to supplement the bore water supply for the project.

NSW State Water Temporary Transfer approvals were granted pursuant to section 117J of the *Water Act* on 15 October 2007 for provision of groundwater to Barrick from B Mattiske (70BL227513), H Duff & Partners (70BL227410), and D Mattiske (70BL227753). The allocation for 2007-08 was 3650ML of available water and 2838ML of held water.

Allocation assignments from State Water under section 71T of the *Water Management Act 2000* were granted to Barrick on 19 October 2007:



Landholders using water from the Bland Paleochannel expressed concerns over the drawdown of groundwater following commencement of pumping by CGP. Barrick met with landholders and developed short and medium term strategies for water management in the region. The strategies and sources of water are being investigated to develop the longterm management of the resource for all stakeholders. The components of the strategies are:

#### Short Term Strategy

- Assist stock and domestic (S&D) users that have been clearly impacted by water supply development for the Cowal Gold Mine.
- Manage local aquifer drawdown.
- Propose to DNR a trigger level and management process that ensures the viability and effectiveness of S&D schemes in the vicinity of Cowal Gold Mine water supply bores (eg. Trigilana), and protects the aquifer.

#### Medium Term Strategy

- Pursue a water augmentation scheme;
- Increase on-site storage capacity;
- Combined augmentation and storage to create a system that is flexible, allowing supply from either canal or bore field;
- Capture and utilise rain/runoff water; and
- Minimise evaporative losses.

A groundwater level contingency plan was agreed between Barrick and DNR on 13 September 2006 as an interim measure. This involved the agreement of trigger levels in borehole GW036553 of 137.5m AHD for water drawdown management actions, and actions to occur at 134m AHD for alternative water supply to impacted S/D bores if the drawdown reaches the above trigger values.

Barrick contracted an independent consultant (Parsons Brinkerhoff Australia Pty Ltd) during 2008 to review the collected groundwater monitoring data and production of hydrochemical diagrams with analysis of the information. The data analysis was to be provided in a format suitable submission to the Director-General in the AEMR.

Trigger rainfall monitoring (>20mm/24hrs) occurred on 18 May 2007, 29 September 2007, 22 December 2007, 16 January 2008, 4 February 2008 and 12 February 2008 during the audit period.

#### Hazardous Waste and Chemical Management Plan

The requirements of the Hazardous Waste and Chemical Management Plan have been implemented (e.g. bunded fuel and lubricant storage, chemical storage facilities). The approved Operations Emergency Response Plan (OERP) has also been implemented and is now part of the waste and chemical management procedures.

The OERP was revised and submitted to DOP on 29 April 2008.

Two emergency response trailers are operational and the Emergency Response Team and other members of the Barrick workforce have received training in emergency response procedures.

The CHEMALERT system is used for all existing chemicals on site and applies to the acquisition of any new chemicals brought onto the site.

All wastes are managed through the waste storage and disposal area, under contract by J R Richards. Hydrocarbon contaminated materials (e.g. oily rags, oil filters etc) are removed from the site under contract by ERS. Waste oil is removed by Nationwide Oil.



#### **Dust Management Plan**

The Dust Management Plan has been implemented for the project area. Activities to suppress dust include the use of water trucks for disturbed surface areas and on internal haulage roads, speed restriction of vehicles on unsealed surfaces (to 20kph), and limiting soil stripping to areas immediately required for the development of the mine activities. Treatment of mine access roads using PetroTac water emulsified bitumen has been successful in reducing dust generation from light vehicle traffic.



Plate 4: PetroTac coating of light vehicle access roads within the mine lease

Three water tankers are used in the pit and surrounds for dust suppression and areas where construction activities occur (e.g. tailings emplacement walls, southern waste emplacement area etc).

No dust complaints were received from surrounding landholders between June 2007 to May 2008.

Barrick contracted an independent consultant (University of Sydney) to review the dust monitoring data collected for the CGP. The data analysis is to be provided in a format suitable for submission to the Director-General in the AEMR.

#### Blast Management Plan

The approved Blast Management Plan was activated when blasting commenced in September 2005. All blasts are monitored with fixed overpressure and vibration monitors at six fixed locations and one mobile/portable monitor available for random checks.

There have been no blast vibration or overpressure exceedances at the fixed monitor locations during the period June 2007 to May 2008. No complaints were received from landholders in relation to blast nuisance.

### Noise Management Plan

The Noise Management Plan (NMP) for the CGP was prepared in consultation with DECC and approved by DoP in November 2004. An addendum to the NMP was prepared in July 2007 in relation to monitoring location N-04.

The plan provides for the management of noise impacts and monitoring during temperature inversions, six monthly noise monitoring as outlined in the Noise Investigation Plan, methods to be utilised to monitor the impact of noise on wildlife, a program to be undertaken to survey and investigate the effectiveness of noise reduction measures implemented in relation to noisy activities, and the noise reduction procedures to be implemented in the event of exceedance of the EPL noise criteria or disturbance of bird breeding or other wildlife.



Operational components of the NMP came into effect with the approval of the Mining Operations Plan (MOP) in April 2005 and the modification of the EPL by DECC on 19 April 2005.

Noise surveys were conducted by Heggies Australia in January 2007 (Operational, including EPL M8.4), July 2007 and February 2008.

One noise complaint related to hours of work on the tailings emplacement walls was recorded during the audit period June 2007 to May 2008 (the response to the complaint was a change in hours of work by the contractor).

#### Traffic Noise Management Plan

The approved Traffic Noise Management Plan has been implemented for the CGP. Heggies Australia conducted traffic noise surveys in January 2007 (Operational, including EPL M8.4 and Traffic). The measured traffic noise levels were generally consistent with the predictions and assessments presented in the Traffic Noise Management Plan, August 2003.

No traffic noise complaints were received during the audit period June 2007 to May 2008.

#### Cyanide Management Plan

The Cyanide Management Plan was approved by DoP on 9 January 2006. The management of cyanide transport, storage and use in the process plant has been implemented in accordance with the Cyanide Management Plan.

Monitoring of cyanide in the discharges to the tailings storage facility is conducted twice daily. Use of the picric acid method of analysis for cyanide at the on-site laboratory was approved by the relevant agencies in 2007 and the Cyanide Management Plan was amended in August 2007 to reflect the approvals.

All results of tailings monitoring have exhibited low levels of CN<sub>WAD</sub>

During the June 2007 to May 2008 operational period no results exceeded the 20mg  $CN_{WAD}/L$  or the maximum 30mg  $CN_{WAD}/L$  level.

Monitoring of the decant water in the tailings storages has been carried out twice daily with no exceedances of cyanide having occurred.

No fauna deaths due to cyanide occurred during the audit period.



# 4. OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the conditions of approval attached to the Minister's consent, MCoA 12 requires:

"The Applicant shall ensure that all statutory requirements including but not restricted to those set down by the Local Government Act 1993, Pollution Control Act 1970, Clean Air Act 1961, Clean Water Act 1970, Noise Control Act 1975, Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991, Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, and all other relevant legislation, Regulations, Australian Standards, Codes, Guidelines and Notices, Conditions, Directions, Notices and Requirements issued pursuant to statutory powers by the BSC, DECC, DPI(Minerals), DSC, DWE, RTA, DPI (Agriculture), DPI(Fisheries), and RAC, are fully met.."

The following licences, permits and approvals in Table 1 are held by Barrick for the CGP.

Table 4.1: Licences, Approvals and Permits for CGP

Instrument	Relevant Authority	Date Granted	Duration of Approval
Mining Lease (ML 1535)	DPI	13 Jun 2003	21 years.
Environment Protection Licence (No. 11912)	DEC	23 Dec 2003	The licence is subject to review every three years.
Permit #1361 under section 87(1) of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974	NPWS	23 May 2002	Valid for period of exploration drilling on the lots covered by the permit.
Consent #1467 under section 90 of the NPW Act	NPWS	27 Nov 2002	The approval lapses when the Minister for Mineral Resources acknowledges that satisfactory rehabilitation work has been completed under ML1535 or 18 years after completion of construction works, whichever occurs first.
Permit #1468 under section 87(1) of the NPW Act	NPWS	27 Oct 2003	Same as Consent #1467.
Consent #1680 under section 90 of the NPW Act	NPWS	28 Jul 2003	Same as above
Permit #1681 under section 87(1) of the NPW Act	NPWS	28 Jul 2003	Same as above
Production bore licence #70BL229248	DNR	19 Dec 2003	18 December 2008
Production Bore Licenses #70BL229249, #70BL229250, #70BL229251	DNR	22 Dec 2003	21 December 2008
Pit de-watering bore licences #70BL230205 – #70BL230234	DNR	6 Jan 2005	5 January 2010
Monitoring bore licences	DNR	See Attachment D	
High Security Title WAL13749 DNR Reference 70AL603333	Land and Property	21 Dec 2006	Title for allocation from Regulated River Source.
General Security WAL13748 DNR Reference 70AL603332	Land and Property	21 Dec 2006	Title for allocation from Regulated River Source.

# 4.1 Mining Lease ML1535

Mining Lease (No.1535) area of 2,650 hectares was granted to Barrick under the *Mining Act* 1992 on 13 June 2003. Barrick is the registered proprietor of the majority of the land on which the mining lease is located.



The current Mining Operations Plan (MOP) developed in accordance with the Mining Lease 1535 Condition of Authority No. 25(1) to (9) covers the period June 2007 to June 2009.

Compliance with the Mining Lease conditions is summarised in the table in Attachment C.

#### Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation is undertaken in accordance with the Mining Operations Plan. The annual status of rehabilitation is reported in the AEMR section 5 (refer to Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Mine Lease Areas Disturbed/Rehabilitated

Mine Lease Areas Disturbed/Rehabilitated	На
MINE LEASE AREA	2650
DISTURBED AREAS	
Infrastructure Area <sup>1</sup>	310
Active Mining Area <sup>2</sup>	48
Waste Emplacements <sup>3</sup>	111
Tailings Emplacements	338
Shaped Waste Emplacement <sup>4</sup>	32
TOTAL DISTURBED AREAS⁵	839
REHABILITATION PROGRESS	
Total Rehabilitated Area <sup>6</sup>	94
SURFACE OF REHABILITATED LAND	
Pasture and Grasses	56
Native Forest/Ecosystems	38

- 1 Includes areas such as ore and soil stockpiles, contained water storages, processing plant and roads.
- 2 Open pit area.
- 3 Areas of waste emplacements yet to be shaped and rehabilitated.
- 4 Areas of waste emplacements that have been shaped and rehabilitated.
- 5 Includes any area that has been disturbed by mining activities.
- 6 Any areas that have been rehabilitated including areas of waste emplacements and tailings storage facilities progressively shaped and rehabilitated.

Success of the rehabilitation/revegetation program, has been related to the drought conditions experienced in the region. The replanting of tube stock that failed will occur when the weather conditions are more conducive with survival of the stock.



Plate 5: Rehabilitation trials on the mine pit batters using native seed stock/tube stock



### 4.2 Environment Protection Licence No. 11912

Barrick received an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 11912 under section 55 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* for the CGP, on 23 December 2003.

Notices of Variation of the Licence dated 29 December 2003, 21 May 2004, 24 September 2004, 19 April 2005 and 17 January 2006 have been advised. The latter variation was related to the commencement of operations of the process plant.

Review of compliance with the EPL conditions is summarised in Attachment B.

The permanent groundwater monitoring piezometers in the process plant area (i.e. points 26 and 27), were installed during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2006 when the construction of the process plant was completed. Monitoring of the groundwater commenced for the tailings storage facilities prior to placement of any tailings. The dewatering piezometers installed around the mine pit area have been sampled in accordance with the EPL and results reported to the DECC in quarterly reports and in the AEMR. The monitoring of groundwater quality has continued in piezometers that have been retained on the mine lease area to provide background data, in addition to the EPL specified monitoring points.

Surface water sampling in Lake Cowal (i.e. points 14-18) and stormwater quality monitoring (points12-13) has not been conducted as there has been no water in Lake Cowal or surface runoff from the mine lease area to the lake.

Rainfall on 18 May, 29 September and 22 December 2007, and 16 January, 4 February, and 12 February 2008, triggered sampling of surface water sites within the mine lease area, but did not result in any significant surface water collection in the lake area that triggered the requirement for monitoring of lake water. Therefore, no lake water monitoring was conducted between June 2007 and May 2008.

The meteorological station installed west of the southern TSR alignment and east of the southern tailings emplacement area records wind speed and direction, temperature and rainfall data continuously over 15 minute periods has continued to provide meteorological information for the project area.

### 4.3 Water Licences

Bore Licence Certificates under section 115 of the *Water Act 1912* are held for the groundwater bores associated with the CGP.

Refer to Attachment D for the complete list of Bore Licence Certificates as at May 2008.



### 5. CONCLUSION

The independent environmental audit of compliance of the CGP operations with the MCoA for the mining and ore processing operations was undertaken between 28 April to 2 May 2008, for the period of June 2007 and May 2008. Site inspections, document review and discussions with relevant CGP personnel were undertaken. Additional information for verification of compliance with the MCoA was provided by Barrick between 2 and 16 May 2008, when requested by the auditors.

The files held by Barrick at the CGP site provided the auditors with the required documentation related to the implementation of the commitments in the EMP's and the information required for verification of compliance with the MCoA and other statutory approvals.

The 5 year revision/update of the management plans approved by the Director-General in 2003, is due during 2008 in accordance with MCoA 3.2. Several of the EMP's have had amendments made and approved since 2003, but a full review of the EMP content and relevance to the current site operations would be advantageous to Barrick and ensure that the mine and process plant operations are managed in a sustainable and achievable manner.

In particular, the ongoing management of erosion and sediment control on the site and particularly the batters of the lake protection bund require review to ensure that stability and rehabilitation of the constructed surfaces are maintained for the long term. Review of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan is due during 2008 under MCoA 3.2 and the applicability of the plan to the operational management of the site and consistency with the MOP should be confirmed during the review process.

The audit findings confirmed a high degree of compliance with the requirements of the MCoA, EPL and Mining Lease conditions.



# **Glossary of Terms**

AEMR Annual Environmental Management Report

AR Annual Return – EPA
Barrick BCA Building Code of Australia

BSC Bland Shire Council

CEMCC Community Environmental Monitoring and Consultative Committee

CGP Cowal Gold Project

CN Cyanide

CN<sub>WAD</sub> Cyanide weak acid dissociable

CPCC Cowal Project Coordinating Committee

DA Development Application

DEC Department of Environment and Conservation (includes EPA)

DECC Department of Environment and Climate Change (formerly DEC)

DIPNR Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources (Now DoP)

Director-General Director-General of DoP

DLWC Department of Land and Water Conservation (now part of DNR)

DMR Department of Mineral Resources (now DPI-Minerals)

DNR Department of Natural Resources (now DWE)
DoP Department of Planning (formerly DIPNR)

DPI Department of Primary Industries

DSC Dam Safety Committee

DWE Department of Water and Energy

EIS Environmental Impact Statement – Cowal Gold Project 1998

EMP Environmental Management Plan

EP&A Act Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979

EPA Environment Protection Authority
EPL Environment Protection Licence

ETBC Employment Training and Business Committee

LCF Lake Cowal Foundation MOP Mining Operations Plan

NPW Act National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

NPWS National Parks and Wildlife Service

OERP Operational Emergency Response Plan

POEA Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

RTA Roads and Traffic Authority
SIS Species Impact Statement
TSR Travelling Stock Route
WAD Weak acid dissociable

WCC Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation

WCC&HC Wiradjuri Condobolin Culture and Heritage Company

trevor brown & associates applied environmental management consultants



# **ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachment A Minister's Conditions of Approval (MCoA)** 

**Attachment B Environment Protection Licence (EPL)** 

**Attachment C Mining Lease Conditions (ML)** 

**Attachment D Bore Licence Certificates** 



# ATTACHMENT A MINISTER'S CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

ATTACHMENT A
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT – MINISTER'S CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (MCOA)

**Consent Condition:** 

Red Type represents August 2003 Modification

Green Type Represents December 2003 Modification

Blue Type Represents August 2004 Modification

Lavender Type Represents August 2006 Modification

Brown Type Represents February 2008 Modification



MCoA No.	Consent Condition	Audit Evidence	Compliance	Comments
1.	GENERAL			
1.1	Adherence to terms of DA, EIS, SIS, etc.			
	(a) The Development is to be carried out generally in accordance with the:  (i) EIS dated 13 March 1998, including the Statement of Intent by North Gold (WA) Ltd, and prepared by Resource Strategies, as amended by the plans in Appendix 2 of this consent;  (ii) other relevant documentation, including the Applicant's primary submission, and submission in reply to the Commission of Inquiry; (iii) modification application submitted by Barrick Australia Limited, dated 20 June 2003;  (iv) modification application and supporting information submitted by Barrick Australia Limited, dated 13 November 2003;  (v) modification application and supporting information submitted by Barrick Australia Limited, dated 22 June 2004;  (vi) modification application and supporting documentation submitted by Barrick Australia Limited, dated 15 August 2006;  (vii) modification application and supporting documentation submitted by Barrick Australia Limited, dated 24 December 2007; and  (viii) conditions of this consent.  (b) If there is any inconsistency between the above documents, the latter document shall prevail over the former to the extent of the inconsistency. However, the conditions of this consent shall prevail over all such documents to the extent of any inconsistency.		Yes	The CGP has been developed in accordance with the EIS, Commission of Inquiry submissions, the Minister's Conditions of Approval (MCoA) and Modifications to the Development Consent granted under the Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
1.2	Period of Approval/Project Commencement			
	(i) The development consent ends on the date which is 21 years from the date of the mining lease approval.	Letter from DMR Mining Application No. 45 – Cowal Gold Project, 18 June 2003	Noted	The mining lease (ML 1535) approval was granted with conditions on 13 June 2003. The development consent will expire on 13 June 2024.
	(ii) At least one month prior to the commencement of construction, or within such period as agreed by the Director-General, the Applicant shall submit for the approval of the Director-General a compliance report detailing compliance with all the relevant conditions that apply prior to the commencement of construction.	Development Consent Compliance Report 22 Dec 2003 Supplement to Compliance Report, 7 April 2004	Yes	Pre-Construction Compliance Report was submitted to DIPNR on 22 December 2003 and approved by the Director-General on 22 Dec 2003, prior to construction activities commencing.  A supplementary Compliance Report was submitted on 7 April 2004 related to transfer of Lot 10 in DP1059150 to the Crown for the new TSR that occurred on 31 March 2004.
	(iii) At least one month prior to commissioning of the ore processing plant, or within such period as agreed by the Director-General, the Applicant shall submit for the approval of the Director-General a compliance report detailing compliance with all the relevant conditions that apply prior to the commissioning of the ore processing plant.	Compliance Report submitted to Director-General, 20 January 2006 Letter from DoP re Compliance with Condition 1.2(iii), 6 March 2006	Yes	A compliance report detailing compliance with all relevant MCoA that apply prior to the commissioning of the ore processing plant was submitted to the Director-General on 20 January 2006 and accepted by the Director-General on 6 March 2006.

	(iv) Date of commencement of construction works and date of commissioning of the ore processing plant are to be notified in writing to the Director-General and BSC, at least two weeks prior to commencement of construction works and commissioning of the ore processing plant respectively.	Letter from BDW to Director-General and BSC re Notice of Commencement of Works, 24 Dec 2003 Letter to BSC and DoP re Notice of Commencement of Commissioning of the Ore Processing Plant, 16 Feb 2006	Yes	The commencement of construction was notified to the Director-General and BSC 0n the 24 December 2003 and construction activities started on 12 January 2004. Notification of date of commencement of commissioning of the ore processing plant on or about 13 March 2006 was sent to the Director-General and BSC on 16 February 2006.
	(v) No mine construction activity is to occur until the relevant approvals under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 have been obtained for the construction of the transmission line from Temora to the mine site and the mine access road upgrade. This condition does not require approval to be obtained under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in relation to any rail crossing before mine construction activities can commence.	Approval under Section 115(B) in relation to the Temora to Cowal 132KV Transmission Line, 3 Aug 1999 Bland Shire Council Decision Notification of Approval of Cowal Gold Project Access Road Upgrade, 21 Apr 1999	Yes	Approval under Part 5 of the EP&A Act of the Temora Transmission Line was granted to Great Southern Energy August 1999.  Approval by the Bland Shire Council (BSC) and approval under Part 5 Approval of the EP&A Act was granted on 21 April 1999 for the upgrade of the access road to the CGP.  May 2008  The ETL was commissioned in January 2006 and is maintained and operated by Country Energy. An inspection of the route indicated compliance of the construction of the ETL with the MCoA for the project except for the vegetative screens that had not established due to the drought conditions. Replanting of tube stock is planned by Country Energy during 2008 when the weather conditions improve for plant establishment.
	If construction works have not commenced within two years of this development consent, the Applicant shall provide an annual report on the status of the project and any major changes to the environmental conditions of the site.	Letter from DIPNR re Application under Section 95B of the EP&A Act, 12 May 2004	Noted	Construction works for the CGP commenced in January 2004 and commissioning of the ore processing plant commenced in January 2006.
1.3	Dispute Resolution			
	In the event that the Applicant and the BSC or a Government agency, other than the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, cannot agree on the specification or requirements applicable under this consent, the matter shall be referred by either party to the Director-General or if not resolved, to the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, whose determination of the disagreement shall be final and binding on the parties.		Noted	
1.4	Security Deposits and Bonds			
	Security deposits and bonds will be paid as required by DPI(Minerals) under mining lease approval conditions.	Security Certificate No. 5034063002, Citigroup	Yes	A Security deposit of \$250,000 was lodged in June 2003 as part of the ML approval and the remaining \$11,750,000, was lodged in March 2004.
2.	MINE MANAGEMENT			
2.1	Mine Management Plan, Operations and Methods			
	The Applicant shall submit to and have accepted by the	Mining Operations Plan – 2005 to	Yes	The Mining Operations Plan (MOP) June 2005 to June



	DPI(Minerals), a Mining Operations Plan in accordance with current guidelines issued by DPI(Minerals), prior to commencement of mining. The Plan covers mining operations for a period of up to seven years.	June 2007, submitted March 2005 Letter from DMR re Mining Operations Plan – meets the Department's requirements, 18 Mar 2005 Mining Operations Plan – June 2007 to June 2009, submitted June 2007		2007 was submitted to DPI-Mineral Resources in March 2005 and approved.  May 2008  The MOP for June 2007 to June 2009 was submitted and approved by DPI in June 2007.
2.2	Ore, Waste and Concentrate Production			
	The Applicant shall not transport ore or other excavated materials not required for either construction or maintenance works from other mines or locations to the mine site without the written approval of the relevant councils.		Yes	No ore or excavated materials from other mines or locations have been transported to the CGP site.
2.3	Mine and Public safety			
	The Applicant shall secure the mine site as described in section 2.10.5 of the EIS. The fence for the MLA boundary shall be designed to minimise the impact on water birds and aquatic species. (Refer also to condition 5.4(b) (ii)).		Yes	A 1.3m wire strand fence has been erected around the Mining Lease Area in accordance with the design requirement.
3.	LAND AND SITE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT			
3.1	Appointment of Environmental Officer			
	(i) The Applicant shall employ an Environmental Officer to exclusively work for the Cowal gold mine and no other mine, whose qualifications are acceptable to the DPI(Minerals) who shall report to the Mine Manager. The Officer shall be employed throughout the life of the mine, and shall:  (a) be responsible for the preparation of the environmental management plans (refer condition 3.2)  (b) be responsible for considering and advising on matters specified in the conditions of this consent and compliance with such matters;  (c) be responsible for receiving and responding to complaints in accordance with condition 10.2(a);  (d) facilitate an induction and training program for all persons involved with construction activities, mining and remedial activities; and  (e) have the authority and independence to require reasonable steps to be taken to avoid or minimise significant environmental impacts which are not in accordance with this consent or the EIS and failing the effectiveness of such steps, to cease the activity causing the problem immediately if a significant impact on the environment is likely to occur.	Letters to DMR, EPA, NPWS, DLWC, BSC and CEMCC re Appointment of Environmental Officer 24 Nov 2003 Letter from DMR Ref L03/0324 Acceptance of Environmental Officer, 27 Nov 2003 Letters to DMR, EPA, NPWS, DLWC, BSC and CEMCC re Appointment of Garry Pearson as Environmental Officer, 31 Aug 2006	Yes	DIPNR, DMR, EPA, NPWS, DLWC and BSC were notified on 16 July 2003 of Mr David Blaxland's appointment to the position of Environmental Officer. Mr Blaxland's qualifications were communicated to and agreed to by DMR.  The duties and responsibilities outlined in the Job Description for the Environmental Officer address the requirements of MCoA 3.1  Gary Pearson was approved by the relevant authorise and appointed in August 2006 as Environmental Manager on the CGP site.
	(ii) The Applicant shall notify the Director-General, DPI(Minerals), DECC, DWE, BSC and the CEMCC (refer condition 8.7) of the name and contact details of the Environmental Officer upon appointment and any changes to that appointment.	Letters to DMR, EPA, NPWS, DLWC, BSC and CEMCC re Appointment of Garry Pearson as Environmental Officer, 31 Aug 2006	Yes	The authorities were advised of the appointment of Garry Pearson as Environmental Officer to the CGP, replacing David Blaxland, in August 2006.



3.2	Environmental Management Plans			
J.2	The Applicant shall prepare the following environmental management plans:			The environmental management plans were prepared and approved by the relevant government authorities:
	Archaeology and cultural management plan (refer condition 3.3)	1	Yes	Heritage Management Plan Indigenous Archaeology & Cultural Management Plan
	Fauna management plan (refer condition 3.4)		Yes	
	Erosion and sediment control plan (refer condition 3.5(a))		Yes	Fauna Management Plan
	Soil stripping management plan (refer condition 3.5(b))		Yes	Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan
	Landscape management plan (refer condition 3.8)		Yes	Soil Stripping Management Plan
	Bushfire management plan (refer condition 3.9)	Refer to the relevant conditions re	Yes	Landscape Management Plan
	Land management plan (refer condition 3.11(i))	documentation verification/comment.	Yes	Bushfire Management Plan
	Compensatory wetland management plan (condition 3.11(v))		Yes	Land Management Plan
	Site water management plan (refer condition 4.1)		Yes	Compensatory Wetland Management Plan Site Water Management Plan
	Cyanide management plan (refer condition 5.3(b))		Yes	Cyanide Management Plan
	Hazardous waste and chemical management plan (refer condition 5.8)	1	Yes	Hazardous Waste and Chemical Management Plan  Dust Management Plan
	Dust management plan (refer condition 6.1)		Yes	Noise Management Plan
	Blast management plan (refer condition 6.3)		Yes	Blast Management Plan
	Noise management plan (refer condition 6.4(b))		Yes	Traffic Noise Management Plan
	Traffic Noise Management Plan (refer condition 6.4(c))		Yes	
	The management plans are to be revised/updated at least every five years, or as otherwise directed by the Director-General, in consultation with the relevant government authorities. They will reflect changing environmental requirements or changes in technology/operational practices. Changes shall be made and approved in the same manner as the initial environmental management plan. The plans shall also be made publicly available at BSC within two weeks of approval of the relevant government authority.		Noted	May 2008 There have been a number of amendments to the EMP's developed by Barrick and approved by the relevant authorities since the Director-General's approval of the Plans in 2003. To meet the requirement of MCoA 3.2, revision/update of the management plans approved in 2003, is due during 2008.
3.3	Heritage Assessment and Management			
3.3	(a) The Applicant shall prior to commencement of construction works: (i) prepare a Heritage Management Plan (HMP) to address non-indigenous cultural heritage issues. The HMP shall be prepared in consultation with Bland District Historical Society, BSC, and Lake landholders/residents, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General;	Heritage Management Plan Sept 2003 Letter from BSC re European Heritage Management Plan, 5 Sep 2003 Letter from DIPNR re Approval of the Indigenous Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management Plan, 11 Nov 2003	Yes	The Heritage Management Plan was prepared by Barrick and approved by the Director General on 25 September 2003.



(ii) prepare an Indigenous Archaeology and Cultural Management Plan (IACMP) to identify future salvage, excavation and monitoring of any archaeological sites within the DA area prior to and during development, and to address Aboriginal cultural heritage issues. The IACMP shall be prepared in consultation with NPWS, the Local Aboriginal Land Council, a consultant archaeologist, any other stakeholders identified by NPWS, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General; and	Indigenous Archaeology and Cultural Management Plan, Oct 2003 Letter from DIPNR re Indigenous Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management Plan, 11 Nov 2003	Yes	The Indigenous Archaeology and Cultural Management Plan was prepared in consultation with the NPWS, Wiradjuri-Condobolin Cultural Heritage Company, and Colin Pardoe (consultant archaeologist) and approved by the Director-General on 11 November 2003.
(iii) retain a Cultural Heritage Officer approved by the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council who is to be available on site during construction earthworks.	Letter from Barrick – Letter of Appointment – Professional Services from Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation, 6 Nov 2003	Yes	Barrick entered an agreement with the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation for the provision of cultural heritage officer(s) during construction earthworks. The agreement was approved by the West Wyalong Aboriginal Land Council. Dr Colin Pardoe, Consultant Archaeologist was appointed by Barrick to oversee all archaeological surveys and works. Cultural heritage officers continue to survey any new areas of land clearing associated with waste emplacement and stockoiles at the site.
(b) The Applicant shall, prior to the commencement of construction works in a particular part of the DA area, submit to and have approved by the Director-General of NPWS, a Consent to Destroy application under Section 90 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 in relation to that particular part of the DA area for Aboriginal archaeological sites that have been identified to be damaged or destroyed as a result of the development prior to consent and/or by the IACMP.	Section 87 Permit 1361, 23 May 2002 Section 90 Consent 1467, 27 Nov 2002 Section 87 Permit 1468, 27 Oct 2002 Section 90 Consent 1680, 28 Jul 2003 Section 87 Permit 1681, 28 Jul 2003	Yes	Section 87 Permit 1361 applied to Lot 23 and 24 and Game Reserve – authorised archaeological works, but not destruction of aboriginal objects.  Section 90 Consent 1467 applies to the whole mining lease area, plus the water pipeline route and borefield – authorises destruction of Aboriginal objects after the archaeological works required by Permit 1468 have been carried out and certified.  Section 87 Permit 1468 applies to the whole mining lease area, plus the water pipeline route and borefield – authorises archaeological works but not destruction of aboriginal objects.  Section 90 Consent 1680 and Section 87 Permit 1681 were granted in July 2003.  Surveys of areas proposed for surface disturbance are conducted by Dr Pardoe and WCC Aboriginal representatives prior to any disturbance.

3.4	Flora and Fauna Assessment and Management			
	(a) The Applicant shall prior to commencement of construction prepare a fauna management plan to cover the mining lease area and monitoring of bird breeding areas as identified by the Applicant in consultation with DECC. The plan shall be prepared in consultation with DPI(Fisheries) and DECC, and be to the satisfaction of the Director-General. The plan shall include, but not be limited to:	Flora and Fauna Management Plan, Oct 2003 Letter from DIPNR re Approval Flora and Fauna Management Plan, 30 Oct 2003	Yes	The Flora and Fauna Management Plan was prepared by Barrick and approved by the Director General on 30 October 2003.
	(i) methods for monitoring daily and seasonal fauna usage of tailings dams (eg. species, number, location, habits), and whether deaths or other effects or incidents are occurring. Usage of the tailings dams shall be reported to the DECC on a six monthly basis, unless otherwise directed by the Director-General;	Flora and Fauna Management Plan Section 4 Donato report (30 Apr 06 to 30 Oct 06) on fauna usage of TSF, Dec 2006 Letter to DPI, EPA and NPWS re Fauna Usage of the STSF, 2 Jan 2007 Wildlife Monitoring and International Cyanide Code: Wildlife Monitoring Workshop, Donato, Feb 2007 Seasonal Wildlife Use Pattern of the CGP Tailings Facility, Oct 2006 to March 2007, Donato Environmental Services, August 2007 Letter to DECC re Report on Fauna Usage of Tailings Dams, 6 March 2008	Yes	Monitoring of the tailings storage facilities was implemented twice a day following placement of tailings in the STSF in May 2006. The monitoring is conducted by process plant staff plus informal regular inspections by the Environment staff. No cyanide related deaths were recorded from fauna use of the tailings storage facilities. Donato provided a report on fauna usage of TSF between 30 April 2006 and 30 October 2006, dated December 2006.  Training of Barrick personnel occurred for avifauna monitoring in accordance with the International Cyanide Code.
	(ii) development of a protocol for the reporting of any native fauna deaths or other incidents involving native fauna on the mining lease to the DECC, DPI(Minerals), CEMCC and in the case of fish, DPI(Fisheries). Native fauna deaths (except those attributable to physical trauma such as vehicle strike) must be reported as per this protocol within 24 hours (or next working day). The Applicant shall maintain a record of any native fauna deaths or other incidents and this record shall be included in the AEMR;	Flora and Fauna Management Plan Section 6.1 and 6.2 Notification of Native Fauna Incidents to DEC /DMR and /NPWS for each incident 2006-2007 Letter from DoP re Fauna Death Reporting, 13 Mar 2008 Notification forms to DECC/DPI (Minerals and CEMCC for May 2007 to April 2008 Draft 2007 AEMR, May 2008	Yes	Notification of any incidents involving native fauna submitted to DPI and DEC for each incident. The incidents involving fauna are reported in the AEMR.  May 2008  The procedure for quarterly reporting of fauna deaths to the relevant authorities was modified and approved by DoP on 13 March 2008.  The record of fauna deaths and other incidents is reported in the Draft 2007 AEMR, and notification of the relevant agencies occurred on 94 occasions in accordance with the MCoA.
	(iii) provision for fauna autopsy facilities to enable the cause of any deaths to be quickly determined. The protocol required in sub clause (ii) above shall also detail collection and autopsy of fauna. This shall include but not be limited to collection and recording procedures, autopsy procedures and laboratory tests.	Flora and Fauna Management Plan Section 6.3 West Wyalong Veterinary Clinic Reports	Yes	Autopsy reports prepared by the West Wyalong Veterinary Clinic were sighted for the June 2006 to April 2007 period.  May 2008  Autopsy reports prepared by the West Wyalong Veterinary Clinic were sighted for the June 2007 to April 2008 period.



(iv) provision of contingency measures for reducing cyanide levels in the tailings dams in the event it is established that fauna deaths are occurring from cyanide in tailings dam water (refer also condition 5.3(c));	Flora and Fauna Management Plan Section 8 Notification forms to DECC/DPI (Minerals and CEMCC for May 2007 to April 2008 Draft 2007 AEMR, May 2008	Noted	No fauna deaths related to cyanide have been recorded the tailings storage on the CGP site.  May 2008  No fauna deaths were attributed to in the tailings storage areas on the CGP site for the period June 2007 to April 2008.
(v) development of effective mechanisms to keep fauna and avifauna away from the tailings storages, which shall include, but not be limited to:  - minimising area of open water in the tailings dams; - fencing to prevent both medium and large fauna, terrestrial and amphibians, from entering the area. Mesh will have holes no greater than 5cm in diameter; - making the area non conducive to the establishment of wildlife habitats, as far as possible; - use of netting where practical; and - use of current best practice for avifauna deterrence;	Report on the Interaction of Fauna with the Tailings Storage Facilities - Cowal Gold Project, Donato Environmental Services, Jun 2004. Flora and Fauna Management Plan Section 3 Implementation Plan to Protect Fauna from Interactions with the Tailings Storage Facilities, Feb 2005 Letter to DEC re Implementation Plan to Protect Fauna from Interactions with the Tailings Storage Facilities, Feb 2005 Seasonal Wildlife Use Pattern of the CGP Tailings Facility, Oct 2006 to March 2007, Donato Environmental Services, August 2007	Yes	The fauna proof fence has been erected around the tail storage facilities.  Deterrent devices were installed at the STSF with radar activated audio units on two sides of the storage facility sonic gas guns and other passive devices erected to so away birds approaching or landing on the tailings water early 2006 in accordance with the approaches outlined the Implementation Plan submitted to the DEC in 2005. The effectiveness of the audio units is questionable as many of the larger species that have landed on the stor facility waters do not react to the warning units.  May 2008  A wombat was captured in the tailings emplacement wa area in 2008. A manned gate into the tailings emplacem area was introduced to ensure that fauna (e.g. emus, wombats, kangaroos etc) do not enter the tailings emplacement area when vehicle access is open from the site to the tailings compounds.
(vi) development of plans for the rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife that may become bogged/sick/trapped in the tailings dams or elsewhere within the mining lease area;	Flora and Fauna Management Plan Section 5	Yes	Rescue of two birds that became bogged in the tailings was achieved using a pole and line. A small run about outboard motor is also available for use in areas where water depth allows access.  May 2008  A small number of birds were removed from the tailings emplacement facilities using a pole and line during 200 A radio controlled model boat has been used to scare to when they had settled on the water areas of the tailings emplacements.
(vii) methods to conserve and enhance wildlife values around Lake Cowal, within the mine lease area, including protection and enhancement of existing retained habitats;	Flora and Fauna Management Plan Section 9	Yes	See section 3.1 above on the Flora and Fauna and the Land Management Plans.

(viii) provision to continue fauna and flora, fish, and aquatic invertebrate monitoring of the Lake Cowal region as documented in the EIS and SIS including investigation of fauna deaths off the Mine Site if requested by the Director-General where it is considered the deaths are attributable to activities on the Mine Site;	Surface, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program	Noted	No biological monitoring was conducted as Lake Cowal water has not reached the trigger level of 204.5 AHD. Bird monitoring is conducted 3 times a year (August, October and January).  May 2008  No biological monitoring was conducted between June 2007 and May 2008, as there was no standing water present in Lake Cowal.
(ix) details to relocate any threatened species and/or its habitat away from disturbed areas that are created by mine operations. This will include placement and maintenance of suitable types and numbers of artificial roosting boxes for bats such as the Greater Long-eared Bat and other animals (eg birds/possums) in undisturbed areas of the mine site;	Flora and Fauna Management Plan Section 10	Yes	A number of Grey-crowned Babblers, a threatened species under the NSW <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act</i> , have been identified on the mine lease area. In accordance with the Threatened Species Management Protocol (TSMP) the Threatened Species Management Strategy (TSMS) of the TSMP was initiated where required. Successful relocation of active babbler nests occurred twice during the June 2006 to April 2007 period, in area where vegetation clearance was required.
(x) details of monitoring the mine's impacts particularly on birdlife in bird breeding areas identified by the Applicant in consultation with DECC, threatened fauna and flora, and fish and aquatic invertebrates around Lake Cowal, and outline contingency measures should impacts be identified as occurring.	Flora and Fauna Management Plan Section 11 Seasonal Wildlife Use Pattern of the CGP Tailings Facility, Oct 2006 to March 2007, Donato Environmental Services, August 2007	Yes	Monitoring of bird breeding areas has been conducted around the mine site and Lake Cowal area.  No monitoring of fish or aquatic invertebrates in Lake Cowal has occurred because of lack of water in the lake.  May 2008  Donat0 prepared a report on the seasonal wildlife use of the CGP area, particularly the tailings emplacement facilities.
(b) The Applicant shall also implement a Threatened Species Management Protocol as outlined in Appendix 9 of the Department's primary submission to the Commission of Inquiry, which will include provisions for targeted searches prior to construction and proposed mitigation measures where threatened flora or fauna species are found.	Threatened Species Management Protocol Appendix A Flora and Fauna Management Plan October 2003 Letter from DoP re Inland Greybox Woodland, 10 August 2007 Letter from DECC re Inland Greybox Woodland, 27 August 2007 Letter from DECC re Myall Woodland, 29 August 2007 Letter from DECC re Aquatic Ecological Community, 21 Sep 2007 Letter from DoP re Myall Woodland, 24 September 2007 Letter from DoP re Aquatic Ecological Community, 12 Oct 2007	Yes	A Threatened Species Management Protocol was prepared by Barrick and approved by the Director General on 30 October 2003.  Active Grey-crowned Babblers nest sites that were identified have been relocated in accordance with the Threatened Species Management Protocol (TSMP).  May 2008  DECC, DPI (Minerals) and DoP accepted the implementation of the Vegetation Clearance Protocols related to the Inland Grey Box Woodland, dated 9 August 2007, and Myall Woodland dated 20 August 2007.  DECC, DPI (Minerals) and DoP accepted the Threatened Species Management Strategy for the Aquatic Ecological Community in the natural drainage system of the Lowland Catchment of the Lachlan River in September 2007.



Prevention of Soil Erosion			
The second of th	Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan Sep 2003		
area which meets the requirements of DECC. The plan shall include, but not be limited to:	Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan Sep 2003 Letter to DEC re Amendments to Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and Site Water Management Plan, 28 Oct 2004 Letter from DEC re Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and Site Water Management Plan Amendments, 1 Dec 2004 Letter to DIPNR re Amendments to SWMP & ESCMP, 10 Dec 2004	Yes	The Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan for the DA area was prepared and approved by the Director General on 1 October 2003.  Specific Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan were prepared for each stage of the construction works and submitted to DMR, EPA and DLWC for approval protocommencement of that stage of the works.  May 2003  The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan is due for revied during 2008 to meet the requirements of MCoA 3.2.
(i) details of temporary and permanent sediment and erosion control systems to be used during both mine construction and operation, including for earthworks associated with landscaping; (ii) details of salinity management; and (iii) a program for reporting on the effectiveness of the sediment and	Erosion ands Sediment Control Management Plan Sections 3, 4 & 5 Erosion ands Sediment Control Management Plan Section 6 Erosion ands Sediment Control Management Plan Section 11	Yes	Regular inspections of the mining lease boundary fence and sediment controls are conducted by Security personnel on their daily inspections of the mine lease boundary and also regularly inspected by Environment Personnel, particularly after rainfall events.  May 2008 Inspection of erosion and sediment controls has been conducted. The lake protection bund is showing signification of the erosion control strategies and development of appropriate erosion control measures need to be addressed.
requirements of DPI(Minerals) and DECC which shall include, but not be limited to:	Soil Stripping Management Plan Aug 2003 Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan Section 7.1	Yes	The Soil Stripping Management Plan for the DA area we prepared by Barrick and approved by the Director General on 1 August 2003, following consultation with the DMR DLWC.  May 2008  The requirements of the Soil Stripping Management Placentinue to be used for new areas of clearance (e.g. southern waste emplacement area).
techniques and scheduling; and	Erosion ands Sediment Control Management Plan Section 7 Erosion ands Sediment Control Management Plan Section 11	Yes	Infill testing of site soils is carried out and recorded.  May 2008  The topsoil stockpile database continues to be maintain for all topsoil clearance activities on site.



	(ii) a program for reporting on the effectiveness of the soil stripping methods and performance against objectives contained in the soil stripping management plan, and EIS.	Infill Sampling and Results CGP Environment File Jun 2005 2005 AEMR, submitted 23 Mar 2006 Draft AEMR Apr 2007	Yes	The soil stockpiles are being managed in accordance with the Soil Stripping Management Plan and rehabilitation strategies.  May 2008  The topsoil stockpile database is updated as new stockpile information is obtained, with a location map developed for the site. The segregation of topsoil and infill material continues.
3.6	Site Rehabilitation Management			
	The Applicant shall carry out rehabilitation of all mine areas in accordance with the requirements of the Mining Operations Plan of the DPI (Minerals) (refer condition 2.1), and EIS, particularly Section 5.	EIS Section 5 Mining Operations Plan 2005-2007 Section 4, March 2005	Noted	Rehabilitation is undertaken in accordance with the MOP. Areas along the perimeter of the waste emplacement and tailings storage facilities have been contoured and topsoil spreading completed. Seeding has occurred in these areas with varying success due to the dry conditions.  May 2008  Rehabilitation planned is outlined in the MOP and reported in the AEMR. The drought conditions have hampered survival of the planted tube stock and seeded area establishment has been low. Replanting and seeding is planned to occur when the weather conditions are more conducive to vegetative survival.
3.7	Visual Amenity and Landscaping			
	The Applicant shall prior to commencement of construction works prepare and submit for the approval of BSC a detailed landscape management plan prepared by a suitably qualified person. The plan shall include, but not be limited to:	Landscape Management Plan, 2003 Letter from BSC/DMR re Land scape Management Plan,1 Sep 03	Yes	A Landscape Management Plan was prepared and approved by DMR and BSC in August 2003.
	(i) provision for the establishment of trees and shrubs on areas identified as necessary by BSC for the maintenance of satisfactory visual amenity from outside the mine site. Such landscaping shall have regard for reducing impacts of night lighting on wildlife and nearby residences;	Landscape Management Plan Section 4	Yes	Earth mounds were established and planted with tube stock in accordance with the Landscape Management Plan. The tube stock planted on the mounds did not establish due to the dry conditions and the mounds have been subsequently been seeded with grass. Trees along the boundary and around the mounds are approximately 3 years old and up to 1 metre high and will establish a visual barrier to the mine development when they reach >3m height.  May 2008  The trees along the boundary of the site provide considerable visual screening of the mine lease activities and the topsoil stockpiles on the northern side of the lease also provide a visual barrier to the site activities and structures from the public roads and residences.
	details of the visual appearance of all buildings, structures, facilities or works (including paint colours and	Landscape Management Plan Section 5	Yes	All buildings and the process plant structures on site have been painted 'sand/straw' colour in accordance with the



	specifications). Buildings and structures shall be designed and constructed so as to blend as far as possible with the surrounding landscape; and  (iii) details, specifications and staged work programs to be undertaken, maintenance of all landscape works and maintenance of building materials and cladding.	Landscape Management Plan Section 5	Noted	specifications in the Plan and 'blend' into the natural colour of the landscape.
3.8	Bushfire and other Fire Controls			
	The Applicant shall:  (a) prior to commencement of construction works prepare and submit for the approval of BSC, a bushfire management plan as outlined in section 6.4.4 of the EIS; and	Bushfire Management Plan, Aug 2003 Letter from BSC re Draft Bushfire Management Plan, 5 Aug 2003	Yes	A Bushfire Management Plan was prepared and the plan approved by DMR and BSC on 24 July 2003.  May 2008  The Bushfire Management Plan is due for review during 2008 to address the requirements of MCoA 3.2.
	(b) provide adequate fire protection works on-site. This shall include one (1) emergency fire fighting unit on site. (Refer also condition 5.4(a)(i)).	CGP Category 7 Fire Tenders  MOU – Barrick and NSW Fire Service 20 Feb 2007	Yes	Two Category 7 fire tender and two emergency fire fighting units of approximately 1000 L each are located on site. The Fire Trail register has been set up and is on the computer network.  Barrick Emergency Response personnel are members of local Rural Fire Service and the Emergency Response Team has received training by the Rural Fire Service in fire fighting techniques.  The Memorandum of Understanding between the NSW Rural Fire Service and Barrick was signed off on 20 February 2007.  May 2008  The fire tenders and fire fighting units are now housed in a Rescue Station on the CGP site near the main maintenance workshop.
3.9	Other Land Covenants and Agreements			
	(a) Relocation of Game Reserve The Applicant shall prior to the commencement of construction works relocate the existing game reserve in consultation with BSC, DECC, DPI (Fisheries), and lake residents and users as identified by BSC. Where public access arrangements are to be provided they shall be completed no later than the time of the reserve's relocation, to the requirements of BSC and DECC. The total size of the new reserve(s) shall be no smaller than the existing reserve.		Yes	Barrick relocated a reserve external to the mining lease for "public access" and "environmental protection" on 7 November 2003. The reserve maintains public access to the lake and has an area of 123.4ha.  The "Game Reserve" status of the Crown land within ML 1535 was revoked on 19 December 2003.
	(b) Relocation of Travelling Stock Route The Applicant shall, prior to the commencement of construction works on the Travelling Stock Route (TSR), relocate the TSR in accordance with the EIS and the requirements of BSC, and the Condobolin Rural Lands Protection Board, and should include appropriate fencing and stock watering facilities.	Letter from BDW re TSR 7 Apr 2004 Part 3A Permit No. 703A01055 under the Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act 1948	Yes	Barrick obtained the requirements of BSC, DIPNR and the Condobolin Rural Lands Protection Board for the relocation of the TSR.  The new road and TSR works were completed in the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2004, and Barrick transferred the land for the new TSR to the Crown as Lot 100 DP 1059150.



9.40	(c) The Applicant is to ensure that all applications for road closures are finalised prior to the commencement of construction works on the land comprising the existing public roads that are to be closed. This will include the relocation of the public roads in use prior to commencement of construction works on the land comprising the existing public roads that are to be closed.	Letter to BSC from Barrick re Closure of Council Roads, undated. Orange Office - Notification of Closing of a Road, NSW Government Gazette, 16 April 2004	Yes	Barrick lodged the road closure application with the Department of Lands for Road 1 (a public road within TSR17085 parallel to the western shore of Lake Cowal) and Road 2 (an unformed public road adjacent to the northern boundary of Portion 44) and the road closures were gazetted in April 2004.
3.10	Land Management The Applicant shall:	Land Management Plan Oct 2003	Yes	The Land Management Plan was prepared by Barrick and
	(A) (i) prior to commencement of construction works prepare a Land Management Plan for all its land holdings to provide for proper land management in consultation with DECC, DWE, DPI(Agriculture), and BSC, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General. The plan shall be consistent with the fauna management plan (condition 3.4) and shall include, but not be limited to:  pastures and remnant vegetation management;  control of vermin and noxious weeds as required by the Rural Lands Protection Authority, the Prickly Pear Authority and other relevant authorities;  integration of the latest versions of the Jemalong and the Lake Cowal Land and Water Management Plan; and	Letter from DMR re Draft Land Management Plan 10 Oct/03 Letter from BSC re Draft Land Management Plan, 24 Oct 2003 Letter from NSW Agriculture re Weed Management Plan, 17 Oct 2003 Land Management Plan Sections 4 and 5 Land Management Plan Sections 6 and 7	Tes	approved by the Director General in October 2003.  May 2008 The Land Management Plan is due for review during 2008 to address the requirement of MCoA 3.2.
	(ii) prior to commencement of construction works prepare a Compensatory Wetland Management Plan in consultation with DECC, DPI(Fisheries), Lake Cowal Landowners Association, and Lake Cowal Environmental Trust, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General . The plan shall detail compensation measures for the loss of 120 hectares of wetland, through the enhancement of at least the equivalent area of existing wetland within the mine lease area during operation and following closure of the mine. The plan shall include, but not be limited to:  (a) a definition of wetland which shall be all land up to the high water mark of Lake Cowal recognising that river red gum habitat is below high water mark;  (b) measures to manage the enhanced wetlands without adversely impacting adjoining private properties; and  (c) measures to improve habitats for wildlife including waterbirds, fish, aquatic organisms etc, in wetlands covered by the plan.	Compensatory Wetland Management Plan Oct 2003 Compensatory Wetland Management Plan Section 4 Compensatory Wetland Management Plan Section 7 Compensatory Wetland Management Plan Section 6 Compensatory Wetland Monitoring Report, November 2007	Yes	A Compensatory Wetland Management Plan was submitted and approved by the Director General on 25 September 2003.  May 2008  Monitoring of the survey sites identified in the Compensatory Wetland Management Plan was carried out in November 2007. The Monitoring Report was sighted during the audit and monitoring site RW1 was visited. Monitoring of compensatory wetland areas on Lake Cowal within the mining lease that are not grazed, were reported to show higher regeneration rates and groundcover than the grazed sites off the mining lease.  The Compensatory Wetland Management Plan is due for review and if required revision to address the requirements of MCoA 3.2.
	(B) minimise the removal of trees and other vegetation from the mine site and restrict any clearance to the areas occupied by the mine activity, buildings and paved surfaces, and those areas necessary for fire control in accordance with BSC's requirements, and have regard to the draft Mid-Lachlan Regional Vegetation Management Plan (or its final version);	Flora and Fauna Management Plan Section 9.7 Cowal Gold Project: Vegetation Clearance Protocol Reports, Sep 2006 Cowal Gold Project: Vegetation	Yes	The Vegetation Clearance Protocol was triggered and the Vegetation Clearance Procedure instigated in 30 areas for the project between January 2005 and June 2006. Detailed reports on each of these areas are contained in, Cowal Gold Project: Vegetation Clearance Protocol Reports, Barrick, September 2005.



	(C) not locate topsoil stockpiles within any area of Wilga Woodland	Clearance Protocol Reports, Sep 2006 to Mar 2007 Cowal Gold Project: Vegetation Clearance Protocol Reports, Mar 2007 to Feb 2008	Yes	Further Vegetation Clearance Reports have been completed for the D9 contained water storage dam (December 2006), southern waste emplacement (March 2007), and VCP have been triggered for the new magazine area, old magazine area, northern waste emplacement and soil stockpile area in early 2007 and the reports are yet to be completed.  Topsoil stockpiles have not been located on any Wilga
	in the DA area as identified in figure 3-13 of the EIS;  (D) not disturb any area of Belah Woodland in the DA area as identified in figure 3-13 of the EIS.		Yes	Woodland areas.  Belah Woodland areas within the DA have not been disturbed.
	(E) develop a strategy for the long term land use of the DA area on decommissioning of the mine site. The strategy shall include, but not be limited to: appropriate landuses within the DA area, which may include areas for conservation, agriculture or recreation, long term management of the area, environmental impacts of any uses and maintenance of necessary drainage characteristics and other features provided on the site. The strategy for long term land use of the DA area shall be submitted by Year 7 of mining operations or five years before mine closure, whichever is the sooner, in consultation with DWE, DECC, BSC, CEMCC, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General.	Land Management Plan Section 9.2 Land Management Section 9	Noted	The long term land use and closure plan for the mine is planned to be developed after Year 5 of the project, for submission to the relevant agencies in Year 7 of the mining operations, in accordance with this condition.
4.	WATER MANAGEMENT			
4.1 /4.2	Surface Water Management & Ground Water Management			
	The Applicant shall:  (a) prior to the commencement of construction works shall prepare a site water management plan in consultation with DWE and DECC, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following matters:	Site Water Management Plan Oct 2003 Revised Site Water Management Plan, Dec 2006	Yes	A Site Water Management Plan was prepared, approved by the Director-General in October 2003.  Amendments to the Site Water Management Plan were approved by DoP in December 2006.  May 2008  The Site Water Management Plan is due for review during 2008 to address the requirement of MCoA 3.2.

(i) management of the quality and quantity of surface and ground water within and around the mine site, including water in the up catchment diversion system, internal catchment drainage system, dewatering bores, Bland Creek Palaeochannel borefield and water supply pipeline from the borefield, which shall include preparation of monitoring programs as provided by condition 8.2.;	Site Water Management Plan Section 4 Surface, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program Draft 2006 AEMR, Apr 2007 Surface, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program Draft 2007 AEMR, May 2008	Yes	The quality and quantity of surface and groundwater in and around the mine has been monitored for the up catchment diversion system, internal catchment drainage system, dewatering bores, Bland Creek Palaeochannel borefield and water supply pipeline, in accordance with the Surface, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program and the results reported in the Quarterly Reports and the 2006 AEMR.  May 2008  The Surface, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program was being reviewed by Prof Fox (as a recommendation of the IMP), at the time of this audit. Surface, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program results for 2007 are reported in the Quarterly Reports and the Draft 2007 AEMR (Appendix B).
<ul> <li>(ii) measures to prevent the quality of water in Lake Cowal or any surface waters being degraded below the relevant ANZECC water quality classification prior to construction due to the construction and/ or operation of the mine;</li> </ul>	Site Water Management Plan Section 5	Yes	No water was present in Lake Cowal and no discharge of water from the mine site occurred during June 2006 and April 2007.  May 2008  No water was present in Lake Cowal and no discharge of water from the mine site occurred to the lake between June 2007 and May 2008.
(iii) identification of any possible adverse effects on water supply sources of surrounding land holders, and land holders near the Bland Creek Palaeochannel Borefield as a result of the mining operations, and implementation of mitigation measures as necessary;	Site Water Management Plan Section 6	Yes	Monitoring of groundwater bores around Lake Cowal and in the vicinity of the Borefield was conducted to provide background and ongoing groundwater monitoring data. Meetings were held with the agencies and local landowners re reduction in water and pumping from the Palaeochannel bores. Barrick reduced water extraction from the borefield by securing additional water supply from the High Security Lachlan River Regulated Source Water at the end of 2006 (see comments on Site Water Management Plan section 3). Effects of the mine operations on groundwater source and discussions with the West Trigilana Group occurred 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2006 and strategy to be implemented was agreed with the DNR. May 2008  Discussions continue with the agencies and landholders re water usage from the borefield and implementation of the strategies for water management and usage agreed in 2007.



(iv)	identification of changes in flood regime on productive agricultural land in Nerang Cowal as a result of the mine perimeter bund intruding into Lake Cowal, and provision of appropriate compensation measures for affected landholders based on inundation of productive land caused by the changed flood regime;	Site Water Management plan Section 7	Yes	Lake Cowal was dry during the construction phase of the project and the first 12 months of the operation of the mine and plant, so no assessment of changes to the flood regime was possible.  May 2008  Lake Cowal was dry between June 2007 and May 2008 so no assessment of changes to the flood regime was possible.
(v)	construction and operation of water storages D1 and D4 as first flush systems with initial captured run-off waters from the outer batters of northern and southern emplacement dumps reporting to water storage D6;	Preliminary Earthworks for Mine Development (Isolation Bunds, Northern Tailings Storage Facility, Tailings Service Corridor), URS, 23 Apr 2004 Contained Water Storage Facilities, URS 10 Jun 2004	Yes	Construction of the D1 and D4 contained water storages was completed by January 2005. Contained water storage D9 was constructed in 1st quarter 2007 for the storage of approximately 800ML of clean water from the borefield.  May 2008 The D9 water storage pond was completed on 28 May 2007 and has been used for the storage of augmented water from the Lachlan River allocation.
(vi)	measures to manage and dispose of water that may be captured behind the temporary perimeter bund during construction of that bund;	Site Water Management Plan Section 9	Yes	No significant water was collected in the temporary perimeter bund during the construction period or the first 12 months of operation of the process plant. No disposal of water was therefore required from the bund.  May 2008  Water collected in the temporary perimeter bund between June 2007 and May 2008 was runoff from the Lake protection bund. No disposal of water occurred from the temporary perimeter bund during this period.
(vii)	integration of the latest versions of the Jemalong Land and Water Management Plan and the Lake Cowal Land and Water Management Plan;	Site Water Management Plan Section 10	Yes	The Site Water Management Plan has considered the requirements of the Jemalong Land and Water Management Plan and the Lake Cowal Land and Water Management Plan in Section 10 of the project plan.
(viii)	measures to evaluate water quality data obtained from monitoring as required by condition 8.2(a)(iii) against records of baseline monitoring undertaken prior to development consent; and	Surface, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program, Section 4.2 and 5.2	Yes	Monitoring of groundwater, dust and meteorological conditions has been conducted to continue collection of baseline data. Surface water monitoring of Lake Cowal will be implemented when the lake receives water inflow.



(ix) a program for reporting on the effectiveness of the water management systems and performance against objectives contained in the approved site water management plan, and EIS.	Site Water Management Plan Section 12 Notice of Modification, DoP, 23 Aug 2007 Surface, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Report, Appendix B, draft AEMR 2007.	Yes	A production dewatering bore-field was established external to the perimeter of the open cut pit. A detailed water budget for the processing phase of the project has been developed and has been revised as the process plant operation has progressed.  Water management has been in accordance with the general objectives contained in the EIS and Site Water Management Plan.  An amendment to the use of Jemalong water source, was approved by a Notice of Modification granted on 23 August 2006.
(b) develop a strategy for the decommissioning of water management structures, including water storages both in and around the mine site, the water pipeline from the Bland Creek Palaeochannel borefield (refer condition 4.4), and long term management of final void and Lake protection bund. The strategy shall include, but not be limited to, long term monitoring of the water quality in the final void and stability of Lake protection bund and void walls, and options for alternate uses of the water pipeline. The strategy for the final void shall be submitted by Year 7 of mining operations or five years before mine closure, whichever is the sooner, in consultation with DWE, DECC, DPI(Minerals), and CEMCC, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General.	Site Water Management Plan Section 11	Noted	This matter will be addressed in the Closure Plan for the project when it is developed.
(c) (i) construct the Lake protection bund and site water and tailings storages to the requirements of DWE, DECC and DSC; (ii) provide a geotechnical report on pit/void wall construction/stability to DPI(Minerals) prior to commencement of mining operations and construct pit/void in accordance with the requirements of DPI(Minerals);	Site Water Management Plan Section 4.1 Letter to DPI re Geotechnical Report on Pit/Void Wall Construction/ Stability, 16 Mar 2005 Lake Protection Bund Operation and Maintenance Manual, Jun 2005 2006 Surveillance Report for Lake Protection Bund, URS, 11 Dec 2006 Letter to NSW DSC re De- prescribing the Lake Protection Bund from the Prescribed Dam Register, BDW, 5 Mar 2007	Yes Yes	May 2007 The geotechnical report on the pit/void wall construction/ stability was prepared and submitted to DPI in March 2005 and the Lake Protection Bund Operation and Maintenance Manual was produced by URS in June 2005. The Lake Protection Bund 2006 Surveillance Report stated: "The permanent lake protection bund at the Cowal Gold Mine is in excellent condition." The 2006 lake protection bund surveillance report provided by URS recommended that the bund be de-prescribed by the Dam Safety Committee and removed from the Prescribed Dam Register. May 2008 The Lake Protection Bund exhibited erosion of reactive soils following recent rainfall events. The ongoing management of the batters of the lake protection bund requires review to ensure that the rehabilitation of the constructed surfaces is maintained for the long term stability of the bund.



4.3	Catchment Areas and Watercourses			
	The Applicant shall as a landowner have on-going regard for the provisions of the latest versions of the Jemalong Land and Water Management Plan, Lake Cowal Land and Water Management Plan, Mid-Lachlan Regional Vegetation Management Plan, and any future catchment/land & water management plans relevant to the area.	Site Water Management Plan Section 10	Noted	The provisions in the Jemalong Land and Water Management Plan, Lake Cowal Land and Water Management Plan, and Mid-Lachlan Regional Vegetation Management Plan were considered and included where relevant in the Site Water Management Plan.
4.4	Water Supply - Bland Creek Palaeochannel water supply			
	(a) The maximum daily extraction of water from the Bland Creek Palaeochannel shall not exceed 15ML/day, and not exceed 3650ML/year. A total extraction of 30,000ML shall not be exceeded for the life of the mine, unless otherwise agreed by the Director-General, in consultation with DWE. All bores from the Bland Creek Palaeochannel borefield used for mine purposes must be metered.	Bore Licence Certificates No. 70BL229248, 70BL229249, 70BL229250, and 70BL229251 (production bores)	Yes	Barrick was granted Bore License Certificates under Section 115 of the Water Act 1912 for water supply from the Bland Creek Palaeochannel on 2003.  The water extraction is metered and recorded continuously, with the data collected daily and recorded by the CGP Process Engineer.  April 2007  The water extraction from the Bland Creek Palaeochannel borefield for 2006 did not exceed 15 megalitres ML/day with a total of 3264 ML extracted for the year.  Pumping from the production bores ceased in 1st quarter 2007 to allow the aquifer to recover and water was sourced from the Jemalong water scheme under approved water licence agreements obtained by Barrick from local users.  May 2008  A total of 1482.95ML was extracted from the borefield during 2007. This did not exceed the allowable allocation.
	(b) The water pipeline from the Bland Creek Palaeochannel borefield to the mine site shall be: (i) constructed in accordance with the requirements of DWE, and in consultation with DPI(Fisheries); and (ii) laid in such a way so as not to impede the passage of fish or other animals, or interfere with flood behaviour or the passage of boats and vehicles.	Permit under Part 3A of the Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act 1948 No. 703A010056	Yes	The pipeline construction across Lake Cowal and along the alignment to the east of the lake towards the production bores occurred in 2004 and involved the burial of the pipe 1.5 metres below the surface and refilling of the trench with the original excavated material and compacted to the original ground level. The pipeline trench was backfilled and an access track along the route had been established to inspect the trench and pipeline and for access to the groundwater monitoring bores across the lake.
	(c) The water supply shall be installed with an automatic shut down device so water pumping is immediately stopped in the event of any pipe rupture. The water supply shall not be restarted until the rupture is located and repaired.		Yes	Automatic shut down devices are fitted to the water pipeline from the production bores to the process plant, and were tested prior to commencement of processing. No pipe ruptures had occurred between June 2006 and April 2007.
	(d) Leases or private agreements shall be completed with the relevant landholders for the land requirement for pipeline infrastructure prior to commencement of water pipeline construction.	Part 3A Permit Application 24 Mar 2004 Enclosure Permit No. 353669 DLWC Deed of Agreement for Pipeline Easement, 19 June 2003	Yes	Easement Agreements were provided for land along the pipeline route for which Barrick was not the Registered Proprietor: Lot 18, DP753097, Lots 44, 45, 46 and 47, DP42918 TSR84719 public roads vested in Forbes Shire Council



4.5				
	Disposal of Excess Water			TI C'I M I M
	There shall be no disposal of water from the internal catchment drainage system to Lake Cowal under any circumstances.		Noted	The Site Water Management Plan and water management systems collect all water from the mine operations area and direct it to holding ponds for reuse on the site or treatment for use in the plant and mine operations. There is no disposal of water from the site.  May 2008  No water has been released to Lake Cowal from the CGP internal catchment system.
5	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND TAILINGS MANAGEMENT		•	
5.1	Waste Rock Emplacement and Management			
	The Applicant shall construct and manage the waste rock emplacement as set out in the EIS, and to the satisfaction of the DPI(Minerals).	EIS section Mining Operations Plan 2005-2007	Noted	Waste rock emplacement from the mine operations has occurred in accordance with the MOP, with the establishment of the northern and southern waste emplacement areas.
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5.2	Northern waste  Tailings Emplacement and Management The Applicant shall:	rock emplacement area (as set out in the last test of the	the EIS) May 200	8  (a) The NTSF and STSF were constructed in accordance



(a) construct the tailings dams to the requirements of, DPI (Minerals), DECC and DSC and in consultation with DWE; Northern Tailing Storage Facility (looking southeast from the north west corner of the NTSF) May 2008 Northern Tailings Storage Facility (looking north from the 3m lift of the STSF) May 2008 5.3 Management of Retained Water - Cyanide Management Cyanide levels Tailings emplacement commenced to the STSF in March Yes The Applicant shall ensure that cyanide levels of the aqueous 2006. The cyanide levels in the slurry stream have not component of the tailings slurry stream do not exceed: exceeded <20mg CN<sub>WAD</sub>/L (90 percentile) between June 20mg CN<sub>WAD</sub>/L (90 percentile over six months), and 30mg CN<sub>WAD</sub>/L 2006 and April 2007.

the tailings storages.

(maximum permissible limit at any time), at the discharge point to

May 2008

and May2008.

The cyanide levels in the slurry stream have not exceeded the <20mg CN<sub>WAD</sub>/L (90 percentile) between June 2007



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	The Applicant shall prepare a cyanide management plan for the monitoring and reporting of cyanide use on the site, in consultation with DPI(Minerals), DECC, and DWE, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General, prior to any use of cyanide on the site. The plan shall make provision for, but is not limited to:  (i) containing cyanide contaminated waters entirely within the mine site;  (ii) maintaining weak acid dissociable (WAD) cyanide levels at the discharge point to the tailings dams to the levels stated in condition 5.3(a);  (iii) contingency measures for cyanide reduction.	Letter from DoP re Approval of the Cyanide Management Plan, 9 Jan 2006 Letter from DEC and DPI re Cyanide Monitoring Program Review, 17 Jan 2007 Letter from DPI re Picric Acid Cyanide Methodology, 8 Dec 2006 Letter from DECC re Addendum to Cyanide Management Plan, 24 Aug 2007 Letter from DWE re Addendum to Cyanide Management Plan, 17 Sep 2007	Yes	The Cyanide Management Plan prepared in accordance with MCoA 5.3(b) was approved by the Director-General on 9 January 2006.  Proposed amendments to the Cyanide Management Plan monitoring program in relation to the picric acid analysis method were agreed with the DPI in December 2006, and DEC in January 2007.  The cyanide levels in the slurry stream have not exceeded <20mg CN <sub>WAD</sub> /L (90 percentile) between June 2006 and April 2007. Cyanide monitoring results are forwarded to the DoP monthly.  May 2008  DECC accepted the use of the picric acid method of analysis and removal of the V-notch channel at the TSF, in August 2007. DWE accepted the proposed addendum to the Cyanide Management Plan in September 2007.
	(c) In the event of wildlife deaths occurring due to cyanide, review of cyanide levels shall occur by the DECC in consultation with the Applicant and DPI (Minerals). Any decision to require cyanide reduction shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of the number of fauna deaths, the species involved, antecedent condition of species, methods employed at the time to prevent use of tailings dams by fauna, and antecedent climatic and surface water conditions of the Lake and surrounding area. The Applicant shall notify the CEMCC of any reductions in cyanide levels as soon as practicable.	Wildlife Monitoring and the International Cyanide Code: Wildlife Monitoring Workshop, Donato Environmental Services, 21-22 Feb 2007 Seasonal Wildlife Use Pattern of the CGP Tailings Facility, Oct 2006 to March 2007, Donato Environmental Services, August 2007 Letter from DoP re Modification to Consent, 13 Mar 2008	Noted	No wildlife deaths attributable to cyanide have occurred up to April 2007.  Barrick environmental and processing personnel attended an avifauna training workshop by Donato Environmental Services on Wildlife Monitoring and the International Cyanide Management Code. The training module provided procedures, reporting requirements, observation records and species list/reference images.  May 2008  The reporting of fauna fatalities has been modified by the Modification to Consent granted by DoP in March 2008.
5.4	Fuel, Oil and other Chemical Handling			
	(a) Pre-Construction Studies  The Applicant shall prepare and submit for the approval of the Director-General, the studies set out under subsections 5.4(a)(i) to 5.4(a)(ii) (the pre-construction studies), at least one month prior to the commencement of construction of the proposed development, (except for construction of those preliminary works that are outside the scope of the hazard studies), or within such further period as the Director-General may agree. Construction, other than of preliminary works, shall not commence until approval has been given by the Director-General and, with respect to the fire safety study, approval has also been given by the Commissioner of the NSW Fire Brigades.	Letter from DIPNR re extension for submission of HAZOP Studies, 9 Dec 2004	Yes	The pre-construction studies (excluding the HAZOP supplementary studies) were prepared and submitted to DIPNR on 22 December 2004.
	(i) Fire Safety Study This study shall cover all aspects detailed in the Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 2, "Fire Safety	Letter to NSW Fire Brigades – Submission of Fire Safety Study for approval, 22 Dec 2004	Yes	Fire Safety Study prepared by Pinnacle Risk Management for CGP was submitted to the Commissioner of the NSW Fire Brigade for approval and then submitted to DIPNR in



Study Guidelines" and the New South Wales Government's "Best Practice Guidelines for Contaminated Water Retention and Treatment Systems". The study shall also be submitted for approval to the New South Wales Fire Brigades.	Letter to DIPNR – Submission of Fire Safety Study, 22 Dec 2004 Letter from NSW Fire Brigades re Satisfaction with the Fire Safety Study, 15 September 2005		Dec 2004 in accordance with MCoA 5.4. The NSW Fire Brigades provided a letter expressing satisfaction with the fire safety measures within the study in September 2005.
(ii) Hazard and Operability Study  The study is to be chaired by an independent qualified person approved by the Director-General prior to the commencement of the study. The study shall be carried out in accordance with the Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 8, "HAZOP Guidelines". The HAZOP shall in particular address the monitoring, control, alarm and shutdown systems associated with xanthate and cyanide process streams.	Letter to DIPNR – Submission of HAZOP Study, 22 Dec 2004 Letter from DoP re HAZOP Supplementary Studies, Sep 2005 Letter from Barrick to DoP re HAZOP Study Action Closeout Status, 16 Jan 2006HAZOP Supplementary Studies	Yes	The Hazard and Operability Study for the main plant area was prepared and submitted to DIPNR in Dec 2004 and the HAZOP Study Action Item Closeout Status Report (Action Program) prepared by Aker Kvaerner Australia Pty Ltd was submitted in Dec 2004.  Supplementary HAZOP Studies for the oxygen system, LPG system and cyanide leach package was notified to be to the satisfaction of the Director-General in Jan 2006.
(iii) Final Hazard Analysis  The analysis should be prepared in accordance with the  Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 6,  "Guidelines for Hazard Analysis".	Final Hazard Analysis, 2004 Letter to DIPNR – Submission of Final Hazard Analysis, 22 Dec 2004 Letter from DIPNR re Fire Hazard Analysis, 30 Mar 2005	Yes	The Final Hazard Analysis was prepared by CGP and submitted to DIPNR on 22 December 2004. The Final Hazard Analysis was approved by DIPNR in March 2005.
(b) <u>Pre-Commissioning Studies</u> The Applicant shall prepare and submit for the approval of the Director-General the studies set out under subsections 5.4(b)(i) to 5.4(b)(ii) (the pre-commissioning studies), no later than two months prior to the commencement of commissioning of the proposed development, or within such period as the D-G may agree. Commissioning shall not commence until approval has been given by the D-G.	See references below	Yes	The pre-commissioning studies were conducted and reports prepared and submitted to the Director-General. Approval was of the studies and plans were obtained prior to commencement of the plant commissioning.
(i) Transport of Hazardous Materials  The study comprises arrangements covering the transport of hazardous materials including details of routes to be used for the movement of vehicles carrying hazardous materials to or from the proposed development. The study shall be carried out in accordance with the Department's draft "Route Selection" guidelines. Suitable routes identified in the study shall be used except where departures are necessary for local deliveries or emergencies.  inspection and monitoring procedures for chemicals such as explosives, xanthates and cyanides prior to commencement of a trip, to verify the integrity of the packaging; and (3) measures to be taken to ensure that the temperature of the materials does not rise above safe levels	Transport of Hazardous Material Study, 2006 Letter from DoP re Approval of Transport of Hazardous Materials Plan, 9 January 2006 Letter from DoP re Approval for Transport of Flotation Chemicals, 28 Feb 2007 Letter re Interim Approval from DoP re Transport of SIBX, 20 Sep 2007	Yes	DIPNR agreed to the submission of the Transport of Hazardous Materials Study to be submitted in two stages at least one month prior to commissioning of the relevant plant components:  Process plant  Flotation plant components (primary ore) Requirements for the route evaluation for hazardous materials studies were prepared and consultation with the Councils was conducted in accordance with Guideline No.9. The Transport of Hazardous Materials Study was approved by the D-G on 9 Jan 2006. The transport of flotation chemicals was approved by DoP in Feb 2007.  May 2008  A temporary amendment to the Transport of Hazardous Materials Study to allow the substitution of SiBX for PAX (due to an unexpected short supply of PAX) was approved by DoP on 20 September 2007.



(ii) Emergency Plan omprehensive emergency plan and detailed emergency procedures for the proposed development. This plan shall include detailed procedures for the safety of all people outside of the development who may be at risk from the development. The plan should be in accordance with the Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 1, "Industry Emergency Planning Guidelines", and include procedures for spillage, cleanup, control and protection, and rescue of wildlife during the emergency.	Letter from DoP re Approval of the Operations Emergency Management Plan, 14 Dec 2005 Emergency Response Plan, Mar 2007 Emergency Response Plan Cowal Gold Project, March 2007	Yes	The Operations Emergency Plan was submitted to DoP and approval was obtained on 14 December 2005.  A comprehensive review of the Emergency Response Plan was undertaken in February 2007 and the revised plan was submitted to DoP on 23 March 2007.
(iii) Safety Management System A document setting out a comprehensive safety management system, covering all operations on-site and associated transport activities involving hazardous materials. The document shall clearly specify all safety related procedures, responsibilities and policies, along with details of mechanisms for ensuring adherence to procedures. Records shall be kept on-site and should be available for inspection by the Director-General upon request. The safety management system should be developed in accordance with the Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 9, "Safety Management".	Safety Management System Oct 2005 Letter from DoP re Approval of the Safety Management System, 14 December 2005 Revised Safety Management System Feb 2007 Safety Management Plan Cowal Gold Project, March 2007	Yes	Safety Management System was approved by DoP on 14 December 2005.  A major review of the Safety Management System was conducted by Barrick in February 2007 and a revised version submitted to DoP on 22 Feb 2007.
(c) Compliance Reports One month prior to the commencement of operation of the plant, the Applicant shall submit to the Director-General, a compliance report detailing compliance with conditions 5.4(a) and 5.4(b), including: (i) dates of study submission, approval, commencement of construction and commissioning; (ii) actions taken or proposed, to implement recommendations made in the studies; and (iii) responses to each requirement imposed by the Director-General under condition 5.4(f).	Pre-Operation Compliance Report, February 2006 Letter to Director-General re Pre- operation Compliance Report, 16 February 2006. Letter from Director-General re Acceptance of Compliance Report, 6 March 2006	Yes	The Compliance Report was prepared and submitted to the Director-General on 16 February 2006 in accordance with MCoA 5.4(c) prior to the commencement of operation of the plant.
(d) Incident Report Within 24 hours or the next working day of any incident or potential incident with actual or potential significant off-site impacts on people, or the biophysical environment (including wildlife), report shall be supplied to the Director-General outlining the basic facts and mitigation measures undertaken at the time. A further detailed report shall be prepared and submitted following investigations of the causes and identification of necessary additional preventative measures. The report must be submitted to the Director-General no later than 14 days after the incident or potential accident. The Applicant shall maintain a register of such accidents, incidents, and potential incidents. The register shall be made available for		Yes	No reportable incidents occurred between June 2006 and April 2007.



1	inspection at any time by the independent hazard auditor and the			
	Director-General.  (e) Hazard Audit Twelve months after the commencement of operations of the proposed development or within such further period as the Director-General may agree, the Applicant shall carry out a comprehensive hazard audit of the proposed development and submit a report of the audit to the Director-General.  The audit shall be carried out at the Applicant's expense by a duly qualified independent person or team approved by the Director-General prior to commencement of the audit. Further audits shall be carried out every three years or as determined by the Director-General and a report of each audit shall within a month of the audit be submitted to the Director-General. Hazard audits should be carried out in accordance with the Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 5, "Hazard Audit Guidelines".	Hazard Audit Report for Barrick Australia, Cowal Gold Project, Pinnacle Risk Management Pty Ltd, 6 June 2007 Letter to DoP re Hazard Audit, 10 July 2007 Letter from DoP re Hazard Audit, 6 August 2007.	Yes	A Hazard Audit was being conducted by Dean Shewring of Pinnacle Risk Management Pty Ltd, at the same time as this environmental audit (i.e. 12 months after commencement of operation of process plant). The report will be prepared and provided to CGP for submission to the Director-General.  May 2008  DoP accepted the Hazard Audit conducted by Pinnacle Risk Management on 6 August 2007, as appropriate for the project.
5.5	(f) Further requirements The Applicant shall comply with all reasonable requirements of the Director-General in respect of the implementation of any measures arising from the approvals given in respect of conditions 5.4(a) - 5.4(e) above, within such time as the Director General may agree.		Noted	No further requirements were advised by the Director- General prior to April 2007.
5.5	Domestic Waste  The Applicant shall dispose of all solid waste and putrescible matter from the site to the satisfaction of BSC.		Yes	All solid waste and putrescible matter from the site activities is collected by a waste contractor for disposal at the BSC landfill.
5.6	Sewage and Associated Waste Management			the boo farialli.
	The Applicant shall install the site sewage treatment facility, and dispose of treated sewage and sullage to the satisfaction of BSC and DECC, and in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Health.	Notice of Determination of a Development Application 118/03 – Installation of On-site Sewage Management System Construction Certificate No.6, 4 Apr 2005 for Package Sewage Treatment Plant, DIPNR	Yes	The permanent on-site sewage management system was installed west of the Mine Workshop and Administration Complex in the 1st quarter 2006 in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Health.
5.7	Asbestos & Other Hazardous/Toxic Waste Management			
	The Applicant shall prior to commencement of construction works prepare a Hazardous Waste and Chemical Management Plan as set out in section 6.4.1 of the EIS in consultation with DECC and BSC, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General.	Hazardous Waste and Chemical Management Plan (HWCMP) Oct 03 HWCMP Revised Jan 2006 Letter from Director-General re Approval of Revised Plan, 6 Mar 06 Letter from DECC re Amended HWCMP, 19 Nov 2007 Letter from DECC re Addendum to HWCMP, 6 Dec 2007	Yes	The Hazardous Waste and Chemical Management Plan approved by the Director General in October 2003, was revised by Barrick and submitted to the Director-General. Approval was obtained from the Director-General on 6 March 2006.  May 2008  The HWCMP was revised and an addendum added, and the changes were accepted by DECC in November and December 2007.

6.	AIR QUALITY/BLAST/ NOISE AND LIGHT MANAGEMENT			
6.1	Air Quality Management			
	(a) The Applicant shall prior to commencement of construction works prepare a dust management plan detailing air quality safeguards and procedures for dealing with dust emissions in consultation with the EPA and to the satisfaction of the Director-General. The management plan shall be updated as required by the Director-General and/or EPA. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, details of: locations for dust monitoring (in accordance with Australian Standard), including location gauges near the Gumbelah residence, and bird breeding and native flora areas determined by the Applicant in consultation with the EPA and NPWS;	Dust Management Plan 2003 Letter from DIPNR re Dust Management Plan 1 Aug 2003	Yes	A Dust Management Plan was prepared by Barrick, approved by the Director General in August 2003.  May 2008 The Dust Management Plan is due for review during 2008 to address the requirements of MCoA 3.2.
	<ul> <li>(b) methods to determine when and how the mine operation is to be modified to minimise the potential for dust emissions.</li> <li>(c) measures to continue baseline monitoring undertaken prior to development consent. (Refer condition 8.3 for air quality monitoring details)</li> </ul>	Dust Management Plan Section 5 Dust Management Plan Section 7 Letter from DoP re Addendum to Dust Management Plan, 31 August 2007.	Yes	Baseline monitoring of dust has continued with the dust deposition gauges maintained and samples collected each month. Dust monitoring results are included in the 2006 AEMR. Dust monitoring has continued at the sites specified in EPL condition P1.1.
6.2	Dust Suppression and Control			
	The Applicant shall:  (i) maintain and use sufficient equipment with the capacity to apply water to all unsealed trafficked areas at a rate which minimises dust emissions;  (ii) ensure the prompt and effective rehabilitation of all disturbed areas to minimise generation of wind erosion dust, in accordance with the requirements of DPI(Minerals);  (iii) keep the surface of all stockpiles sufficiently treated to minimise windblown dust.	Letter from DoP re Addendum to Dust Management Plan, 31 August 2007.	Yes	Two large water tankers are available on site for the control of dust on roads and other disturbed areas subject to traffic movements, and two smaller water tankers were available for dust control on the construction areas.  Water tankers are observed working on site during the audit site inspections for the control of dust on roads and other disturbed areas.  May 2008  DoP accepted the amendments to the Dust Management Plan in relation to monitoring locations and dust mitigation techniques for the site.
6.3	Blast Management			
	The Applicant shall:  (i) prior to mining operations prepare a blast management plan in consultation with the EPA and to the satisfaction of the Director-General. The plan shall identify the blast provisions detailed in the ANZECC document titled "Technical Basis for Guidelines to Minimise Annoyance due to Blasting Overpressure, and Ground Vibration". The plan shall also detail strategies and procedures for dealing with blasts which exceed air blast overpressure of 120dBL (Peak Linear) at dwellings, or demonstrably disturb bird breeding, and carry out remedial measures as directed by the EPA, in consultation with NPWS if monitoring demonstrates bird breeding is impacted.	Blast Management Plan Sep 2003 Letter from NPWS re Blast Management Plan, 5 Aug 2003 Letter from DMR Ref L03/0324 re Draft Blast Management Plan 8 Aug 2003 Letter from DIPNR re Blast Management Plan 23 Aug 2003	Yes	A Blast Management Plan was prepared by Barrick, approved by the Director-General in August 2003.  May 2008 The Blast Management Plan is due for review during 2008 to address the requirements of MCoA 3.2.



	(ii) advise residents within two (2) kilometres of the active mining area of future blasting events on a monthly basis, and of any changes to monthly programs.	Blast Management Plan Section 3 Letters of Notification of Blasting to residents – Sep/Oct 2005 Notification of Blasting to residents – Jan to Jun 2006	Yes	Residents in the vicinity of the mine lease were advised in advance of blasting, even though they were outside the 2km radius of the active mining area. There are no residents within 2km of the mining area. No complaints have been received in relation to blasting.
	(iii) upon written request of the owner of any dwellings located within two (2) kilometres of the active mining area, the Applicant shall arrange at its own costs, for the inspection by a technically qualified person agreed to by both parties, to record the material condition of any structure on such property within 14 days of receipt of the request. The Applicant shall supply a copy of any inspection report, certified by the person who undertook the inspection, to the relevant property owner within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the report; (Refer condition 8.4(b) for blast monitoring details)	Blast Management Plan Section 11	Not activated	No complaints or requests for inspection of any properties were received in relation to the blasting conducted between June 2006 and April 2007.  May 2008  No complaints or requests for inspection of any properties were received in relation to the blasting, between June 2007 and April 2008.
6.4	Noise Control			
	(a) Noise levels - mine operations  The Applicant shall ensure that the L <sub>A10 (15 minute)</sub> noise levels due to the normal operation of the mine, when measured or computed at any dwelling in the vicinity of the mine (other than one owned by a mining company), shall not exceed:  - during day time (7am-10pm), an L <sub>A10 (15 minute)</sub> noise levels of 35dB(A)  - during night time (10pm-7am), an L <sub>A10 (15 minute)</sub> noise levels of 33dB(A).  These goals apply under prevailing meteorological conditions except during: rain; and/or wind speeds greater than 3m/s, and/or temperature inversions. Noise impacts that may be enhanced by temperature inversions shall be addressed by: documenting noise complaints received to identify any higher level of impacts or patterns of temperature inversions; and where levels of noise complaints indicate a higher level of impact then actions to quantify and ameliorate any enhanced impacts under temperature inversion conditions should be detailed in the noise management plan.	Noise Management Plan, Oct 2004	Noted	Noise monitoring was conducted by Heggies in July 2006 and January 2007. The results indicated that the measured mine noise emissions were below the intrusive L <sub>Aeq (15 minute)</sub> 35 dBA criterion and L <sub>A10(15 minute)</sub> criteria applicable at all the monitored residential dwellings. May 2008  Noise surveys were conducted by Heggies Australia in July 2007 and February 2008.
	(b) Noise management plan  The Applicant shall prior to commencement of mining operations prepare a noise management plan in consultation with the EPA and to the satisfaction of the Director-General. The plan shall detail noise strategies and procedures for dealing with noise	Letter to DIPNR re Submission of Noise Management Plan, 11 Nov 2004 Letter from DIPNR re Noise Management, 21 Nov 2004	Yes	Noise Management Plan prepared in consultation with DEC, submitted to DIPNR and approved in November 2004.  May 2008 An addendum to the Noise Management Plan modifying
	which exceeds the LA <sub>10</sub> (15 minute) noise emission limits set out	Noise Management Plan Oct 2004		the location of monitoring point N04, was accepted b



in this consent, including where appropriate exceedences during temperature inversions, or demonstrably disturbs bird breeding, and carry out remedial measures as directed by the EPA, in consultation with NPWS if monitoring demonstrates bird breeding is impacted.  (Refer condition 8.4 for noise investigation/monitoring details).  (c) Road traffic noise  (i) The Applicant shall, prior to commencement of construction, prepare a traffic noise management plan for the access road from the intersection with the Mid-Western Highway to the mine site in consultation with the EPA and BSC, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General. The plan shall include, but not be limited to: details of noise monitoring; and details of mitigation measures in the event of noise exceedences.	Letter to DoP and DECC re Addendum to Noise Management Plan, 6 Aug 2007 Letter from DECC re Noise Management Plan addendum, 23 Jul 2007 Traffic Noise Management Plan Nov 2003 Letter to DEC and DoP re Traffic Noise Management Plan, 15 Feb 2007 Letter from DEC re Traffic Management Plan 22 Feb 2007 Letter from DECC re Traffic	Yes	and DECC on 23 July 2007.  A Traffic Noise Management Plan for the access road was prepared by Barrick, approved by the Director General in August 2003.  May 2008 An amendment to the Traffic Noise Management Plan was agreed to by the DECC in February 2007 and July 2007 in relation to application of the EPA Environmental Criteria for Traffic Noise to the project.
(ii) Truck movements for material delivery will be restricted as far as	Management Plan 3 Jul 2007 Traffic Noise Assessment, Heggies, Jan 2007 Traffic Noise Management Plan	Noted	. ,
practicable to daytime hours (0700-2200 hrs).  (iii) Notwithstanding subclause (i) above, traffic noise monitoring shall be conducted at any of the five dwellings predicted to be affected by road traffic noise as identified in the EIS upon receipt of relevant noise complaint. Noise amelioration works shall be implemented where noise levels (as validated by monitoring) are determined to be in exceedence of relevant EPA criteria. The proposed amelioration measures shall be approved by BSC prior to implementation.	Section 2.3  Traffic Noise Management Plan Section 4.1.2  Traffic Noise Assessment Feb 2005, Heggies Australia, May 2005  Traffic Noise Assessment, Heggies Australia, Feb 2006  Traffic Noise Assessment, Heggies Australia, Jan 2007	Yes	Traffic Noise Emissions Assessment was conducted in February 2006 and January 2007 by Heggies Australia as part of the mine operating noise assessment. The measured traffic noise levels were reported to be generally consistent with the predictions and assessments presented in the Traffic Noise Management Plan August 2003.
<ul> <li>(iv) In the event that other landowners consider that noise at their dwelling which is located along the mine access road between the Mid-Western Highway and the mine site, is in excess of the relevant EPA amenity criteria for traffic noise, and the Director-General, in consultation with the EPA, is satisfied that an investigation is required, the Applicant shall upon receipt of a written request:</li> <li>appoint a qualified independent person to undertake direct discussions with the landowners affected to ascertain their concerns and to plan and implement an investigation to quantify the impact and determine the sources of the effect, and</li> </ul>	Traffic Noise Management Plan Section 4.1.3	Not activated	This condition had not been activated prior to April 2007  May 2008  This condition had not been activated prior to April 2007
<ul> <li>where the project is identified as the cause/source bear the cost of the independent investigation and if exceedences are identified implement noise amelioration to provide for full compliance with EPA criteria. The proposed amelioration measures shall be approved by BSC prior to implementation.</li> </ul>			



7	TRANSPORT AND UTILITIES			
7.1	Road Transport			
	Mine site access road  (i) The Applicant shall ensure as far as practical that the preferred mine access road route as described in the EIS is the only route used by employees and contractors travelling to the mine site from West Wyalong and no other route.  (ii) The mine access road upgrade shall be undertaken in accordance with the approval issued by BSC under Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.  (Refer also to conditions 2.2 and 5.4(b)).	Bland Shire Council Decision Notification of Approval of Cowal Gold Project Access Road Upgrade, 21 April 1999 Letter to BSC re Mine Access Road, 31 January 2005.	Yes	The access road route to the mine site from West Wyalong was approved by the Bland Shire Council in 1999 and was completed and in use in 2006.
8.	Monitoring programs in conditions 8.1 - 8.6 below are to be revised/updated annually, unless otherwise directed by the Director-General, to reflect changing environmental requirements significant changes in technology/operational practices and results from monitoring conducted. Changes shall be made and approved through the AEMR process. All monitoring programs shall also be made publicly available at BSC within two weeks of approval of the relevant government authority.	Surface Water, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program – Construction Phase, Dec 2003 Letter from DIPNR re Draft Surface and Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program, for mining operations, 11 April 2005 Independent Monitoring Panel Report, March 2006 Independent Monitoring Panel Report, March 2006	Yes	DIPNR advised they were satisfied that the monitoring and sampling design detailed in the mining operations program within the Surface Water, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program met the requirements of the MCoA.  Development of investigative triggers and effective responses to any detected adverse affects as recommended by the Independent Monitoring Panel Annual Report March 2006, were proposed for action in the 2006 AEMR.  May 2008  An independent review of the Surface Water, Groundwater, Meteorological & Biological Monitoring Plan was being conducted by Professor David Fox (Environmentrics, Melbourne), as recommended by the Independent Monitoring Panel (IMP Report 2006-2007 SOE Report), at the time of this audit.
8.1	Meteorological			the time of this addit.
	The Applicant shall continue meteorological monitoring by utilising and maintaining the existing weather station on site. The data shall be particularly used for predicting noise, dust and blasting impacts on nearby residences, and bird breeding areas identified by the Applicant in consultation with DECC.		Yes	In June 2004 the meteorological station was established at the permanent site east of the tailings storage area on the southern side of the mine lease.  The meteorological station sends data to the CGP site wide intranet computer system to provide continuous monitoring results for use by the CGP personnel.
8.2	Surface and Ground Water and Cyanide	0.5.34.6	.,	
	(a) Water monitoring (i) The Applicant shall construct and locate: (a) surface water monitoring positions in consultation with DWE and DECC, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General, at least three months prior to the commencement of construction works unless otherwise directed by the Director-General; and	Surface Water, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program – Construction Phase, Dec 2003 Section 4.3 and 5.3 2005 AEMR, submitted 23 Mar 2006	Yes	Surface and groundwater monitoring locations were approved by the Director-General in March 2003 after Barrick had consulted with the EPA and DIPNR (DLWC). Groundwater monitoring has been generally in accordance with the EPL, with permanent groundwater monitoring locations in areas that were to be disturbed by

(b) groundwater monitoring positions in consultation with DWE and DECC, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General at least six months prior to the commencement of construction works unless otherwise directed by the Director-General.	2006 Draft AEMR Apr 2007 2007 Draft AEMR, April 2008 Letter to DWE re Surface, Groundwater and Biological Monitoring, 21 August 2007 Independent Monitoring Panel Report, March 2006		development and construction of the mine infrastructure, be installed as soon as construction was complete.  May 2008  An independent review of the Surface Water, Groundwater, Meteorological & Biological Monitoring Plan was being conducted by Professor David Fox (Environmentrics, Melbourne), as recommended by the Independent Monitoring Panel (IMP Report 2006-2007 SOE Report), at the time of this audit.
(ii) The Applicant shall prepare a detailed monitoring program in respect of ground and surface water, including water in the up catchment diversion system, internal catchment drainage system, dewatering bores, Bland Creek Palaeochannel borefield and water supply pipeline from borefield, pit/void, Lake Cowal, and any other waters in and around the mine site, during construction works, mine operations and post mine operations in consultation with DWE, DECC, DPI(Fisheries) and to the satisfaction of the Director- General. The monitoring program during construction works shall be prepared prior to commencement of construction. The monitoring program during mine operation shall be prepared prior to commencement of mine operation. The monitoring program post mine operations shall be prepared by year 7 of mine operations.	Surface Water, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program – Mining Operation Phase, Apr 2005 Notice of Modification, Aug 2006	Yes	The Surface Water, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program - Mining Operations Phase was prepared and submitted to DIPNR and approved on 20 April 2005.  Construction of the initial project water management ponds was completed in June 2006, with an additional water storage dam (D9) constructed to hold 800ML of clean water at the time of the April 2007 audit.
(iii) The monitoring program will include the development of adequate chemical and biological monitoring in the waters of Lake Cowal, when water is present, by suitably qualified and experienced staff or consultants to the satisfaction of the DWE and DECC, and in the case of biological monitoring DPI(Fisheries). DWE and DECC must be satisfied as to sampling design, including sample locations, sample frequency, sample handling, transport and analysis, sampling parameters and reporting of analysis results.	Surface Water, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program	Yes	The monitoring program was approved by the Director-General in Dec 2003. Groundwater monitoring has been conducted in accordance with the monitoring program and reported in the AEMR.  Surface water monitoring of Lake Cowal will be conducted if the water present in the lake is at or above the trigger level of 204.5m AHD.  May 2008  No surface water has been present in Lake Cowal at or above 204.5m AHD prior to May 2008.
(iv) The results and interpretation of surface and ground water monitoring (including biological monitoring) are to be provided by the Applicant in an approved form to the DWE, DECC and DPI(Fisheries) on a three monthly basis during construction and the first 12 months of ore processing operations and thereafter on an annual basis, unless otherwise agreed by the Director-General. The results are also to be contained and analysed in the Annual Environmental Management Report (Condition 9.2(a)).	Monitoring Data Reports to DEC, DoP and DPI - January to March 2006 Cyanide Monitoring Reports to DECC, DoP and DPI (Minerals), monthly May 2007 to March 2008	Yes	The Quarterly Reports on surface and groundwater monitoring results have been provided to the DEC, DoP and DPI in accordance with MCoA, and the results for each 12 months of operation of the processing plant will be provided in the AEMR.

(v) the Applicant shall prior to commencement of construction works prepare in consultation with DWE and DPI(Minerals) and to the satisfaction of the Director-General, a monitoring program for the detection of any movement of the Lake protection bund, water storage and tailings structures and pit/void walls during the life of the mine, with particular emphasis on monitoring after any seismic events.	Monitoring Program for the Detection of any Movement of the Lake Protection Bund, Water Storage and Tailings Structures and Pit/Void Walls, Dec 200 2007 Draft AEMR, May 2008	Yes	the lake protection structures and pit/sapproved by the D Monitoring points i installed in accordamonuments in the monitored during J May 2008  The bores and mo	am for the detection of bund, water storage is void walls was prepare irector-General on 9 on the Lake Protection ance with the program lake protection bund I une 2006 to April 200 numents in the lake potewen June 2007 to N	and tailings ed by Barrick, Dctober 2003. Bund have been a. The bores and have been 7. rotection bund
(b) Cyanide Monitoring The Applicant shall prior to any tailings disposal prepare a cyanide monitoring program in consultation with the DECC and DPI (Minerals), and to the satisfaction of the Director-General. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, provision for:	Cyanide Management Plan 2005 Letter from DoP re Approval of the Cyanide Management Plan, 9 Jan 2006	Yes		toring Program was p gement Plan, submitte ry 2006.	
(i) monitoring of CN <sub>WAD</sub> levels of the aqueous component of the tailings slurry stream at the discharge point to tailings dams twice daily or as otherwise directed by the Director-General, with any increases above 20mg CNWAD/L to be assessed daily to ensure compliance and reported monthly to the DPI(Minerals) and DECC, unless otherwise agreed by the Director- General. If the CNWAD levels of 30mg/L are exceeded in the liquid at any time, discharge to the tailings dams shall cease until CN <sub>WAD</sub> levels can be achieved below the levels stated in condition 5.3(a) and such exceedance shall be reported to the DECC within 24 hours;	Process Plant Cyanide Monitoring Reports and Data, Barrick Cyanide Management Plan, section 6.2	Yes	May-Jun 2006     1     0       Jun-Dec 2006     1     0       Dec-Apr 2007     0     0       May-Dec 2007     0     0		e commencement ailings facility in Its that were in commissioning of eported to the DMR  >30mg CN <sub>WAD</sub> /L  0 0 0
(ii) monitoring CN <sub>WAD</sub> levels in the decant water of the tailings dams twice daily or as otherwise directed by the Director-General;	Process Plant Cyanide Monitoring Data, Barrick Cyanide Management Plan, section 6.2	Yes	Use of decant wate 2006. Monitoring daily at the same t	er in the process plant of the decant water qu ime as the tailings dis nalysed at the on-site West Wyalong.  >20mg CN <sub>WAD</sub> /L  0  0  0  0	uality occurs twice charge samples

	(iii) an on site laboratory for quickly establishing CN <sub>WAD</sub> levels in the liquid at the discharge point to tailings dams and in the decant ponds for monitoring purposes;	Cyanide Management Plan, section 6.2.3.1 Letter from DEC Approving Use of Picric Acid Cyanide Methodology Letter from DPI re Approving Use of Picric Acid Cyanide Methodology, 2 Dec 2006	Yes	The on-site laboratory has been established and has the capability for analysing the tailings discharge and decant water samples for $\text{CN}_{\text{WAD}}$ using a distillation method and the picric acid spectrophotometric method. Results are available within 4 hours of collection. Verification analysis is conducted by SGS Laboratory in West Wyalong with the results also available on the same day. $\frac{\text{May 2008}}{\text{May 2008}}$ The picric acid spectrophotometric method for CN analysis is being used by Barrick in the on-site laboratory for the analysis of daily samples from the tailings and decant ponds, following acceptance of use of this method by DECC and DPI (Minerals).
	<ul><li>(iv) on-line monitoring of CN(FREE) at locations where employees are operating;</li></ul>	Cyanide Management Plan, section 6.3	Yes	Free cyanide monitoring within the process plant area is conducted as part of the daily workplace monitoring program and is outlined in section 6.3 of the Cyanide Management Plan.
	<ul><li>(v) establishing a monitoring regime for detection of cyanide movement beneath and adjacent to the tailings impoundments.</li></ul>	Cyanide Management Plan, section 6.4	Yes	Section 6.4 of the Cyanide Management Plan describes the quarterly groundwater monitoring program designed to detect cyanide movement beneath and adjacent to the tailings storage facilities. No cyanide has been detected in the groundwater monitoring bores to date.
	A summary of the cyanide monitoring results shall be provided to the Director-General, DECC and DPI(Minerals) on a three monthly basis, unless otherwise agreed by the Director-General. All results shall be included in the AEMR.	Draft 2006 AEMR, Apr 2007	Yes	The reporting of the cyanide monitoring occurs on a monthly basis. Monitoring started in May 2006 following commencement of use of cyanide in the process plant. Any results in excess of 20mg CN <sub>WAD</sub> /L are reported to the DMR and EPA, if they occur.
8.3	Air Quality and Dust	Dust Management Dian Con 2002	Vaa	Direct deposition accurace have been installed at the
	The Applicant shall:  (a) undertake monitoring at locations described in the dust management plan (condition 6.1);	Dust Management Plan Sep 2003 Amended Dust Management Plan, July 2007 Letter to DoP re Amended Dust Management Plan, 9 August 2007	Yes	Dust deposition gauges have been installed at the locations identified in the Dust Management Plan.  A high volume sampler has been installed at the nearest residence (sensitive receptor) and operates on a 6 day cycle for TSP.
	(b) monitor dust deposition rates and concentrations of total suspended particulates (TSP) for the life of the mine, including monitoring impacts of dust on any surface water within the high water mark of Lake Cowal; and	Dust Management Plan Sep 2003 2005 AEMR, submitted 23 Mar 2006 Draft 2006 AEMR, Apr 2007 2007 Draft AEMR, May 2008	Yes	Dust deposition and TSP monitoring related to Lake Cowal waters have not been activated as the lake has been dry since the commencement of construction in January 2004. Dust monitoring has continued and the results reported in the AEMR. Dust deposition monitoring at six sites and PM <sub>10</sub> monitoring at the locations specified in the EPL condition P1.1 has continued.



	(c ) provide all results and analysis of air quality monitoring in the AEMR including a determination of the dust deposition rate in gm/m²/month, which shall be plotted in the AEMR.	2005 AEMR, submitted 23 March 2006 Draft 2006 AEMR, Apr 2007 2007 Draft AEMR, May 2008	Yes	The dust monitoring results have been presented in the draft 2006 AEMR, including plots of the concentrations for each monitoring site.  May 2008  The dust monitoring results have been independently reviewed by University of Sydney and the data presented in the 2007 Draft AEMR.
8.4	Noise and Blasting			
8.4(a)	Noise Investigations and Management	Letter from DIDND as Noise	V	The series are resting a series of the state
	<ul> <li>The Applicant shall:         <ul> <li>prior to mining operations develop a plan to conduct noise investigations at six monthly intervals (unless otherwise agreed by the Director-General) to evaluate, assess and report the LA<sub>10</sub> (15 minute) noise emission levels due to normal operations of the mine under prevailing weather conditions, except during rain and/or wind speeds greater than 3m/s and/or temperature inversions. The methodologies, including establishing the mine's operating configuration, determining survey intervals, weather conditions, seasonal variations, selecting variations, selecting locations, periods and times of measurements, design of any noise modelling or other studies, including the means for determining the noise levels emitted by the mining operations, shall be in accordance with the requirements of the DECC;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Letter from DIPNR re Noise Management Plan prepared to the satisfaction of the Director-General, 11 Nov 2004 Mine Operations Noise Monitoring Report, Heggies Australia, Jul 2006, Mine Operations Noise Monitoring Report, Heggies Australia, Jan 2007 Mine Operations Noise Monitoring Report, Heggies Australia, Jul 2007 Mine Operations and Traffic Noise Monitoring Report January 2008, Heggies, April 2008	Yes	The mine operations commenced in April 2005 with the removal of topsoil and overburden material.  Noise monitoring has been conducted of the site activities and at nearby sensitive receivers by Heggies six monthly in accordance with the Noise Management Plan.
	<ul> <li>(ii) if required from condition 8.4(a)(i) or if wildlife is significantly impacted as identified by monitoring actions undertaken in accordance with condition 3.4(a), survey and investigate noise reduction measures from plant and equipment at the conclusion of the first 12 months of ore processing operations in consultation with NPWS or as directed by the DECC; and</li> </ul>	Report on the Interaction of Fauna with the Tailings Storage Facilities, Donato Environmental Services, Jun 2004, July and Nov 2005 Noise Survey – Mine Activities, Heggies, Feb and Jul 2006. Seasonal Wildlife Use Pattern of the CGP Tailings Facility, Oct 2006 to March 2007, Donato Environmental Services, August 2007 Noise Survey – Mine Activities, Heggies, Feb 2008	Yes	Monitoring of wildlife was conducted during the mining and blasting activities by Diatoma (University of Adelaide) between July and November 2005.  Attended noise surveys were conducted by Heggies at two bird breeding areas to the northeast of the mine in Feb and July 2006.  No demonstrable disturbance of wildlife has been reported.  May 2008  Attended noise surveys were conducted by Heggies at two bird breeding areas to the northeast of the mine in Feb and July 2006.  No demonstrable disturbance of wildlife has been reported.
	<ul><li>(iii) arrange independent noise emission investigations as provided in Condition 11.1.</li></ul>		Noted	
	A summary of noise monitoring results shall be included in the AEMR.	2005 AEMR, 23 Mar 2006 2006 AEMR, Apr 2007 2007 Draft AEMR, May 2008	Yes	The noise monitoring results have been included in the draft 2006 AEMR.  May 2008  Noise monitoring results were included in the Draft 2007  AEMR.



8.4(b)	Blasting			
	The Applicant shall: ensure that air blast overpressure and vibration monitoring and control is generally carried out in accordance with the recommendations of Australian Standard AS-2187-1993 or its latest version, and in terms of ANZECC guidelines, including compliance with the guideline titled "Technical Basis for Guidelines to Minimise Annoyance due to Blasting Overpressure and Vibration" or its latest version, to the satisfaction of the DECC;	Blast Management Plan Sep 2003 2005 AEMR, 23 Mar 2006 2006 AEMR, Apr 2007 2005 Review of Blast Monitoring Results, Saros Group, Mar 2006 Review of Blast Monitoring Results, Saros Group, Mar 2007 Draft 2007 AEMR, May 2008 Review of Blast Monitoring Results, The Saros Group, Mar 2007	Yes	Blasting has occurred since September 2005 and was carried out generally in accordance with the standards, guidelines and Blast Management Plan.  The blasting that has occurred from June 2006 to April 2007 did not exceed 115dBL or the ground vibration ppv criteria at any of the fixed blast monitor locations at Gumbaleh, Hillgrove or Coniston residences or the breeding areas on Lake Cowal.  May 2008  The blasting results between June 2007 to April 2008, did not exceed 115dBL or the ground vibration ppv criteria of 5mm/s at any of the fixed blast monitor locations.
	design all blasts based on the results of monitored blasts designed to minimise air blast overpressure and ground vibration using the Nonel or equivalent system such that any one (1) blast has less than a five per cent (5%) probability of exceeding an air blast overpressure of 115dB (Peak Linear) and vibration with a peak particle velocity of 5mm/sec at the closest dwellings not owned by the Applicant outside the DA area, and bird breeding/roosting areas determined by the Applicant, in consultation with NPWS;	Mining Department – Blast File data	Yes	No blasts have exceeded 115dBL overpressure or resulted in vibration that has triggered the fixed location monitors. All blasts are designed to address the requirements of the condition with blast design being small so as not to cause any impact on dwellings or bird breeding/roosting areas.
	determine appropriate weather data by taking measurements as soon as practicable prior to blasting and from the data shall predict whether air blast overpressure levels outside the project area are likely to be increased above the levels expected under prevailing weather conditions. The data shall be recorded by the Applicant as part of its monitoring data;		Yes	Meteorological station has been installed in the permanent location on the mine lease and results are available continuously on the mine site computer system. Meteorological conditions at the time of blasting are taken into account using the on site meteorological station data to address the requirements of this condition.
	not blast if the predictions in sub-clause (iii) herein indicate that air blast overpressure levels are likely to be exceeded at dwellings not owned by the Applicant;		Yes	It was reported that the requirements of condition 8.4(b)(iii) are considered prior to each blast event.  Blast events have been delayed if lightning strikes or weather conditions are considered a safety hazard within a 50km radius of the mine site. Inversion effects have also caused a delay to blast events.
	monitor all blasts and record the overpressure and peak particle velocity at locations to be agreed by DECC and the DPI(Minerals;	Blast Management Plan - Section 5	Yes	Monitoring of all blasts has occurred at six monitoring locations approved in the Blast Management Plan by the DECC and DPI (Minerals).
	A summary of blast monitoring results shall be included in the AEMR.	2005 AEMR, 23 Mar 2006 2006 AEMR, Apr 2007 Draft 2007 AEMR, May 2008	Yes	May 2008 The blast monitoring results have been reported in the Draft 2007 AEMR.
8.5	Fauna and Flora Monitoring			
	The Applicant shall monitor the effectiveness of measures outlined in the fauna management plan and Threatened Species Protocol (condition 3.4). A summary of monitoring results shall be included	Flora and Fauna Management Plan Oct 2003 2006 AEMR, Apr 2007	Yes	The management of flora and fauna under the Flora and Fauna Management Plan and the Threatened Species Protocol were reported in the 2006 AEMR. Vegetation



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	in the AEMR.	Vegetation Clearance Protocol Implementation Report, Sep 2005 Draft 2007 AEMR, May 2008		clearance activities, weed and pest management and flora monitoring have also been undertaken in accordance with the FFMP.  May 2008 The management of flora and fauna under the Flora and Fauna Management Plan and the Threatened Species Protocol is reported in the Draft 2007 AEMR.
8.6	Cultural Heritage Monitoring			
	The Applicant shall monitor the effectiveness of measures outlined in the archaeology and heritage management plan (condition 3.3). A summary of monitoring results shall be included in the AEMR.	Indigenous Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management Plan 2005 AEMR, submitted 23 Mar 2006 2006 AEMR, Apr 2007 2007 Draft AEMR, May 2008	Yes	The management of aboriginal and European heritage items is reported in the 2006 AEMR. Management occurring between June 2006 and April 2007 was discussed with the Barrick Environmental staff. No noncompliance issues were reported in the AEMR.  May 2008  The activities related to heritage surveys and management of aboriginal heritage items is reported in the draft 2007 AEMR in section 3.13.
8.7	Community Consultative Committee			
	Community Environmental Monitoring and Consultative Committee	ee (CEMCC)		
	The Applicant shall: establish a Community Environmental Monitoring and Consultative Committee and ensure that the first meeting is held before the commencement of construction works. Selection of representatives shall be agreed by the Director-General and the appointment of an independent Chairperson shall be to the satisfaction of the Director- General in consultation with the Applicant and BSC. The Committee shall comprise two (2) representatives of the Applicant (including the Environmental Officer), one (1) representative of BSC, one (1) representative of the Lake Cowal Environmental Trust (but not a Trust representative of the Applicant), four community representatives (including one member of the Lake Cowal Landholders Association), to monitor compliance with conditions of this consent and other matters relevant to the operation of the mine during the term of the consent. Representatives from relevant government agencies (including DUAP) may be invited to attend meetings as required by the Chairperson. The Committee may make comments and recommendations about the implementation of the development and environmental management plans. The Applicant shall ensure that the Committee has access to the necessary plans for such purposes. The Applicant shall consider the recommendations and comments of the Committee and provide a response to the Committee and Director-General.	Charter of the CEMCC CEMCC Minutes 7 June 2006 CEMCC Minutes 6 Sep 2006 CEMCC Minutes 9 Dec 2006 CEMCC Minutes 7 Mar 2007 CEMCC Minutes 6 Jun 2007 CEMCC Minutes 5 Sep 2007 CEMCC Minutes 5 Dec 2007 CEMCC Minutes 7 Mar 2008	Yes	A community environmental monitoring and consultative committee (CEMCC) was established and the inaugural meeting of the CEMCC occurred on 15 Oct 2003. The meeting minutes are made available at Bland Shire Council library for inspection.  May 2008 Quarterly meetings of the CEMCC have been in March, June, September and December held since 2004.



The Applicant shall, at its own expense: nominate two (2) representatives to attend all meetings of the Committee; provide to the Committee regular information on the progress of work and monitoring results; promptly provide to the Committee such other information as the Chair of the Committee may reasonably request concerning the environmental performance of the development; provide access for site inspections by the Committee; provide meeting facilities for the Committee, and take minutes of Committee meetings. These minutes shall be available for public inspection at BSC within 14 days of the meeting.	Yes	Barrick have two representatives attend each CEMCC Meeting and provide information to the Chairperson and the Committee on the development of the CGP. Minutes of the meetings are provided to the Committee members and are made available for public inspection at the BSC library.  May 2008 The current Committee consists of: Independent Chair: Margaret McDonald-Hill Community Members: A Stitt, B Pokoney, G Shaw Lake Cowal Foundation: David Mitchell Bland Shire Council: David Bolte, Phil Marshall Lachlan Shire Council: Tony Chantrill Lake Cowal Landowners Assn: Bruce Dent Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation: Ally Coe/Percy Knight Barrick: Gary Pearson, Bill Shallvey
(iii) The Applicant shall establish a trust fund to be managed by the Chair of the Committee to facilitate the functioning of the Committee, and pay \$2000 per annum to the fund for the duration of gold processing operations. The annual payment shall be indexed according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) at the time of payment. The first payment shall be made by the date of the first Committee meeting. The Applicant shall also contribute to the Trust Fund reasonable funds for payment of the independent Chairperson, to the satisfaction of the Director-General.	Yes	Barrick has paid \$2000 annually (plus CPI) to Bland Shire Council, to be held in trust for the purpose of the CEMCC.
(ix) By year 5 of mining operations the Applicant shall, in consultation with CEMCC, identify and discuss post mining issues, particularly in relation to reduced employment and consequent impacts on West Wyalong, and develop a plan for the phase out of the mine workforce. The plan will be reviewed during the year of mining operations following the scale down of the year 8 mining operation workforce. The impacts of the year 8 scale down shall be monitored by the Applicant and results used in planning for full mine closure.	Noted	
(x) The Applicant shall, in consultation with the CEMCC, develop appropriate strategies to support activities which promote special interest tourism related to the co-existence of mining and the Lake Cowal environment.	Yes	Barrick have supported the Lake Cowal Foundation and preparation of a brochures highlighting the activities of the Foundation in conservation, sustainable farming, education and research project for the area (refer to section 3 of this report under Flora and Fauna Management Plan). CGP provides the community and visitors with an overview of the project and the Lake Cowal environment, and Cowal Update News is distributed to neighbours, communities and stakeholder groups.



six monthly during construction; 12 months after commencement of ore processing; then every three years thereafter until decommissioning of the mine and ore processing operations respectively, or as otherwise directed by the Director-General.  The Applicant shall conduct an environmental audit of the mining and infrastructure areas of the development in accordance with ISO 14010 - Guidelines and General Principles for Environmental Auditing, and ISO 14011 - Procedures for Environmental Be submitted by the Director-General. Copies of the report shall be submitted by the Applicant to the Director-General, BSC, DECC, DWE, DPI/Minerals), NPWS and CEMCC within two weeks of the reports completion for comment.  (i) The audit shall:  (ii) The audit shall:  in the event of any non-compliance, report on the effectiveness of the environmental management of the mine as it may relate to the area of non-compliance, be carried out at the Applicant's expense; and d. be conducted by a duly qualified independent person or team approved by the Director-General may, after considering any submission made by the relevant government agencies, BSC and CEMCC on the report, notify the Applicant of any requirements with regard to any recommendations in the report. The Applicant shall comply with those reasonable requirements within such time as the	Third Part	ty Monitoring/Auditing			
and infrastructure areas of the development in accordance with ISO 14010 - Guidelines and General Principles for Environmental Auditing, and ISO 14011 - Procedures for Environmental Auditing (or the current versions), and in accordance with any specifications required by the Director-General. Copies of the report shall be submitted by the Applicant to the Director-General, BSC, DECC, DWE, DPI(Minerals), NPWS and CEMCC within two weeks of the report's completion for comment.    As 19011   2005 AEMR, March 2006   Draft 2006 AEMR   Letters to Director-General, BSC, DEC (EPA and NPWS), DLWC, DPI (Minerals), NPWS, DLWC, DPI (Minerals), DPI (Minerals), DPI (Minerals), NPWS, DLWC, DPI (Minerals), DPI (Minerals), DPI (Minerals), NPWS, DLWC, DPI (Minerals), DPI (Minerals), DPI (Minerals), DPI (Minerals), NPWS, DLWC, DPI (Minerals), DPI (Mi	six monthly 12 months then every and ore pro	y during construction; after commencement of ore processing; three years thereafter until decommissioning of the mine ocessing operations respectively, or as otherwise	Trevor Brown & Associates, May	Yes	This Independent Environmental Audit of the CGP, 12 months after the commencement of ore processing was conducted on 16-20 April 2007.
(i) The audit shall:     assess compliance with the requirements of this consent, licences and approvals;     in the event of any non-compliance, report on the effectiveness of the environmental management of the mine as it may relate to the area of non-compliance;     be carried out at the Applicant's expense; and d. be conducted by a duly qualified independent person or team approved by the Director-General in consultation with BSC and CEMCC.  (ii) The Director-General may, after considering any submission made by the relevant government agencies, BSC and CEMCC on the report, notify the Applicant of any requirements with regard to any recommendations in the report. The Applicant shall comply with those reasonable requirements within such time as the	and infrast 14010 - Gu Auditing, a (or the currequired by submitted DWE, DPI	tructure areas of the development in accordance with ISO uidelines and General Principles for Environmental and ISO 14011 - Procedures for Environmental Auditing rent versions), and in accordance with any specifications y the Director-General. Copies of the report shall be by the Applicant to the Director-General, BSC, DECC, (Minerals), NPWS and CEMCC within two weeks of the	AS 19011 2005 AEMR, March 2006 Draft 2006 AEMR Letters to Director-General, DNR,DEC, DP, BSC, CEMCC re Independent Audit Report, 11 August 2006	Yes	A copy of the six monthly Independent Environmental Audits conducted were submitted to the Director-General, BSC, DEC (EPA and NPWS), DLWC, DPI (Minerals), and CEMCC and provided as an appendix to the AEMR.
submission made by the relevant government agencies, BSC and CEMCC on the report, notify the Applicant of any requirements with regard to any recommendations in the report. The Applicant shall comply with those reasonable requirements within such time as the	assess cor and approv in the ever the enviror area of nor be carried d. be cond approved b	mpliance with the requirements of this consent, licences vals; It of any non-compliance, report on the effectiveness of mmental management of the mine as it may relate to the n-compliance; out at the Applicant's expense; and lucted by a duly qualified independent person or team	Letter from Barrick to DoP re Independent Environmental Audit Report, 31 January 2006 Letter from Barrick to DoP re Independent Environmental Audit	Yes	Consultation was held with the CEMCC and BSC in relation to the acceptance of the nominated auditors Trevor Brown and Bob Drury.
Director-General may require.  (b) Independent Monitoring Panel	submission CEMCC or regard to a comply wit Director-G	n made by the relevant government agencies, BSC and n the report, notify the Applicant of any requirements with any recommendations in the report. The Applicant shall th those reasonable requirements within such time as the eneral may require.		Noted	



	(i) The Applicant shall at its own cost establish an Independent Monitoring Panel prior to commencement of construction. The Applicant shall contribute \$30,000 per annum for the functioning of the Panel, unless otherwise agreed by the Director-General. The annual payment shall be indexed according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) at the time of payment. The first payment shall be paid by the date of commencement of construction and annually thereafter. Selection of the Panel	Letter from DIPNR re Nominations for the IMP, 15 Oct 2003 Letter from DoP re Annual IMP Report, 6 July 2006 Letter from DoP re Recommendations from IMP, 20 Sep 2006 Third Independent Monitoring Panel	Yes	The independent monitoring panel was established by Barrick with two independent environmental scientists nominated by the Director-General after consultation with relevant Government agencies/CEMCC.  Nominated members for the IMP are:  Mr Allen Kearns Deputy CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems Prof. Clive Bell, Executive Director Australian Centre for Mining Environmental Research.
	representatives shall be agreed by the Director-General in consultation with relevant government agencies and the CEMCC. The Panel shall at least comprise two duly qualified independent environmental scientists and a representative of the D-G.	Report, August 2007		Barrick has deposited \$30,000 (plus CPI) annually into a special account for the functioning of the panel into the Independent Panel Monitoring Trust.
9	(ii) The panel shall: provide an overview of the independent audits required by condition 8.9 above; regularly review all environmental monitoring procedures undertaken by the Applicant, and monitoring results; and c. provide an Annual State of the Environment Report for Lake Cowal with particular reference to the on-going interaction between the mine and the Lake and any requirements of the Director- General. The first report shall be prepared one year after commencement of construction. The report shall be prepared annually thereafter unless otherwise directed by the Director- General. Copies of the report shall be provided to those parties which receive the AEMR (condition 9.2) and shall be made publicly available at Bland Shire Council within two weeks of the report's completion.  REPORTING	Letter to DoP, DPI, DEC, DSC, BSC and CEMCC re Submission of Second Independent Monitoring Panel Report, 2006 Third Independent Monitoring Panel Report, August 2007	Noted	The Annual State of the Environment Reports for Lake Cowal prepared by the members of the Independent Monitoring Panel was submitted to the government authorities on 22 March 2005, and to the Department of Planning March 2006.  DoP agreed with the recommendation in the 2006 IMP Report in relation to amending the submission date for the IMP Report to 2 months after the Panel had time to review the AEMR, adoption of the ANZECC/ARMCANZ Water Quality Guidelines to the project, and response to anomalous monitoring results.  May 2008  The Third Independent Monitoring Panel Report was presented in August 2007. The report had seven (7) recommendations that Barrick responded to on 29 April 08.
9.1	Reports on Operations  The Applicant shall report on mine operations in accordance with the mine operations plan (condition 2.1).	Cowal Gold Project 2005-2007 Mining Operations Plan, March 2005 Letter from DMR re Mining	Noted	The Mining Operations Plan 2005-2007 was submitted and accepted by the DPI in March 2005.  A new MoP was being prepared at the time of the April
		Operations Plan – meets the Dept's requirements, 18 Mar 05 MOP Jun 2007 to Jun 2009, Jun 07		2007 audit for submission to DPI prior to June 2007.  May 2008  Barrick submitted the MOP for June 2007 to June 2009 to DPI (Minerals) in May 2007.
9.2	Environmental Reporting			
	Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR)		Yes	

<u> </u>	(i) The Applicant shall throughout the life of the print and for a	2005 AEMD automitted 22 Mar 2000	ī	The 2005 AFMD was prepared and submitted to the
	(i) The Applicant shall, throughout the life of the mine and for a period of at least five years after the completion of ore	2005 AEMR, submitted 23 Mar 2006 2006 AEMR, Apr 2007		The 2005 AEMR was prepared and submitted to the Director-General on 23 March 2006.
	processing operations, prepare and submit an Annual	Draft 2007 AEMR, May 2008		The 2006 AEMR was prepared during the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2007
		Diait 2007 AEWR, May 2006		
	Environmental Management Report (AEMR) to the D-G. The			and was being finalised at the time of this audit for
	AEMR shall review the performance of the mine against the			submission to the relevant authorities in May 2007.
	environmental management plans (refer condition 3.2), MOP			May 2008
	(refer condition 2.1), the conditions of this consent, and other			The 1 <sup>st</sup> draft of the 2007 AEMR was made available to the
	licences and approvals relating to the mine. To enable ready			auditors on the 30 April 2007.
	comparison with EIS predictions, diagrams and tables, the report			
	shall include, but not be limited to, the following matters:	4514D 0000 0004	.,	TI AFAB
	an annual compliance audit of the performance of the project	AEMR 2003-2004	Yes	The AEMR's prepared have addressed all the components
	against conditions of this consent and statutory approvals;	2005 AEMR, 23 Mar 2006		of MCoA 9.2(i)(a)-(h).
	a review of the effectiveness of the environmental management	2006 AEMR, Apr 2007		The AEMR for January to December 2005 was prepared in
	of the mine in terms of DECC, DWE, DPI(Minerals), DPI	Draft 2007 AEMR, May 2008		accordance with the requirements of the MCoA
	(Fisheries), and BSC requirements;			requirements and submitted in 23 March 2006, and the
	results of all environmental monitoring required under this			draft 2006 AEMR was made available to the auditors and
	consent or other approvals, which includes interpretation and			would be available for submission to the Director-General
	discussion by a suitably qualified person;			in May 2007.
	from results of fauna monitoring, records of any fauna deaths			May 2008
	due to mine operations;			The 1 <sup>st</sup> draft of the 2007 AEMR was made available to the
	a listing of any variations obtained to approvals applicable to the			auditors on the 30 April 2007.
	subject area during the previous year;			
	the outcome of the water budget for the year and the quantity of			
	water used from water storages and Bland Creek palaeochannel;			
	rehabilitation report;			
	environmental management targets and strategies.			
	(ii) In preparing the AEMR, the Applicant shall:		Noted	No requirements have been received from the Director-
	consult with the Director-General during preparation of each			General.
	report for any additional requirements;			
	comply with any requirements of the Director-General or other			
	relevant government agency; and			
	ensure that the first report is completed and submitted within			
	twelve (12) months of this consent, or at a date determined by			
	the Director-General in consultation with DMR.	L III I DND DEG (EDA :	.,	0 : (11 AFAB)
	(iii) The Applicant shall ensure that copies of each AEMR are	Letters to DNR, DEC (EPA and	Yes	Copies of the AEMR's have been submitted to each of the
	submitted at the same time to the Director-General, DECC,	NPWS), DPI (Mineral and Petroleum		authorities listed in MCoA 9.3(iii).
	DWE, DPI(Minerals), DSC, DPI(Fisheries), the BSC and CEMCC,	and Fisheries), Dam Safety		
	and be available for public information at the BSC within 14 days	Committee, BSC, CEMCC re AEMR,		
	of submission to these authorities.	23 Mar 2006		



10	COMMUNITY CONSULTATION/OBLIGATIONS			
10.1	Community Consultation (including Aboriginal community)			
	(a) Complaints  The Environmental Officer (refer condition 3.1) shall be responsible: for receiving complaints with respect to construction works and mine operations on a dedicated and publicly advertised telephone line, 24 hours per day 7 days per week, entering complaints or comments in an up to date log book, and ensuring that a response is provided to the complainant within 24 hours; and providing a report of complaints received every six months throughout the life of the project to the Director-General, BSC, DECC, DPI(Minerals), and CEMCC, or as otherwise agreed by the Director-General. A summary of this report shall be included in the AEMR (condition 9.2(a)).	Letter to DoP re Complaints Register, 16 Jan 2006 Complaints Register 13 January to 20 June 2006 Letter to DoP, DEC, CEMCC and DPI re Complaints Register, 17 July 2006 Letter to DoP, DEC, CEMCC and DPI re Complaints Register, 16 January 2007 Letter to DoP, DECC, CEMCC, and DPI (Minerals) re Complaints Register, 10, Jul 2007 and Jan 2008	Yes	A dedicated 24 hrs per day, 7 days per week complaints and concerns telephone line (02 6975 3454) was established available since 9 December 2003. The complaints register is maintained by Cowal Gold and responses to all complaints are recorded. Complaints register 12 July 2006 to 15 Jan 2007, recorded one complaint related to backyard flooding in West Wyalong. No complaints were received in relation to the mine operations.  May 2008  No complaints were received for the period January to July 2007. Seven complaints were received for the period July 2007 to March 2008, of which two (2) were related to light scatter from the mine site and one (1) due to noise from the tailings dam area. The light issues were fixed immediately by moving the offending light sources. A complaint was received from the Westlea property owner (Mr Greg Davies) regarding noise emissions from the CGP activities. Response involved Heggies conducting noise monitoring at the property. Action by Barrick resulted in rescheduling of the STSF wall lift works.
11.	PROPONENTS OBLIGATIONS			
11.1	Area of Affectation - Land Acquisition (including resolution of dis	sputes)		These conditions have not been activated.
12.	FURTHER APPROVALS AND AGREEMENTS			
12.1	Statutory Requirements			
	The Applicant shall ensure that all statutory requirements including but not restricted to those set down by the Local Government Act 1993, Pollution Control Act 1970, Clean Air Act 1961, Clean Water Act 1970, Noise Control Act 1975, Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991, Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, and all other relevant legislation, Regulations, Australian Standards, Codes, Guidelines and Notices, Conditions, Directions, Notices and Requirements issued pursuant to statutory powers by the BSC, DECC, DPI(Minerals), DSC, DWE, RTA, DPI (Agriculture), DPI(Fisheries), and RAC, are fully met.		Noted	Barrick has obtained approvals etc under the relevant statutory requirements for the CGP including: Environment Protection Licence No. 11912 (EPA) Mining Lease No. 5135 (DMR) Section 87 Permits No. 1361, 1648 & 1681 (NPWS) Section 90 Consents to Destroy No. 1467 & 1680 (NPWS) Part 3A Permits No.703A01055 & 703A010056 (DLWC-) Bore Licence Certificates (DLWC) Enclosure Permit No. 353669 (DLWC) Development Applications for construction of infrastructure and buildings on the mine lease (DIPNR and BSC) Development consent for the demolition of the 'Cowal West' Shearer's Quarters and Kitchen Bland Shire Council, 7 November 2006.



# ATTACHMENT B ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION LICENCE



#### ATTACHMENT B - ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION LICENCE NO. 11912

EPL No.	EPL Condition	Audit Evidence	Compliance	Comments
	Premises includes the land defined by ML 1535, the pipeline easement, new TSR and road, borefield and new TSR and road as described on Figure 1 held on EPA file No. 290738A6. Note: The premise is located in both the Bland and Forbes Shires.		Yes	Noted
A4.2	For the purposes of condition A4.1, the licence application includes:  1) Development Consent Cowal Project 2) Cowal Gold project- EIS 3) List of Initial development activities associated with the construction of the Cowal Gold Project. 4) The Cowal Gold Project – SIS			Noted
Discharges to	o air and water and applications to land			
P1.1	The following points referred to in the table are identified in this licence for the purposes of monitoring and/or the setting of limits for the emission of pollutants to the air from the point.	MR5 database CGP Environment Department     Quarterly Monitoring Reports to DECC	Yes	The dust deposition and high volume sampler monitoring program has continued in accordance with the requirements of the EPL conditions.
P1.2	The points referred to in the table are identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring and/or the setting of limits for discharges of pollutants to water from the point.  Monitoring Point 11 (tailings storage facilities decant pond water quality monitoring point) is removed.  Monitoring/Discharge Points 46 (discharge to the STSF) and 47 (discharge to the NTSF) are added as authorized discharge points with accompanying monitoring requirements and discharge limits.	Quarterly Monitoring Reports     CGP Site Rainfall Records     Surface Water Event Monitoring Field Sheets (for rainfall events of 20mm or greater).     AEMR 2005     AEMR 2006 (draft)     Draft 2007 AEMR, May 2008	Yes	Groundwater monitoring has been conducted from the piezometers locations listed in P1.2 in accordance with the EPL requirements.  Surface water samples were collected from the onsite ponds following trigger rainfall events.  May 2008  Surface water samples were collected from the onsite ponds following trigger rainfall events in May, September, and December 2007, and January and February 2008.
P1.3	The following utilisation areas referred to in the table are identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring and/or the setting of limits for any application of solids or liquids to the utilisation area.		Noted	
P2 Weather	r monitoring			
P2.1	The point in the table is identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring of weather parameters.	Blast Management Plan Figure 1	Yes	The meteorological station is located in accordance with the Blast Management Plan and provides 15-



				minute data for each parameter that is downloaded daily to the CGP computer system.
3 Limit co	nditions <i>Variation 17 January 2006</i>			daily to the OOI computer system.
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L1.1	Except as may be expressly provided in any other condition of this licence, the licensee must comply with section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.		Noted	
L3.1	For each monitoring/discharge point or utilisation area specified in the tables the concentration of a pollutant discharged at that point or applied to the area, must not exceed the concentration limits specified for that pollutant in the table.		Noted	
L3.2	Where a pH quality limit is specified in the table, the specified percentage of samples must be within the specified ranges.		Noted	
L3.3	To avoid any doubt, this condition does not authorise the pollution of waters by any pollutant other than those specified in the table/s.		Noted	
	Points 46 and 47 – CN <sub>WAD</sub> 20mg/L (90percentile); 30mg/L (100 percentile concentration limit).	Letter from DPI re Approval of Picric Acid Methodology for Cyanide, 8 Dec 2006     Letter from DEC re amendments to the Cyanide Monitoring Program, 17 Jan 2007     Letter to DECC re Cyanide Monitoring, monthly 2007-08	Yes	Monitoring of the discharge to the STSF has been conducted twice daily since the commencement of discharge of tailings in May 2006. The results of the cyanide monitoring have been < 20mg CN <sub>WAD</sub> /L (90 percentile) since April 2006.  No CN <sub>WAD</sub> results exceeded the 30mg CN <sub>WAD</sub> /L.  The cyanide results are reported to the DEC on a monthly basis and in the draft 2006 AEMR. DEC agreed to use of the picric acid method for CN <sub>WAD</sub> analysis at the site, with offsite confirmation of results.  May 2008  Monthly cyanide monitoring results are provided to DECC reporting CN <sub>WAD</sub> data. No CN <sub>WAD</sub> results exceeded the 20mg CN <sub>WAD</sub> /L or 30mg CN <sub>WAD</sub> /L criteria during the June 2007 to May 2008 period.
Waste				
L5.1	The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste generated outside the premises to be received at the premises for storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal or any waste generated at the premises to be disposed of at the premises,		Yes	No waste material is received onto the CGP site.



	except as expressly permitted by the licence.			
Noise Limits	1 1 71 7			
L6.1	Noise generated at the premises must not exceed the noise limits presented in the table. The modification factors presented in Section 4 of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy shall also be applied to the measured noise levels where applicable. Note that the noise limits represent the noise contribution from the premises.	<ul> <li>Noise Management Plan, November 2004</li> <li>Mine Operating Noise Monitoring, Heggies, January 2007</li> <li>Mine Operating Noise Monitoring, Heggies, July 2007</li> <li>Mine Operation Noise Monitoring Westlea Property, Heggies, September 2007</li> </ul>	Yes	May 2008  No noise complaints were received between June 2007 and May 2008 related to the operation of the processing plant.  One complaint was received related to construction noise from the STSF works. Action on the complaint resulted in commencement of works after 0800hrs. Attended and unattended noise monitoring surveys were conducted by Heggies six monthly.
L6.4	The airblast overpressure level from blasting operations in or on the premises must not exceed:  (a) 115 dB (Lin Peak) for more than 5% of the total number of blasts during the reporting period for Monday to Saturday 0900 hrs to 1700 hrs;  (b) 120 dB (Lin Peak) at any time, at blast monitoring locations BM01, BM02, BM03, BM04 and BM05 identified on Figure 2, Blast Monitoring Locations in report Blast Management Plan, Cowal Gold Project, August 2003	<ul> <li>Blast Management Plan, August 2003</li> <li>Review of Blast Monitoring Results, 2005, The Saros Group</li> <li>Review of Blast Monitoring Results, 2006, The Saros Group</li> <li>Review of Blast Monitoring Results, 2007, The Saros Group</li> </ul>	Yes	Blasting that occurred from June 2006 to April 2007, did not indicate any exceedance of the 115dB (Lin peak) on any occasion at the fixed blast monitor locations at <i>Gumbaleh</i> , <i>Hillgrove or Coniston</i> residences or the breeding areas on Lake Cowal.  May 2008  No exceedance of the 115dB (Lin peak) was reported on any occasion at the fixed blast monitor locations at <i>Gumbaleh</i> , <i>Hillgrove or Coniston</i> residences or the breeding areas on Lake Cowal.
L6.5	The ground vibration peak particle velocity from blasting operations carried out in or on the premises must not exceed:  (c) 5mm/s for more than 5% of the total number of blasts during the reporting period for Monday to Saturday 0900 hrs to 1700 hrs;  (d) 10mm/s at any time, at blast monitoring locations BM01, BM02, BM03, BM04 and BM05 identified on Figure 2, Blast Monitoring Locations in report Blast Management Plan, Cowal Gold Project, August 2003.	<ul> <li>Blast Management Plan August 2003</li> <li>Blasting Records CGP September to December 2005</li> <li>Review of Blast Monitoring Results, 2007, The Saros Group</li> </ul>	Yes	May 2008  No blasts between June 2007 to May 2008 exceeded the ground vibration (ppv) criteria of 5mm/sec at any of the fixed blast monitor locations at <i>Gumbaleh</i> , <i>Hillgrove or Coniston</i> residences or the breeding areas on Lake Cowal.
Operating co				
O1.1	Licensed activities must be carried out in a competent manner. This includes:  (a) the processing, handling, movement and storage of materials and substances used to carry out the activity; and  (b) the treatment, storage, processing, reprocessing, transport and disposal of waste generated by the activity.		Noted	



O2.1	All plant and equipment installed at the premises or used in connection with the licensed activity:  (a) must be maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and  (b) must be operated in a proper and efficient manner.		Noted	All blast monitoring equipment underwent maintenance and annual calibration by the Saros Group in February 2007.  The meteorological station equipment was checked, serviced and calibrated by Hydrodata in 2006.  Downloading of data and calibration of the weather station was also conducted by Sentinel Pty Ltd in December 2006 and April 2007.  May 2008  Blast monitoring equipment underwent maintenance and annual calibration by The Saros Group in February 2008.			
O2.2	All persons associated with the licensee including employees, agents' licensee, contractors and subcontractors must be advised of their responsibilities and liabilities under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.	Barrick Induction Training package Training Course Register for Barrick personnel – 2005 Training Course Summary for Barrick CGP – 22 Jun 2006 Environmental Awareness Handbook, Cowal Gold Project, Barrick  Oil and Chemical Spill Response Awareness Handbook, Cowal Gold Project, Barrick	Yes	Training of Barrick personnel in the responsibilities and liabilities under the POEO Act was been conducted in 2006/2007.  May 2008  An Environmental Awareness Handbook and Oil and Chemical Spill Response Awareness Handbook were prepared for the CGP and the introduction and implementation of the handbooks was provided to all the mine and process plant staff during 2007-08.			
Bunding Red	quirements						
O3.1	All above ground storage facilities containing flammable and combustible liquids must be bunded in accordance with Australian Standard AS1940 (1993) as in force from time to time.	CGP bunded bulk diesel storage tank and refuelling bay adjacent to the main workshop area	Yes	The old 'contractor's compound' bunded area was used for storage of segregated solid waste until the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2007.  The bulk diesel storage and refuelling bay near the main workshop area is bunded in accordance with AS1940.  May 2008  The contractor's compound had been decommissioned and all solid and liquid waste removed for disposal. All waste is now managed by J R Richards in the new waste storage area near the main workshop area.			
Waste Rock	Waste Rock Emplacements, Tailings Facilities and Water Storage Facilities						
O4.1	The waste rock emplacement areas and the perimeter waste emplacement must be located on a base drainage control zone with a minimum slope towards the open pit of 1 (vertica) :200 (horizontal) and be	Letter from DEC re Waste Rock Emplacements, 30 March 2005	Yes	The northern waste emplacement area has been established and any seepage from the emplacement areas is directed towards water storage dams (D1 and D2).			



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designed to ensure all seepage from beneath the			May 2008
waste rock emplacement areas and the perimeter waste emplacement is directed towards the open pit.			The waste storage areas have been extended and the Southern waste emplacement area cleared of vegetation and prepared for topsoil stripping and drainage control construction.
The tailings storage facilities and contained water storage facilities must have a basal barrier or impermeable liner with an equivalent permeability of 1x10 <sup>-9</sup> metres per second over a thickness of 1 metre.  O4.2	Permeability Test Report for Northern Tailings Storage Facility, URS 24 Nov 2004  Permeability Test Report for Southern Tailings Storage Facility, URS 11 Jan 2006  Northern Tailings Storage Facility 2008 Surveillance Report, URS, March 2008	Yes	Permeability testing of the floor of the NTSF and STSF was provided by Dr Neil Matte URS (demonstrated expert approved by EPA).  DEC advised of compliance with condition O4.2 of EPL 11912 and approved operational use of the NTSF and STSF.  May 2008  A Surveillance report was produced by URS for the NSTF in accordance with the Dams Safety Committee requirements for a High C category TSF. The report concluded that the NSTF performed in accordance with the design expectations during the Stage 1 filling.
Sediment and Erosion Controls Sediment and Erosion Controls			
Water captured in the temporary sediment basin located behind the temporary isolation bund must be pumped to contained water storage, other than D1 or D4, and then re-used within the up-catchment diversion system identified in the document titled "Cowal Project Environmental Impact Statement" Main Report Fig. 2-17.	Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan	Noted	There was no water behind the temporary bund during the site inspection in April 2007.  May 2008  There was a small amount of water and sediment behind the temporary isolation bund from recent rainfall events. The temporary isolation bund was collecting runoff from the lake protection bund and perimeter waste emplacement.
The licensee must install effective sediment and erosion controls on the premises prior to each act of vegetation removal, earth moving or related activities on the premises that are consistent with the detailed sediment and erosion control plans required by under condition E1.	Erosion of the bund walls along the access road on the Lake Protection bund May 2008.	Yes	Erosion and sediment control plans were prepared and approved and the erosion and sediment control structures installed for the Travelling Stock Reserve Road, isolation bunds, NTSF, STSF, soil stockpiles, external and internal drainage systems, mine access road, pit dewatering works, contained water storage facilities, and the process plant area.  May 2008  The lake protection bund exhibited significant erosion of the reactive soils used on the bund construction with deep rilling and tunnelling in some areas.
Dust Controls			



O6.1	All activities at the premises that are likely to generate dust must be carried out in a manner that minimises the generation of dust.		Yes	Water carts were available for use on the site to control dust generation during the site audit. (PetroTac supplied by Australian PetroTac Services,
O6.2	For the purposes of O6.1 - all activities include, but are not limited to:  • Areas disturbed by construction and/or operational activities;  • Areas disturbed by mining activities, including waste emplacement areas and other portions of the mine site exposed to wind;  • Waste rock handling and stockpilling activities (including loading and unloading, spreading and shaping waste rock);  • Movement of vehicles on unsealed roads for general mining activities;  • Topsoil stripping and stockpilling;  • Drilling and blasting; and  • Crushing, screening, transport, preparation of ore.	Surface treatment with Petro Tak on internal roads reduces dust generation from areas where light vehicles are used.	Yes	was applied to the internal roads to control dust generation on the 18 April 2007 to combat the dry conditions).  May 2008  Several applications of PetroTac had occurred on the internal roads and is providing a good surface that reduces dust generation on the areas where light vehicles are used.  Water trucks are used to reduce dust on haul roads and waste rock stockpiles where trucks operate.
Offensive O	dour			
O7.1	The licensee must not cause or permit the emission of offensive odours from the premises, as identified under Section 129 POEO Act 1997.		Noted	No odours were noted from the site activities during the April 2007 audit.  May 2008  No odours were noted from the chemical storage area or the unloading of bulk chemicals (hydrochloric acid) during the site inspections conducted on 28 and 30 April 2008.
Monitoring a	and recording conditions			
M1.1	The results of any monitoring required to be conducted by this licence or a load calculation protocol must be recorded and retained as set out in this condition.	Environmental Management File 5.09 - Monitoring	Noted	
	All records required to be kept by this licence must be:	Environmental Management File 5.09 - Monitoring	Yes	All monitoring data is entered into EQWin and retained for reporting and filing. Data from EQWin is
	(a) in a legible form, or in a form that can readily be reduced to a legible form;	EQWin Database     MR5 database		used to generate the quarterly reports on monitoring for the DEC, DoP and DPI.
M1.2	(b) kept for at least 4 years after the monitoring or event to which they relate took place; and			May 2008 The environmental monitoring data is now recorded
	(c) produced in a legible form to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.			into the MR3 database that provides for easier production of reports and was reported to be more user friendly than EQWin previously used.



M1.3	The following records must be kept in respect of any samples required to be collected for the purposes of this licence:  (a) the date(s) on which the sample was taken; (b) the time(s) at which the sample was collected; (c) the point at which the sample was taken; and (d) the name of the person who collected the sample.	EQWin Database     MR5 database	Yes	All monitoring data collected by CGP to meet the requirements of the EPL is entered into a computerised database (EQWin) and includes all information required by this condition.  May 2008  The monitoring data collected for the CGP is now entered onto the MR5 database and contains the required information to comply with condition 1.3.
Requiremen	t to monitor concentration of pollutants discharged		<u> </u>	1.7
M2.1	For each monitoring/discharge point or utilisation area specified (by a point number), the licensee must monitor (by sampling and obtaining results by analysis) the concentration of each pollutant specified in Column 1. The licensee must use the sampling method, units of measure, and sample at the frequency, specified opposite in the other columns.		Yes	Monitoring of locations and parameters specified in the licence conditions has been implemented for the operational phase of the project where or when water or flow occurs (the drought conditions have resulted in Lake Cowal being dry and stormwater runoff from the mining lease area had not occurred since June/July 2006).  May 2008  The monitoring conducted is in compliance with the requirements of the EPL where practicable. Lake Cowal is still dry and the drought conditions have limited the surface water monitoring to events when rainfall occurred.  Rainfall events that triggered surface water monitoring (>20mm/24hrs) occurred on 18 May 2007, 29 September 2007, 22 December 2007, 16 January 2008, 4 February and 12 February 2008.
Testing meth	nods - concentration limits			
M3.1	Monitoring for the concentration of a pollutant emitted to the air required to be conducted by this licence must be done in accordance with:  (a) any methodology which is required by or under the Act to be used for the testing of the concentration of the pollutant; or  (b) if no such requirement is imposed by or under the Act, any methodology which a condition of this licence requires to be used for that testing; or  (c) if no such requirement is imposed by or under the Act or by a condition of this licence, any methodology approved in writing by the EPA for the purposes of that testing prior to the testing taking place.		Yes	Analysis for air quality is carried out by Australian Laboratory Services (ALS), a NATA registered laboratory, for analysis of all the parameters required to be tested by the CGP to meet regulatory requirements.  May 2008  Ecowise Environmental Pty Ltd were contracted to supply a high volume air sampler and analysis of the TSP, total aluminium, copper and zinc, for the CGP. A consultancy agreement with University of Sydney was also agreed to report on the mass and elemental composition from the monitoring at CGP.



M3.2	Subject to any express provision to the contrary in this licence, monitoring for the concentration of a pollutant discharged to waters or applied to a utilisation area must be done in accordance with the Approved Methods Publication unless another method has been approved by the EPA before any tests are conducted.		Yes	Analysis of waters is carried out by Australian Laboratory Services (ALS), a NATA registered laboratory for analysis of the parameters required to be tested by the CGP to meet regulatory requirements.
Recording o	f pollution complaints			
M4.1	The licensee must keep a legible record of all complaints made to the licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee in relation to pollution arising from any activity to which this licence applies.		Yes	A complaints register is maintained by Barrick in accordance with the condition and responses to the complainants are also recorded.
	The record must include details of the following:	Fax to DEC – Incident Report on Dust Complaints, 2	Yes	The complaints register is maintained by Barrick in
	(a) the date and time of the complaint;	Jul 2004		accordance with the condition M4.1 and responses to the complainants are also recorded.
	(b) the method by which the complaint was made;	Community Complaints Line Register, June to		A summary of the Complaints is submitted to the
M4.2	(c) any personal details of the complainant which were provided by the complainant or, if no such details were provided, a note to that effect; (d) the nature of the complaint; (e) the action taken by the licensee in relation to the complaint, including any follow-up contact with the complainant; and (f) if no action was taken by the licensee, the reasons why no action was taken.	<ul> <li>December 2006</li> <li>Letter to DoP, DECC, CEMCC, and DPI (Minerals) re Complaints Register, 10, July 2007 and January 2008</li> </ul>		relevant authorities each 6 months and a summary included in the 2006 AEMR.  May 2008  A summary of the Complaints received is presented in the AEMR and a summary letter was submitted to the relevant authorities each 6 months.  No complaints were received for the period January to July 2007. Seven complaints were received for the period July 2007 to March 2008, of which two (2) were related to light scatter from the mine site and one (1) due to noise from the tailings dam area. The light issues were fixed immediately by moving the offending light sources. The noise complaint was received related to construction noise from the STSF works. Action on the complaint resulted in commencement of works after 0800hrs.
M4.3	The record of a complaint must be kept for at least 4 years after the complaint was made.		Yes	All complaints received by Barrick are retained on the on site computer system Complaints Register.
M4.4	The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.		Noted	
Telephone c	omplaints line		•	
M5.1	The licensee must operate during its operating hours a telephone complaints line for the purpose of receiving any complaints from members of the public in relation to activities conducted at the premises or by the vehicle or mobile plant, unless otherwise		Yes	The complaints and concerns telephone line (02 6975 3454) was established on 9 December 2003.



	specified in the licence.			
M5.2	The licensee must notify the public of the complaints line telephone number and the fact that it is a complaints line so that the impacted community knows how to make a complaint.		Yes	The complaints line was advertised on Friday 12 December 2003 and Tuesday 16 December 2003 in the West Wyalong Advocate.  The complaints line is now advertised in the West Wyalong Advocate on a regular basis.
M5.3	Conditions M5.1 and M5.2 do not apply until 3 months after:  (a) the date of the issue of this licence or (b) if this licence is a replacement licence within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 1998, the date on which a copy of the licence was served on the licensee under clause 10 of that regulation.		Noted	
Blasting mo				
M7.1	To determine compliance with condition(s) L6.4 and L6.5:  (a) Airblast overpressure and ground vibration levels must be measured at BM01 (Point 8), BM02 (Point 9), BM03 (Point 10), BM04 (Point 41) and BM05 (Point 42) identified on Figure 2, Blast Monitoring Locations in report Blast Management Plan, Cowal Gold Project, August 2003 – for all blasts carried out in or on the premises; and (b) Instrumentation used to measure the blast monitoring locations BM01 (Point 8), BM02 (Point 9), BM03 (Point 10), BM04 (Point 41) and BM05 (Point 42) identified on Figure 2, Blast Monitoring Locations in report Blast Management Plan, Cowal Gold Project, August 2003 must meet the requirements of Australian Standard 2187.2.	Review of Blast Monitoring Results 2007, The Saros Group, February 2008	Yes	Blast monitors have been installed at the approved locations for the measurement of air-blast overpressure and ground vibration levels in accordance with the Blast Management Plan. No levels were recorded in excess of the trigger levels for the monitors.  The blast results did not exceed the overpressure limit of 115dB (Lin peak) or trigger the fixed location vibration monitors on any occasion during the June 2006 to April 2007 period.  May 2008  No blast results exceeded the 115dB(lin) overpressure limit or trigger the fixed location vibration monitors on any occasion during the June 2007 to April 2008 period.
Noise Monit	toring			
M8.1	Within 90 days of the commencement of normal operations a compliance test must be carried out by an accredited acoustic consultant indicating the level of noise emanating from the premises (LA10 T, LAeq T) measured between 10 and 15 minutes (except where specifically indicated) and representative of the nosiest activity on the premises. In the case of operations, the compliance test must cover a minimum of one 24 hour period including day, evening	<ul> <li>Letter from DECC re Noise Monitoring Report -Jan 2007, 1 May 2007</li> <li>Cowal Gold Project Mine Noise Monitoring Report, Heggies, January 2007</li> <li>Cowal Gold Project Mine Noise Monitoring Report, Heggies, July 2007</li> <li>Cowal Gold Project Mine Operations and Traffic</li> </ul>	Yes	Noise monitoring to assess compliance of the normal operations of the project with the EPL criteria was conducted by Heggies in July 2006 and January 2007.  May 2008  Six monthly Mine Operating Noise Monitoring was conducted by Heggies in July 2007 and February 2008.



	and night measurements with sampling periods each day, evening, or night period The noise measurements must be undertaken at the sites identified in condition L6.1. The detailed methodology, together with the operating conditions of the plant, equipment or process under which the tests are made must be reported to the EPA within 28 days of the testing being completed.	Noise Monitoring Report January 2008, Heggies, April 2008		
Requiremen	t to monitor weather			
M9.1	For each monitoring point specified in the table below, the licensee must monitor (by sampling and obtaining results by analysis) the parameters specified in Column 1. The licensee must use the sampling method, units of measure, averaging period and sample at the frequency, specified opposite in the other columns.	CGP Meteorological Station  Barrick Gold Lake Cowal Weather Station Report, Hydrodata, 7 Jun 2006  Download/Calibration of the Automatic Weather Station, Sentinel, 15 Dec 2006 & 12 April 2007	Yes	Meteorological station installed adjacent to the TSR alignment and east of the southern tailings emplacement area with a rainfall gauge for continuous measurement, wind speed and direction at 10 metres, temperature measurement at 2 and 10 metres, and solar radiation sensors.  The meteorological station equipment was checked, serviced and calibrated by Hydrodata in 2006.  Downloading of data and calibration of the weather station was conducted by Sentinel Pty Ltd in December 2006 and April 2007.  May 2008  Calibration of the meteorological station equipment by Sentinel Pty Ltd occurred in July, September and December 2007 and is scheduled for 6 May 2008.



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Reporting c	conditions			
	irn documents			
R1.1	What documents must an Annual Return contain? The licensee must complete and supply to the EPA an Annual Return in the approved form comprising:  (a) a Statement of Compliance; and  (b) a Monitoring and Complaints Summary.  Before the end of each reporting period, the EPA will provide to the licensee a copy of the form that must be completed and returned to the EPA.	<ul> <li>EPA Annual Return 23 December 2005 to 22 December 2006, 20 February 2007</li> <li>Annual Return to DECC, 23 Dec 2006 to 22 Dec 2007, submitted 21 Feb 2008</li> </ul>	Yes	The 2006 Annual Return was prepared in the form provided by the DEC and was submitted to the DEC on 20 February 2007 in accordance with the condition.  May 2008 The 2007 Annual Return was prepared in the format provided by the DECC and was submitted to the DECC on 21 February 2008 in accordance with the condition.
R1.2	Period covered by Annual Return  An Annual Return must be prepared in respect of each reporting period, except as provided below.  Note: The term "reporting period" is defined in the dictionary at the end of this licence. Do not complete the Annual Return until after the end of the reporting period.	<ul> <li>EPA Annual Return 23 December 2005 to 22         December 2006, submitted 20 Feb 2007</li> <li>Letter to NSW EPA re submission of Annual Return,         20 February 2007</li> <li>Annual Return for 23 December 2005 to 22         December 2006, submitted to DECC on 21         February 2008</li> </ul>	Yes	The Annual Return for 23 December 2005 to 22 December 2006 was prepared and submitted to the DEC in accordance with EPL condition R1.2.  May 2008 The Annual Return for 23 December 2006 to 22 December 2007 was prepared and submitted to the DECC on 21 February 2008 in accordance with EPL condition R1.2
R1.3	Where this licence is transferred from the licensee to a new licensee,  (a) the transferring licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on the date the application for the transfer of the licence to the new licensee is granted; and  (b) the new licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the date the application for the transfer of the licence is granted and ending on the last day of the reporting period.		Noted	
R1.4	Where this licence is surrendered by the licensee or revoked by the EPA or Minister, the licensee must prepare an Annual Return in respect of the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on  (a) in relation to the surrender of a licence - the date when notice in writing of approval of the surrender is given; or  (b) in relation to the revocation of the licence - the date from which notice revoking the licence operates.		Noted	



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R1.5	Deadline for Annual Return The Annual Return for the reporting period must be supplied to the EPA by registered post not later than 60 days after the end of each reporting period or in the case of a transferring licence not later than 60 days after the date the transfer was granted (the 'due date').	<ul> <li>EPA Annual Return 23 December 2005 to 22 December 2006, submitted 20 Feb 2007</li> <li>Annual Return for Dec 2006 to Dec 2007, submitted to DECC, 21 February 2008</li> </ul>	Yes	The Annual Return for 23 December 2005 to 22 December 2006 was submitted to the DEC on the 20 February 2007 in accordance with the requirement of EPL condition R1.5.  May 2008 The Annual Return for 23 December 2006 to 22 December 2007 was submitted to the DECC in Feb 2008 in accordance with the requirement of EPL condition R1.5 and the Annual Licence Fee was received by DECC on 30 January 2008.
R1.7	Licensee must retain copy of Annual Return The licensee must retain a copy of the Annual Return supplied to the EPA for a period of at least 4 years after the Annual Return was supplied to the EPA.	EPA Annual Return 23 December 2005 to 22     December 2006     Annual Return to DECC, 23 Dec 2006 to 22 Dec 2007	Yes	The Annual Return is available on the Barrick document system and a copy is retained in the DEC-EPA file.  May 2008 The Annual Return is available on the Barrick document system and the DECC file.
R1.8	Certifying of Statement of Compliance and Signing of Monitoring and Complaints Summary Within the Annual Return, the Statement of Compliance must be certified and the Monitoring and Complaints Summary must be signed by:  (a) the licence holder; or  (b) by a person approved in writing by the EPA to sign on behalf of the licence holder.	EPA Annual Return 23 December 2005 to 22 December 2006     Annual Return to DECC, 23 Dec 2006 to 22 Dec 2007	Yes	The Annual Return was submitted to the DEC signed by the Company Secretary and a Director as required by Condition R1.8.  May 2008  The Annual Return was submitted to the DECC signed by the Company Secretary and a Director of Barrick.
R1.9	A person who has been given written approval to certify a certificate of compliance under a licence issued under the Pollution Control Act 1970 is taken to be approved for the purpose of this condition until the date of first review of this licence.		Noted	
Notification	of environmental harm	<u>,                                      </u>		
R2.1	Note: The licensee or its employees must notify the EPA of incidents causing or threatening material harm to the environment as soon as practicable after the person becomes aware of the incident in accordance with Part 5.7 of the Act.  Notifications must be made by telephoning the EPA's Pollution Line service on 131 555.	Annual Return to DECC, 21 February 2008	Yes	No notifiable incidents occurred between June 2006 and April 2007.  May 2008  No notifiable incidents occurred between June 2007 and April 2008.
R2.2	The licensee must provide written details of the notification to the EPA within 7 days of the date on which the incident occurred.		Yes	No notifiable incidents occurred between June 2006 and April 2007.



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Written repo	ort		
R3.1	Where an authorised officer of the EPA suspects on reasonable grounds that:  (a) where this licence applies to premises, an event has occurred at the premises; or  (b) where this licence applies to vehicles or mobile plant, an event has occurred in connection with the carrying out of the activities authorised by this licence, and the event has caused, is causing or is likely to cause material harm to the environment (whether the harm occurs on or off premises to which the licence applies), the authorised officer may request a written report of the event.	N	oted
R3.2	The licensee must make all reasonable inquiries in relation to the event and supply the report to the EPA within such time as may be specified in the request.	N	oted
R3.3	The request may require a report which includes any or all of the following information:  (a) the cause, time and duration of the event; (b) the type, volume and concentration of every pollutant discharged as a result of the event; (c) name, address, business hours telephone, number of employees or agents of the licensee, or a specified class who witnessed the event; (d) the name, address and business hours telephone number of every other person (of whom the licensee is aware) who witnessed the event, unless the licensee has been unable to obtain that information after making reasonable effort; (e) action taken by the licensee in relation to the event, including any follow-up contact with any complainants; (f) details of any measure taken or proposed to be taken to prevent or mitigate against a recurrence of such an event; (g) any other relevant matters.	N	oted
R3.4	The EPA may make a written request for further details in relation to any of the above matters if it is not satisfied with the report provided by the licensee. The licensee must provide such further details to the EPA within the time specified in the request.	N	oted



Reporting	of blasting monitoring			
R4.1	The results of the blast monitoring required by condition M7.1 must be submitted to the EPA at the end of each reporting period.	Review of Blast Monitoring Results 2005, The Saros Group     Review of Blast Monitoring Results 2006, The Saros Group     Review of Blast Monitoring Results 2007, The Saros Group     Letter to DECC re Blast Monitoring Results, 11 Feb 2008	Noted	Blast monitoring data is reported in the 2006 AEMR and included in the Annual Return and quarterly reports to the DEC.  May 2008  Blast monitoring data was reported in the 2007 Draft AEMR and included in the Annual Return and annual report to the DECC on 11 February 2008.
R4.2	The licensee must report any exceedence of the licence blasting limits to the regional office of the EPA as soon as practicable after the exceedence becomes known to the licensee or to one of the licensee's employees or agents.		Noted	No exceedance of the blasting limits were recorded for the blasting undertaken between June 2006 and April 2007.  May 2008  No exceedance of the blast limits were recorded between June 2007 and April 2008.
General co	nditions		ı	
Copy of lic	ence kept at the premises			
G1.1	A copy of this licence must be kept at the premises to which the licence applies.		Yes	Copies of the licence are kept in the Environment Section at the Cowal Gold mine site offices.
G1.2	The licence must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see it.		Noted	
G1.3	The licence must be available for inspection by any employee or agent of the licensee working at the premises.		Noted	
Special cor	nditions			
E1	Prior to operational use of the Southern Tailings Storage Facility the licensee must provide a report demonstrating compliance with the level of permeability specified in Condition O4.2. The testing and report must be carried out by a demonstrated expert who must be approved in writing by the EPA prior to conducting any testing.	Cowal Southern Tailings Storage Floor Permeability Report, Dr Neil Mattes URS 11 Jan 2006  Letter from DEC re Compliance of Southern Tailings Storage Floor Permeability Report with EPL Condition E3, 17 Feb 2006  Letter to DPI re Southern Tailings Storage Floor Permeability, 8 March 2006	Yes	A report on the floor permeability of the Southern Tailings Storage facility was prepared by Dr Neil Mattes of URS and submitted to the DEC and approved on 17 February 2006, and the report forwarded to DPI.



# ATTACHMENT C MINING LEASE CONDITIONS



#### ATTACHMENT C - MINING LEASE 1535

No.	ML 1535 Condition	Audit Evidence	Compliance	Comments
1	Notice to Landholders			
	The lease holder must serve on each landholder of the land a notice in writing indicating that this lease has been granted/renewed and whether the lease includes the surface.		Not applicable	Barrick is the registered proprietor of the land on which the mining lease is located.
4	Working Equipment			
	The lease holder must ensure that at least 135 competent people are efficiently employed on the lease areaOR  Expend on operations carried out on the lease in the course of prospecting or mining an amount of not less than \$2,400,000 during each year of the term of this lease.		Yes	Barrick spends more than \$2,400,000 during each year on exploration and mining on the lease.
6	Reports			
	The lease holder shall provide within a period of 28 days after each anniversary of the date this lease has effect a progress report to the satisfaction of the Director-General		Yes	Progress Report prepared for submission to DPI in July 2006.
11	Safety			
	Operations are to be carried out in a manner that ensures safety of [persons or stock in the vicinity of the operations		Yes	Safety of construction activities is being observed with protective fences around areas of excavation and the mine lease boundary has been fenced to restrict entry of persons and stock.
12	Rehabilitation			
	Land disturbed must be rehabilitated to a stable and permanent	Cowal Gold Project June 2007-	Yes	May 2008
	form suitable for a subsequent land use acceptable to the Director- General and in accordance with the Mining Operations Plan	June 2009 Mining Operations Plan, May 2007.		Mining Operations Plan for June 2007 to June 2009 submitted to the DPI (Minerals) May 2007.
				The rehabilitation activities are described in section 4 of the MOP.
				A summary of the rehabilitation actions is presented in section 4.1 of this audit report.
13	The lease holder must comply with any direction given by the Director-General regarding the stabilisation and revegetation of any mine residues, tailing or overburden dumps situated on the lease area		Noted	

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14	Prevention of Soil Erosion and Pollution			
	Operations must be carried out in a manner that does not cause or aggravate air pollution, water pollution (including sedimentation) or soil contamination or erosion unless otherwise authorised by a relevant approval and in accordance with the Mining Operations Plan	Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan Sep 2003     Dust Management Plan Sep 2003	Yes	The operations were observed as being undertaken in accordance with the environmental management plans, Mining Operations Plan and Addenda.
15	Transmission lines, Communication lines and Pipelines			
	Operations must not interfere with or impair the stability or efficiency of any transmission line, communications line or pipeline or other utility on the area		Yes	Relocation of Telstra cables and power lines within the ML boundary occurred during construction in the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2004.
16	Fences and gates			
	(a) Activities on the lease must not interfere with or damage fences without the prior written approval of the owner		Not applicable	Barrick is the registered proprietor of the land on which the mining lease is located.
17	Roads			
	<ul> <li>(a) Operations must not affect any road unless in accordance with an accepted Mining Operations Plan or with the prior approval of the Director-General</li> <li>(b) The lease holder must pay the local council, DLWC or the RTA the cost incurred in fixing any damage to roads caused by the operations carried out under this lease</li> </ul>		Yes	The external road access route to the CGP site from West Wyalong as approved in the Development Consent is complete and in use for traffic to and from the mine site.
18	Access tracks must be kept to a minimum and be positioned so that they do not cause any unnecessary damage to the land		Noted	Access tracks within the mining lease area are designed within the mine plan development and any temporary access tracks will be rehabilitated when they are no longer required.
19	Trees and Timber			
	(c) The lease holder must not cut, destroy, ringbark or remove any timber or other vegetative cover on the lease except such as directly obstructs or prevents the carrying out of operations	Vegetation Clearance Protocol Letter from DoP re Inland Greybox Woodland, 10 August 2007 Letter from DECC re Inland Greybox Woodland, 27 August 2007 Letter from DECC re Myall Woodland, 29 August 2007	Yes	Barrick is retaining any trees within the mining lease not in the path of the project development. Approval to remove any trees or vegetative cover within the mining lease area must be obtained from the Environmental Manager prior to removal.  May 2008  DECC, DPI (Minerals) and DoP accepted the implementation of the Vegetation Clearance Protocols related to the Inland Grey Box Woodland, dated 9 August 2007, and Myall Woodland dated 20 August 2007.



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23	Security				
24	Mine Safety Plan				
	Prior to commencement of any construction activities on the lease area and as required by the Director-General the lease holder must prepare a Mine Safety Plan to ensure the Mine Safety General Rule 2000 is adhered to.	•	Mine Safety Plan	Yes	Mine Safety Plan was developed and submitted to the DMR.
25	Mining Rehabilitation, Environmental Management Process (MREMP) Mining Operations Plan (MOP)	•	Mining Operations Plan 2007 to June 2009	Yes	May 2008  An annual meeting is held of the Mining, Rehabilitation and Environmental Management Process Committee (MREMP) to discuss the Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR). The participants included DPI (Minerals), DECC, DWE, Councils, and Dam Safety Committee representatives.
	(1) Mining operations, including mining purposes, must be conducted in accordance with the MOP satisfactory to the Director-General			Yes	May 2008 The Mining Operations Plan for June 2007 to June 2009 was submitted to DPI in May 2007. DPI advised of satisfaction of MOP.
	(9) An Initial Mining Operations Plan must be submitted prior to commencement of construction on the site	•	Initial Mining Operations Plan Cowal Gold Project Mar 2004	Yes	
26	Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR)				
	(1) Within 12 of the commencement of mining operations and thereafter annually the lease holder must lodge an AEMR with the Director-General.		2006 AEMR, submitted April 2007 Draft 2007 AEMR, May 2007	N/A	The AEMR's have been prepared and a presentation provided to the government authorities each year (refer to condition 25 above).  May 2008  The Draft 2007 AEMR was provided to the auditor in draft on 30 April 2008.



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27	(a) Ground Vibration The lease holder must ensure that ground vibration peak particle velocity generated by any blasting within the lease area does not exceed 10mm/sec and does not exceed 5mm/sec in more than 5% of the total number of blasts over a period of 12 months at any dwelling or occupied premises, not owned by the lease holder or a related corporation, unless determined otherwise by the EPA.	Review of Blast Monitoring Results 2007, Saros Group, February 2008	Yes	Blasting that occurred from June 2006 to April 2007, did not trigger the vibration monitors on any occasion. All results recorded were less than 5mm/sec.  May 2008 All results recorded for ground vibration from blasts conducted between June 2007 and April 2008, were less than 5mm/sec.
	(b) Blast Overpressure The lease holder must ensure that the blast overpressure noise level generated by any blasting within the lease area does not exceed 120dB(linear) and does not exceed 115 db(linear) in more than 5% of the total number of blasts over a period of 12 months, at any dwelling or occupied premises, not owned by the lease holder or a related corporation, unless determined otherwise by the EPA.	Review of Blast Monitoring Results 2007, Saros Group, February 2008	Yes	Blasting that occurred from June 2006 to April 2007, did not exceed the overpressure limit of 115dB (Lin peak) on any occasion.  May 2008 Blasting that occurred from June 2007 to April 2008, did not exceed the overpressure limit of 115dB (Lin peak) on any occasion.
28	Use of Cyanide			
	The lease holder must not use cyanide or any solution containing cyanide for the recovery of minerals on the lease area without the prior written approval of the Minister and subject to any conditions he may stipulate.	Letter from DPI re Approval of Cyanide Use on Mining Lease 1535, Cowal Gold Mine, 17 Jan 2006	Yes	Letter of approval received from DPI in January 2006 for use of cyanide in the CGP process plant.
29	Control of Operations			
	<ul> <li>(a) If an Environmental Officer of the DMW believes that the lease holder is not complying with any provision of the Act or any condition of this lease relating to the working of the lease, he may direct the lease holder to: <ul> <li>(i) cease working the lease;</li> <li>(ii) cease that part of the operation not complying with the Act or conditions;</li> <li>Until in the opinion of the Environmental Officer the situation is rectified.</li> <li>(c) The lease holder must comply with any written direction given. The Director-General may confirm, vary or revoke any such direction.</li> <li>(d) A written direction referred to in this condition may be served on the Mine Manager.</li> </ul> </li></ul>		Noted	



# ATTACHMENT D BORE LICENCE CERTIFICATES



#### ATTACHMENT D

#### GROUNDWATER BORE LICENCE CERTIFICATES - COWAL GOLD PROJECT

Purpose	Licence no.	Date granted	Expiry date	Lot	DP	Parish	County
Production	70BL228907	12-Dec-03	11-Dec-08	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Production	70BL228375	13-Jan-03	12-Jan-08	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Production	70BL229248	19-Dec-03	18-Dec-08	Road East Lot 91	753077	Cadalgulee	Gipps
Production	70BL229249	6-May-04	21-Dec-08	Road North Lot 105	753077	Cadalgulee	Gipps
Production	70BL229250	6-May-04	21-Dec-08	TSR 84719 (7002 ref)	753077	Cadalgulee	Gipps
Production	70BL229251	6-May-04	21-Dec-08	Road adj Lot 55	753089	Gibrigal	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230577	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230578	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230579	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230580	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230581	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230582	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230583	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230584	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230585	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230586	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 7001	1029713	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230587	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 7001	1029713	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230588	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 7001	1029713	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230589	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 7001	1029713	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230590	23-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Lot 7001	1029713	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230591	24-Mar-05	Perpetuity		753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230592	24-Mar-05	Perpetuity	Crown Land	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230593	24-Mar-05	Perpetuity	North of Lot	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230594	24-Mar-05	Perpetuity	23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230595	24-Mar-05	Perpetuity		753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229727	2-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 7	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230301	28-Sep-04	Perpetuity	Lot 7	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230302	28-Sep-04	Perpetuity	Lot 7	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229746	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 2	530299	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230065/ 70BL230306	28-Sep-04	Perpetuity	Lot 2	530299	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230063/ 70BL230307	28-Sep-04	Perpetuity	Lot 2	530299	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229655	15-Apr-04	Perpetuity	Former Gxame Reserve		Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229756	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230304	28-Sep-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229759	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230062/ 70BL230303	28-Sep-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229747	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230305	28-Sep-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230299	28-Sep-04	Perpetuity	Lot 7	753083	Corringle	Gipps



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Monitoring	70BL230300	28-Sep-04	Perpetuity	Lot 7	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230308	28-Sep-04	Perpetuity	Lot 107	1059150	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230309	28-Sep-04	Perpetuity	Lot 107	1059150	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229726	02-Feb-04/ 19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 23	530299	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229653	15-April-04/ 10-Nov-94	Perpetuity	Rd Res. Adj Lot 68	753077	Cadalgulee	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229652	15-April-04/ 10-Nov-94	Perpetuity	Rd Res. Adj Lot 66	753077	Cadalgulee	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229650	15-April-04/ 10-Nov-94	Perpetuity	Rd Res. Adj Lot 18	753129	Cadalgulee	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229725	02-Feb-04/ 19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 23		Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226558	10-Jul-97	Perpetuity	Lot 12	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226558	10-Jul-97	Perpetuity	Lot 12	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226558	10-Jul-97	Perpetuity	Lot 12	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226558	10-Jul-97	Perpetuity	Lot 12	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229640	15-April-04/ 10-July -97	Perpetuity	Closed Road	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229639	15-April-04/ 10-July -97	Perpetuity	Within Lot 44	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226558	10-Jul-97	Perpetuity	Lot 3	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226558	10-Jul-97	Perpetuity	Lot 3	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226558	10-Jul-97	Perpetuity	Lot 9	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226558	10-Jul-97	Perpetuity	Lot 9	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226558	10-Jul-97	Perpetuity	Lot 9	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226558	10-Jul-97	Perpetuity	Lot 9	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226558	10-Jul-97	Perpetuity	Lot 9	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226558	10-Jul-97	Perpetuity	Lot 9	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229654	15-Apr-04	Perpetuity			Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229642	15-Apr-04	Perpetuity		1029713	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229643	15-Apr-04	Perpetuity	Closed TSR	1029713	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229644	15-Apr-04	Perpetuity	17085 (7001	1029713	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229645	15-Apr-04	Perpetuity	ref)	1029713	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229646	15-Apr-04	Perpetuity		1029713	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229641	15-Apr-04	Perpetuity		1029713	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230374	19-Nov-04	Perpetuity	Lot 2	530299	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230381	19-Nov-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230375	19-Nov-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230376	19-Nov-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230377	19-Nov-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230378	19-Nov-04	Perpetuity	Lot 105	1059150	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230379	19-Nov-04	Perpetuity	Lot 104	1059150	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230380	19-Nov-04	Perpetuity	Lot 7	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230383	19-Nov-04	Perpetuity	Lot 104	1059150	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL230384	19-Nov-04	Perpetuity	Lot 105	1059150	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 11	753097	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 11	753077	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 12	753077	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 12	753077	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 3	753089	Corringle	Gipps



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Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 3	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 3	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 3	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 3	530299	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 3	530299	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 7	753097	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 7	753097	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 7	753097	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL226125	19-May-95	Perpetuity	Lot 7	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229757	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229758	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229748	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229749	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229750	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229752	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229753	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229754	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229755	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229751	20-Feb-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229637	15-April-04/ 19-May-95	Perpetuity	On Road Reserve inside Lot 44	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229638	15-April-04/ 19-May-95	Perpetuity	On Road Reserve inside Lot 44	753083	Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229648	15-Apr-04	Perpetuity	TSR84719 (7002 ref)	753077	Cadalgulee	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229647	15-Apr-04	Perpetuity	TSR84719 (7002 ref)	753077	Cadalgulee	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229649	15-April-04/ 10-Nov-94	Perpetuity	Rd Res. Adj Lot 12	753089	Gibrigal	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL229651	15-April-04/ 10-Nov-94	Perpetuity	Rd Res. Adj Lot 55	753089	Gibrigal	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL153673	21-Dec-93	Perpetuity	Portion 23		Corringle	Gipps
Monitoring	70BL153674	21-Dec-93	Perpetuity	TSR 36256		Cadalgulee	Gipps
Test	70BL228999	6-Feb-03	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL229001	6-Feb-03	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL229000	6-Feb-03	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230110	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Former Game Reserve		Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230116	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230117	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230118	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230119	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps



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Dewatering (test)	70BL230115	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230097	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230095	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230093	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230092	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230091	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230100	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230099	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230096	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230105	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230103	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230098	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230109	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230101	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Closed TSR 17085		Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230102	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Closed TSR 17085		Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230104	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Closed TSR 17085		Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230108	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	_		Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230106	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Former Game Reserve		Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230113	1-Jul-04	Perpetuity	11000110		Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230111	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230112	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230114	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230094	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230090	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (test)	70BL230107	2-Jul-04	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL231071	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 7001	1029713	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL231072	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 7001	1029713	Lake	Gipps
	70BL231073	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Crown Land	753097		Gipps



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Test	70BL231074	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	North of Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL231075	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity		753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL231076	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity		753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL231077	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity		753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL231078	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity		753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL231080	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL231081	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL231082	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL231083	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL231084	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL31085	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL31086	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL31087	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL31088	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL31089	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL31090	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 25	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL31091	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 25	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL31092	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 25	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL31093	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 25	753097	Lake	Gipps
Test	70BL31093	6-Mar-06	Perpetuity	Lot 25	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230225	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Closed TSR 17085	7 00007	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230234	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230229	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230230	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230231	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230219	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230232	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230233	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230211	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230212	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230213	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230214	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230215	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230216	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230220	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230221	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps



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Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230222	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230206	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230224	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Closed TSR 17085		Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230223	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Closed TSR 17085		Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230226	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Crown Land North of Lot 23 (Former Game Reserve)		Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230227	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10			Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230228	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10			Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230205	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10			Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230207	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230208	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230209	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230217	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230218	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 24	753097	Lake	Gipps
Dewatering (extraction)	70BL230210	6-Jan-05	5-Jan-10	Lot 23	753097	Lake	Gipps
Pipeline and Levee	70SL090308	11-Jan-05	11-Jan-09	Lot 18 Lot 23 Lot 24 Lot 24 Lot 44 Lot 45 Lot 46 Lot 47 Lot 11 Lot 2 Lot 23 Lot 24 Lot 25	53097 753097 753097 754097 742918 42918 42918 42918 753083 530299 753097 793097	Crown Land Lake Cowal	Wamboyne TSR 17085
Bywash Dam	70SL023726	14-JUL-04	14-Jul-09	Lot 45	793097, R56899		
Monitoring bores	70BL232327	17-Jan-08	Perpetuity	Lot 7009	1069239		
Monitoring bores	70BL232329	17-Jan-08	Perpetuity	Lot 23	753097		
Monitoring bores	70BL232328	17-Jan-08	Perpetuity	Lot 7009	1069239		
Monitoring bores	70BL232330	17-Jan-08	Perpetuity	Lot 7009	1069239		
Monitoring bores	70BL232331	17-Jan-08	Perpetuity	Lot 7009	1069239		



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Monitoring bores	70BL232332	17-Jan-08	Perpetuity	Lot 7009	1069239		