

1 October – 31 December 2024 Northparkes Operations

Environmental Monitoring Results Summary

Name of Mine	Northparkes Mine
Name of Leaseholder and Mine Operator	Evolution Mining (Northparkes) Pty Limited
Mining Leases	ML1247, ML1367, ML1641 AND ML1743
Environment Protection Licence	EPL 4784
Development Consent	DC11_0060 (as modified)

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1. SCOPE OF REPORT

This report provides a summary of monitoring results for the period from 1 October to 31 December 2024. This monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the Environmental Monitoring Program (available at www.northparkes.com.au). Details of air quality, noise, water and vibration monitoring locations are available in the Environmental Monitoring Program. Refer to appendix A for all monitoring location maps. Monitoring continues to be recorded during the calendar year to align with the Annual Review submission.

2. AIR QUALITY

During the quarter, the air quality monitoring program utilised PM₁₀ (beta attenuated monitors). Monitoring locations are strategically positioned around the mine lease and neighbouring properties. PM₁₀ monitoring is undertaken at three nearby farm residences Hubberstone, Milpose and Hillview. A summary of the monitoring results are provided below.

2.1 PM10

PM₁₀ monitoring results for the Hubberstone, Milpose and Hillview monitoring locations, for the reporting period, are displayed in Figure 1, Figure 2 and Figure 3 respectively. The criteria for exceedances (as nominated in the Development Consent DC11_0060, known as the Consent), are >25 µg/m³ for the annual average and >50 µg/m³ for a 24-hour monitoring period.

24-hour average:

During the reporting period Hubberstone had one elevated result on 31 October this was deemed as a direct result of tailings and operational dust emission. Northparkes self reported to the EPA and Department of Planning. Milpose had one elevated reading on 22 November which was determined to be agriculture related. Missing data is the result of instrumentation issues which have since been rectified or power outages.

Annual Averages:

Annual averages, recorded year to date, at all monitoring locations are below the Consent criteria of 25 µg/m³:

- 10.3 µg/m³ at Hubberstone
- 9.7 µg/m³ at Milpose, and
- 11.7 µg/m³ at Hillview.

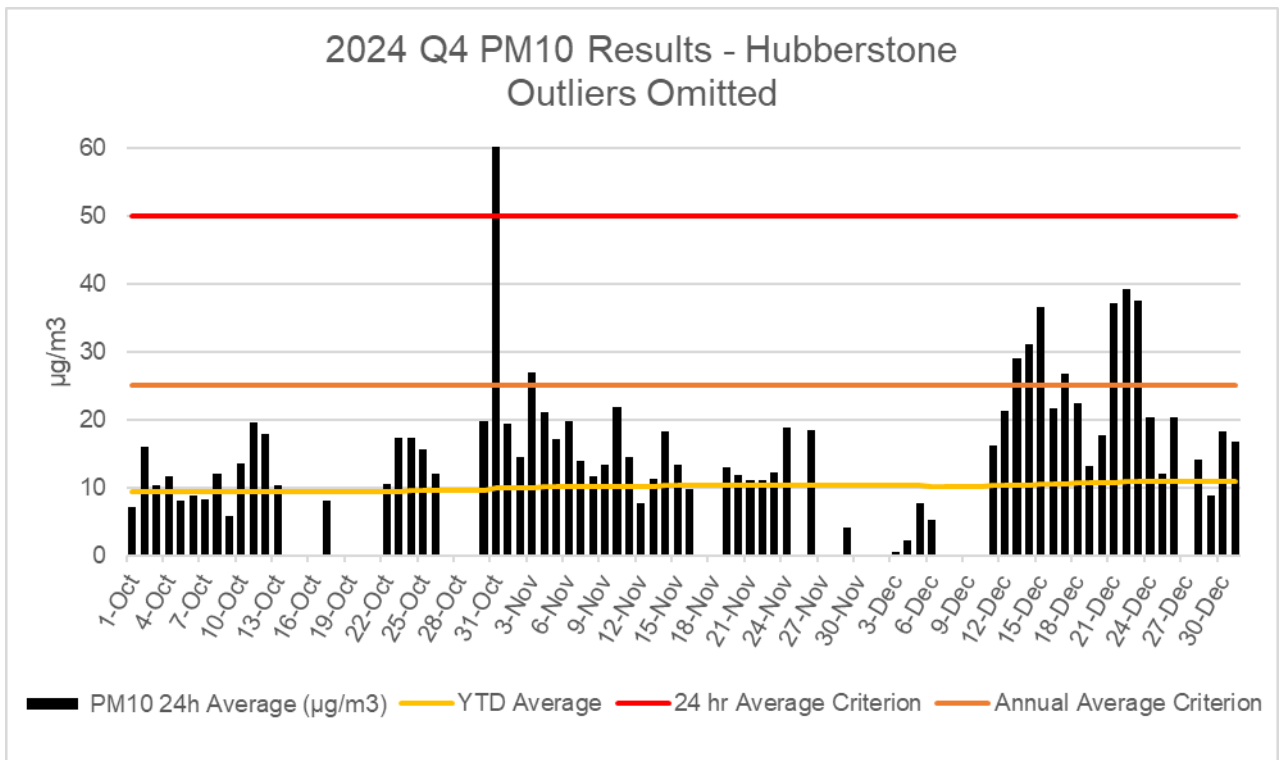


Figure 1: Hubberstone

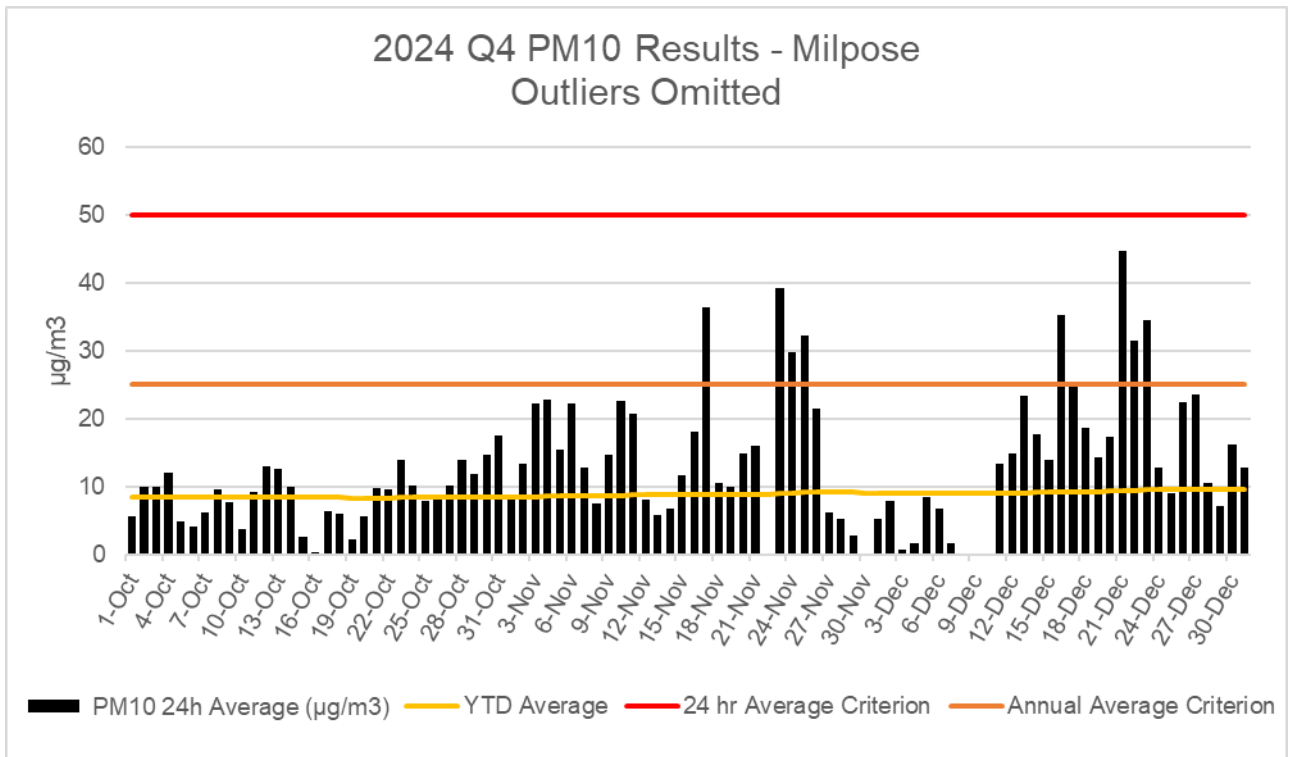


Figure 2: Milpose

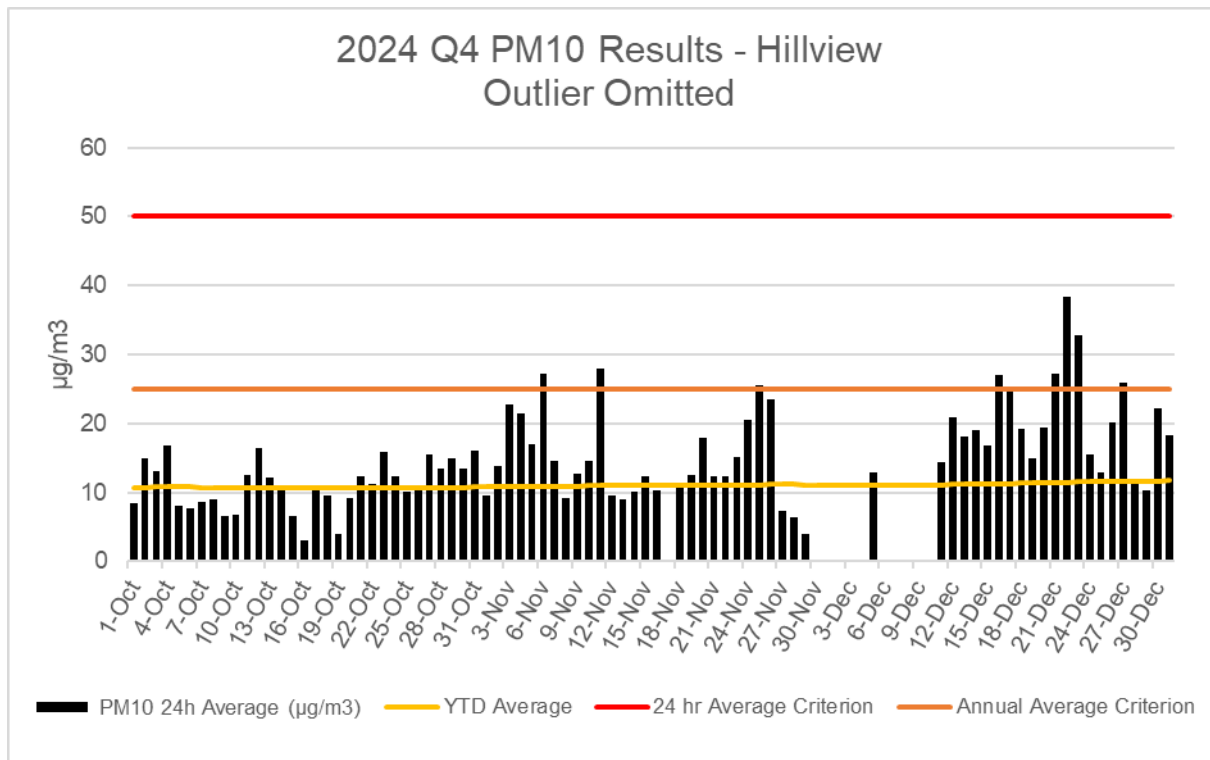


Figure 3: Hillview

2.2 PM2.5

PM_{2.5} monitoring results for the same three properties are displayed in Figures 4, 5 and 6 respectively. The development consent states that compliance with the assessment criteria for PM_{2.5} may be calculated as a ratio of PM₁₀. This ratio is calculated as 0.35.

The criteria for exceedances are >8 µg/m³ for the annual average and >25 µg/m³ for a 24-hour monitoring period.

24 hour average:

During the period Hubberstone had one elevated result on 31 October this was deemed as a direct result of tailings and operational dust emission. Northparkes self reported to the EPA and Department of Planning. Missing data is the result of instrumentation issues which have since been rectified or power outages.

Annual Averages:

Annual averages recorded at all monitoring locations are below the Consent criteria of 8 µg/m³:

- 3.6 µg/m³ at Hubberstone
- 3.5 µg/m³ at Milpose, and
- 4.0 µg/m³ at Hillview.

2024 Q4 PM2.5 Results - Hubberstone Calculated Outliers Omitted

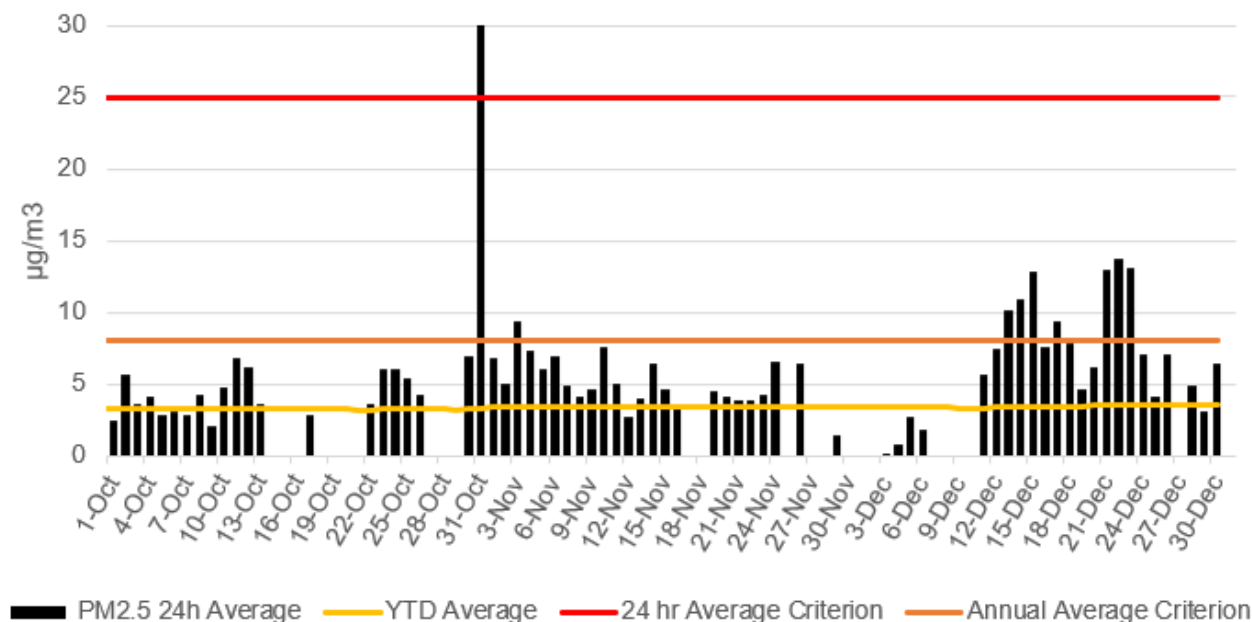


Figure 4: Hubberstone (calculated)

2024 Q4 PM2.5 Results - Milpose Calculated Outliers Omitted

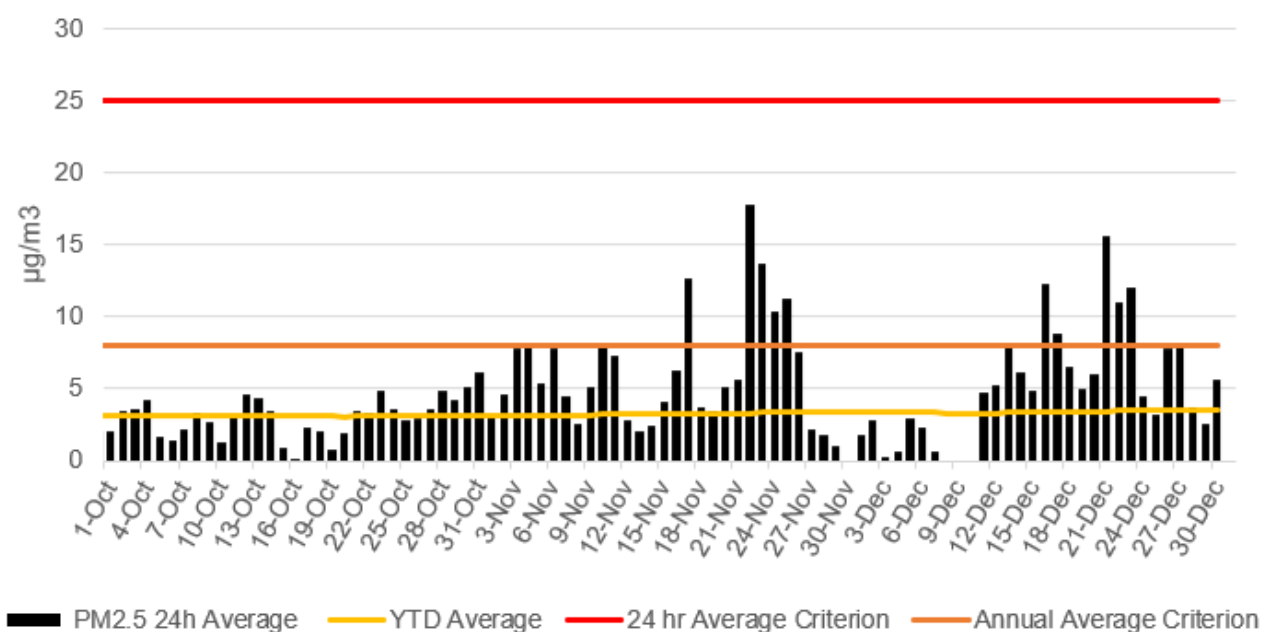


Figure 5: Milpose (calculated)

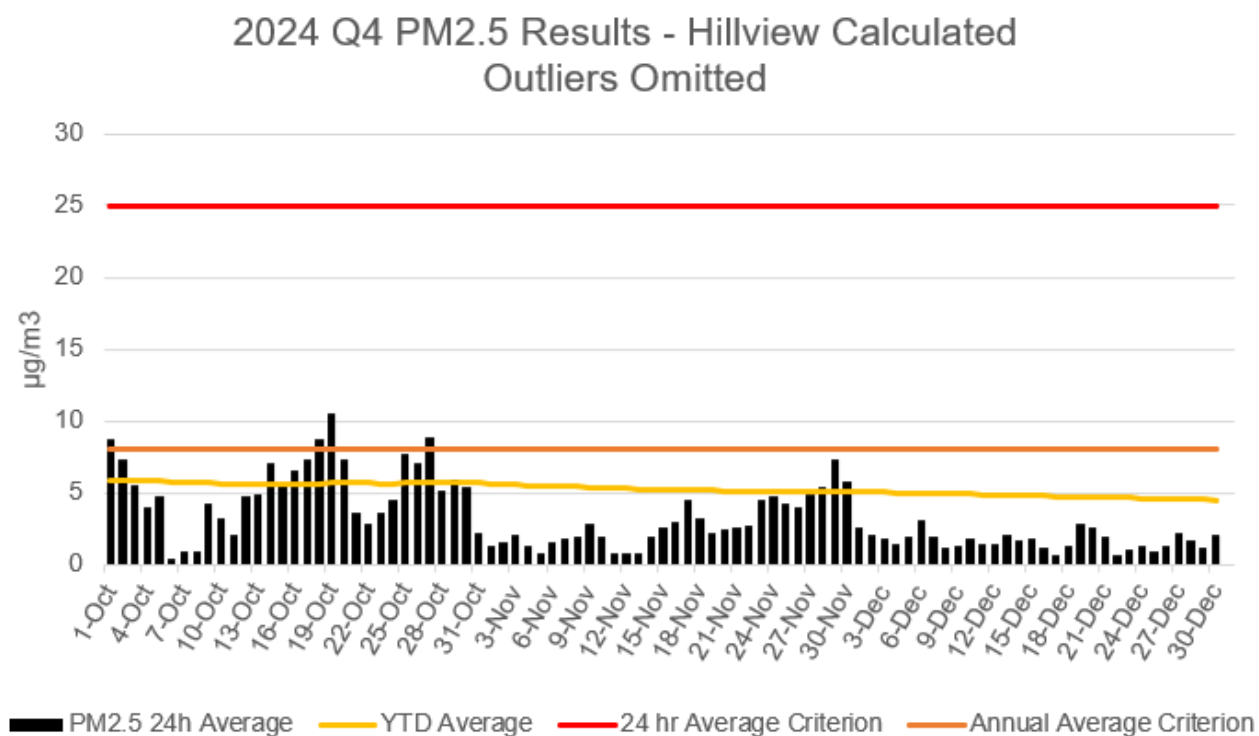


Figure 6: Hillview (calculated)

3. WATER

3.1 Overview

Water management at Northparkes is undertaken in accordance with approved management plans, prepared in accordance with the Consent. All water samples are analysed at an independent National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accredited laboratory.

Surface water quality monitoring is undertaken at Northparkes specifically within the three defined water management systems of;

- Clean water management system, which includes farm dams and watercourses;
- Dirty water management system, which includes settlement ponds; and
- Contaminated water management system, which includes all aspects of ore processing, and retention ponds.

The groundwater monitoring program at Northparkes aims to identify any changes to the natural groundwater system as a result of mining operations and ensure compliance with the Consent. It focuses on potential impacts to environmental assets and groundwater users in the area surrounding Northparkes.

Monitoring results are assessed and interpreted utilising historical trend analysis and internal water quality criteria and trigger levels to identify potential changes.

3.2 Quarterly Monitoring Analysis

Water quality monitoring was carried out generally in accordance with the Consent, with no significant changes to the pH or EC for all locations. Copper concentrations increased at several locations, although results are still consistent with long term data. These locations will be closely monitored during the future reporting periods. A summary of the monitoring results at each location sampled are presented in Tables 1-8 below.

Bores W14, W22 and W23 are planned to be impacted during future operations and have been replaced with W33 and W34. These changes were approved in consultation with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Table 1: Process Water System

Location	RP01	RP02	RP03	RP04	RP05	RP06	RP07	RP08	RP12	RP13	RP15	RP16	RP19	RP20	RP21
EC (uS/cm)	619	2,752	5,314	3,602	859	1,027	856	2,968	857	622	Dry	24,884	4,926	8,452	2,148
Cu (mg/L)	0.055	0.039	0.035	0.321	0.02	0.016	0.032	0.036	0.023	0.024	Dry	0.013	0.005	0.027	0.012
pH	8.19	7.84	8.23	7.93	8.02	8.02	7.71	7.93	9.10	7.99	Dry	8.26	8.02	7.90	7.83

Table 1 continued: Process Water System

Location	RP22	RP23	RP24	RP25	RP26	RP27	RP32	PWD	Caloola North	Caloola South	GT02	SD1	SD2
EC (uS/cm)	941	2,227	Dry	871	765	4,670	980	4,682	3,160	4,093	2,490	4,238	13,003
Cu (mg/L)	0.043	0.054	Dry	0.018	0.024	0.026	0.032	0.027	0.009	0.014	0.072	0.034	0.103
pH	8.27	7.68	Dry	8.24	8.53	8.16	8.17	7.79	8.23	8.36	7.42	8.27	8.46

Table 2: Sediment Ponds

Location	SP03	SP10	SP15	SP33
EC (uS/cm)	1,739	336	Dry	723
Cu (mg/L)	0.006	0.05	Dry	0.009
pH	9.10	8.33	Dry	8.85

Table 3: Farm Dams

Location	FD04	FD05	FD06	FD07	FD11	FD12	FD16	FD18	FD25	FD26	FD27
EC (uS/cm)	1,500	108	218	286	400	Dry	211	3,676	290	309	301
Cu (mg/L)	0.005	0.025	0.005	0.009	0.034	Dry	0.023	0.01	0.007	0.02	0.011
pH	8.15	7.38	8.33	8.73	8.39	Dry	8.52	7.95	8.50	8.87	9.05

*No sample – insufficient water to collect sample or no access to obtain sample

**Dry – No water to sample

Table 4: Water Courses

Location	WC01	WC02	WC03	WC04	WC05	WC06	WC07	WC11	WC12	WC13	WC14	WC15	WC16
EC (uS/cm)	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	187	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry
Cu (mg/L)	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	0.10	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry
pH	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	8.41	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry

Table 5: TSF Bores

Location	MB01	MB02	MB03	MB05	MB06B	W28	W29	W30	W31	W32	W33	W34
EC (uS/cm)	6,620	11,157	26,872	25,988	19,550	16,398	20,440	2,510	1,266	2,470	9,022	15,324
Cu (mg/L)	0.007	0.006	0.035	0.007	0.024	0.018	0.029	0.012	0.022	0.016	0.009	0.076
pH	7.20	6.94	6.80	6.81	7.08	7.93	12.37	7.56	8.09	11.01	7.64	7.19
SWL	248.3	239.7	245.7	247.4	250.8	261.5	257.9	247.0	265.3	267.3	260.4	259.8

Table 6: Opencut Bores

Location	MB10	MB11 (dry)	MB12	MB13	MB14	W19	W20	W21	W24	W25
EC (uS/cm)	13,592	Dry	No sample	24,932	3,656	13,693	12,825	27,295	2,667	2,844
Cu (mg/L)	0.004	Dry	No sample	0.003	0.006	0.026	0.03	0.01	0.022	0.014
pH	7.07	Dry	No sample	6.67	7.07	7.15	7.34	7.07	7.45	7.14
SWL	253.2	226.0	236.7	248.0	262.8	257.1	269.4	270.8	284.3	284.1

Table 7: Underground Bores

Location	MB17	MB18	MB19	MB20	P101	P102	P103	P104	P139	P145	P149
EC (uS/cm)	865	19,613	16,940	13,006	10,898	No sample	No sample	No sample	No sample	30,680	297
Cu (mg/L)	0.006	0.02	0.002	0.033	0.002	No sample	No sample	No sample	No sample	0.01	0.012
pH	7.67	7.51	7.32	7.38	6.81	No sample	No sample	No sample	No sample	6.71	7.33
SWL	265.7	250.6	246.1	246.4	255.5	254.6	252.4	254.9	253.4	251.4	229.2

Table 8: Regional Bores

Location	Far Hilliers	Long Paddock	Moss #1	South Hilliers	Wright
EC (uS/cm)	1,036	1,699	2,594	No sample	1,221
Cu (mg/L)	0.012	0.019	0.011	No sample	0.01
pH	6.77	8.93	7.13	No sample	7.52
SWL	264.5	240.1	285.8	258.3	287.8

*No sample – insufficient water to collect sample or no access to obtain sample

**Dry – No water to sample

4. VIBRATION

4.1 Overview

The assessment criteria for blast impacts at Northparkes are based on the ANZECC Guideline, aimed to minimise annoyance to human comfort levels.

The blast monitoring program uses blast units which measure ground vibration and air overpressure at the residences of the four closest privately owned properties, Adavale, Hillview, Hubberstone and Milpose. The program is designed to measure the effectiveness of control measures and ensure compliance with consent and licence conditions, relevant standards and corporate requirements. A summary of the monitoring results are provided below.

The criteria for exceedances are:

Overpressure:	115 dB(Lin Peak)
Ground vibration	5 mm/s

4.2 Quarterly Monitoring Analysis

During the reporting period, 13 surface blasts were undertaken with no exceedances of vibration and overpressure recorded.

Table 9: Overpressure results at monitoring locations.

Monitor Location	Overpressure (dB) – 115 (dB)												
	3-Oct-24	11-Oct-24	16-Oct-24	24-Oct-24	30-Oct-24	5-Nov-24	13-Nov-24	14-Nov-24	21-Nov-24	27-Nov-24	5-Dec-24	13-Dec-24	19-Dec-24
	E31N	E31S	E31N	E31N	E31S	E31S	E31S	E31N	E31N	E31S	E31S	E31N	E31S
Adavale	86.7	97.4	91.6	84.3	93.8	81.9	86.4	101.1	109.6	85.9	90.1	80.8	98.6
Hillview	94.1	106.8	92.5	90.4	93.8	92.3	98.6	100.1	93.3	97	95.8	93.1	99.8
Hubberstone	86.1	98.3	84.5	101.3	90.8	86.4	94	99.6	94.1	98.7	102.3	81.8	87.7
Milpose	90	104.7	96.6	104.5	88.2	89.8	97.5	102.9	97.9	85.9	97.6	93	94.5

Table 10: Vibration results at monitoring locations

Monitor Location	Vibration (mm/s) – 5 mm/s												
	3-Oct-24	11-Oct-24	16-Oct-24	24-Oct-24	30-Oct-24	5-Nov-24	13-Nov-24	14-Nov-24	21-Nov-24	27-Nov-24	5-Dec-24	13-Dec-24	19-Dec-24
	E31N	E31S	E31N	E31N	E31S	E31S	E31S	E31N	E31N	E31S	E31S	E31N	E31S
Adavale	0.11	0.07	0.11	0.08	0.08	0.04	0.02	0.10	0.08	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.1
Hillview	0.1	0.41	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.12	0.16	0.05	0.1
Hubberstone	0.17	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.02	0.12	0.12	0.08	0.12	0.13	0.09
Milpose	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.05	0.04

5. NOISE

Operational noise is managed in accordance with the approved Noise Management Plan (NMP). The NMP covers all operational activities with the potential to generate noise at Northparkes. It details specific noise management and mitigation measures, outlines monitoring and reporting requirements and provides clear definitions of the roles and responsibilities for noise management.

5.1 Overview

Northparkes undertakes a noise monitoring program that consists of both operator-attended and unattended surveys. This program includes four real time monitors at the nearest occupied residences of Hubberstone, Milpose, Hillview and Adavale. Lone Pine is included in the attended monitoring program along with the four listed previously.

Operator-attended noise measurements and recordings are undertaken outside the mining leases in order to quantify the intrusive noise emissions from construction and of general mine activity as well as the overall level of ambient noise. This noise monitoring was undertaken by an independent and suitably qualified noise professional.

5.2 Quarterly Monitoring Analysis

Attended noise monitoring was undertaken between Wednesday 4 December to Thursday 5 December 2024.

The assessment was completed to quantify site noise emissions against relevant noise criteria pertaining to Northparkes operations in accordance with Conditions 1 to 5 of Schedule 3 of the NSW Development Consent Conditions (DC11_110060), Northparkes Noise Management Plan (NMP, 2019) and Traffic Management Plan (TMP, 2019).

Road noise monitoring identified that vehicle movements associated with shift change generated levels below the relevant road noise criteria specified in the TMP and NMP.

Attended monitoring has identified that operational emissions generated by Northparkes comply with relevant noise criteria at all monitoring locations for all assessment periods. Furthermore, project related noise emissions are generally barely audible at monitoring locations. Extraneous non-mining sources such as traffic, insects, wind in trees, birds, aircraft, residential and agricultural noise were audible during the monitoring period. A summary of the monitoring results at each monitoring location are presented in Tables 11-16 below.

Table 11: Attended noise monitoring results for Hubberstone

Table 3 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location NM1, Hubberstone					
Time(hrs)/Date	Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
Duration 15min	L _{Amax}	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}		
Day					
14:43 05/12/2024	54	41	38	WD: NE WS: 1.0m/s Stab Class: D	Wind Gusts 32-50
14:58 05/12/2024	60	41	36		Birds 30-58
					Traffic 30-60
15:13 05/12/2024	58	40	36		Insects 34-38
					NPM Inaudible
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<35
Evening					
20:08 04/12/2024	58	42	36	WD: E WS: 1.5m/s Stab Class: D	Insects 34-51
20:23 04/12/2024	61	45	43		Birds 30-55
					Traffic 30-58
20:38 04/12/2024	58	42	39		Aircraft 35-61
					NPM Inaudible
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<35
Night					
22:31 04/12/2024	58	45	42	WD: NE WS: 0.5m/s Stab Class: E	Insects 40-51
22:46 04/12/2024	48	44	42		Traffic 35-55
					Distant Thunder 50-58
23:01 04/12/2024	47	44	42		NPM Inaudible
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<35
Site L _{A1} (1min) Contribution					<45

Note: NPM denotes Northparkes Mines.

Note: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.

Table 12: Attended noise monitoring results for Lone Pine

Table 4 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location NM2, Lone Pine					
Time(hrs)/Date	Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
Duration 15min	L _{Amax}	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}		
Day					
16:31 05/12/2024	53	41	34	WD: N WS: 1.0m/s Stab Class: A	Wind Gusts 25-35
16:46 05/12/2024	70	45	33		Birds 25-55
					Insects 27-39
17:01 05/12/2024	55	39	32		Traffic 25-70
					NPM Inaudible
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<35
Evening					
21:12 04/12/2024	74	51	46	WD: NE WS: 1.5m/s Stab Class: E	Insects 42-55
21:27 04/12/2024	66	49	46		Traffic 40-74
					NPM – Site Hum <35
21:42 04/12/2024	Rain Affected – No results ²				(barely audible <50% measurement)
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<35 ¹
Night					
01:41 05/12/2024	50	47	45	WD: NE WS: 0.5m/s Stab Class: E	Insects 44-51
01:56 05/12/2024	50	47	46		NPM – Site Hum <35
					(barely audible <50% measurement)
02:11 05/12/2024	51	48	47		
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<35 ¹
Site L _{A1} (1min) Contribution					<45

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Note 1: NPM Contribution derived from further analysis.

Note 2: Monitoring was unable to be completed as per Table A1, Fact Sheet A in the Noise Policy for Industry (NPI), 2017 and AS1055:2018.

Table 13: Attended noise monitoring results for Milpose

Table 5 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location NM3, Milpose					
Time(hrs)/Date	Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
Duration 15min	LAmax	LAeq	LA90		
Day					
13:30 05/12/2024	57	40	31	WD: N WS: 2.0m/s Stab Class: D	Wind Gusts 28-59
13:45 05/12/2024	59	39	29		Birds 25-51 Aircraft 25-46
14:00 05/12/2024	57	40	32		NPM Inaudible
Site LAeq(15min) Contribution					<35
Evening					
19:15 05/12/2024	52	35	31	WD: N WS: 1.0m/s Stab Class: E	Insects 29-48
19:30 05/12/2024	51	35	32		Birds 30-56 Traffic 25-33
19:45 05/12/2024	56	37	33		NPM – Site Hum <30 (barely audible throughout)
Site LAeq(15min) Contribution					<35
Night					
00:31 05/12/2024	47	41	40	WD: N WS: 0.1m/s Stab Class: E	Insects 38-49
00:46 05/12/2024	46	40	39		MAC Operator 54 NPM – Site Hum <35
01:01 05/12/2024	54	41	39		(barely audible throughout)
Site LAeq(15min) Contribution					<35 ¹
Site LA1(1min) Contribution					<45

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Note 1: NPM Contribution derived from further analysis.

Table 14: Attended noise monitoring results for Hillview

Table 6 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location NM4, Hillview					
Time(hrs)/Date	Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
Duration 15min	LAmax	LAeq	LA90		
Day					
12:15 05/12/2024	62	46	38	WD: NE WS: 2.0m/s Stab Class: D	Wind Gusts 30-49
12:30 05/12/2024	53	44	37		Birds 27-52
12:45 05/12/2024	60	42	33		Traffic 30-62
					NPM Inaudible
Site LAeq(15min) Contribution					<35
Evening					
18:00 05/12/2024	71	46	31	WD: N WS: 0.5m/s Stab Class: D	Birds 25-48
18:15 05/12/2024	61	44	32		Traffic 28-63
18:30 05/12/2024	66	48	31		Residential Noise 30-71
					NPM Inaudible
Site LAeq(15min) Contribution					<35
Night					
23:28 04/12/2024	49	34	31	WD: N WS: 0.1m/s Stab Class: E	Traffic 30-67
23:43 04/12/2024	50	36	31		Insects 29-38
23:58 04/12/2024	67	44	31		Aircraft 30-50
					NPM Inaudible
Site LAeq(15min) Contribution					<35
Site LA1(1min) Contribution					<45

Note: NPM denotes Northparkes Mines.

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Table 15: Attended noise monitoring results for Adavale

Table 7 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location NM5, Adavale					
Time(hrs)/Date	Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
Duration 15min	L _{Amax}	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}		
Day					
15:40 05/12/2024	71	45	26	WD: N WS: 1.0m/s Stab Class: B	Wind Gusts 24-41
15:55 05/12/2024	83	57	27		Birds 25-62
16:10 05/12/2024	86	56	27		Insects 25-45
					Traffic 25-86
					NPM Inaudible
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<35
Evening					
20:27 05/12/2024	72	53	48	WD: N WS: 0.5m/s Stab Class: E	Insects 45-60
20:42 05/12/2024	59	54	51		Traffic 40-72
20:57 05/12/2024	60	55	52		NPM – Site Hum/Vent Fan <35 (barely audible <50% measurement)
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<35 ¹
Night					
02:34 05/12/2024	50	46	44	WD: NE WS: 0.1m/s Stab Class: E	Insects 42-53
02:49 05/12/2024	53	46	44		NPM – Site Hum/Vent Fan <35 (barely audible throughout)
03:04 05/12/2024	53	46	45		
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<35 ¹
Site L _{A1} (1min) Contribution					<45

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Note 1: NPM Contribution derived from further analysis.

Table 16: Attended road noise survey results

Table 8 Operator-Attended Road Noise Survey Results – Location NM4, Hillview				
Time(hrs)/Date Duration 1 hour	Measured Noise Level dB LAeq(1hr)	Meteorology	Criteria dB LAeq(1hr)	Description and SPL dBA
12:15 05/12/2024 (Day)	44	WD: NE WS: 2.0m/s Stab Class: D	55	Wind Gusts 30-49
				Birds 27-52
				Traffic 30-56
				NPM Concentrate Truck (offsite) 30-62
				(Two passes) (Approx. 10 vehicles Enter/Exit NPM Site)
18:00 05/12/2024 (Evening)	46	WD: N WS: 0.5m/s Stab Class: D	55	Birds 25-48
				Traffic 28-63
				Residential Noise 30-71
				NPM Concentrate Truck (offsite) 30-66
				(Three passes) (Approx. 85 vehicles Enter/Exit NPM Site)

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