MINUTES OF MEETING



COWAL GOLD MINE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CEMCC)

Wednesday 3 June 2015 9.00 am – Cowal Gold Mine

Minutes taken by: Shane Goodwin

Attendees:

Independent Chair: Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)

Barrick: Garry Pearson (GP), Shane Goodwin (SG)
Community Members: Angus Stitt (AS), Lucy Buttenshaw (LB) and

Dave Carter (DC), Jenene McGrath (JM)

Bland Shire Council: Neil Pokoney (NP), Leeanne Hampton (LH)

Forbes Shire Council:

Lachlan Shire Council:

Lake Cowal Landowners Association:

Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation:

Brian Mattiske (BM)

Graham Scott (GS)

Bruce Dent (BD)

Ally Coe (AC)

Apologies: Daryl Nielsen

ITEM	ACTION
1.0 Welcome	
Independent Chair, Margaret MacDonald-Hill opened the meeting at 9:01 am.	
2.0 Declaration of Interest	
Margaret MacDonald-Hill declared her interest as Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. For record purposes, Margaret advised the committee she is a member of the Mine Subsidence Board. Margaret also declared that she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.	
For a full Declaration of Interest for all members, see Attachment A	
3.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes	
Dave Carter shown as both attending and apology. Minutes amended to apology. Moved by Lucy Buttenshaw, seconded by Angus Stitt	
4.0 Business Arising from previous Minutes	
Nil	



Correspondence

In

20/3/15 email from Barrick NF&O incident report 26/3/15 email from Barrick on revised strategies and management plan 4/5/15 email from Barrick NF&O incident report 6/5/15,11/5 & 14/5 email notification & incident report from Barrick 1/6/15 email from Barrick NF&O incident report

Out

email 27/3/15 to Barrick confirming CEMCC consensus on Water Management and Decommissioning Strategies & Revised Rehabilitation Management Plan

5.0 Reports

Shane Goodwin provided a detailed account of Barrick Cowal's Community Relations Activities over the past three months – See the attached presentation for more information (Attachment B). He also provided a briefing on the recent announcement that Barrick will sell the Cowal Gold Mine to the Australian mining company, Evolution Mining.

- Community Relations activities
- Upcoming activities
- Complaints/Grievances

Complaints/Grievances

The 3 complaints received since the last meeting were from five individual stakeholders:

- The complaints received relate to:
 - Employee behaviour (1)
 - Land Access (1)
 - Fugitive Light (1)

Garry Pearson provided a detailed account of Barrick Cowal's Environment Department Activities over the past three months – See the attached presentation for more information (Attachment C).



6.0 General Business	
Per an earlier request, a list of Common Acronyms and their definitions is included at (Attachment D)	
MMH discussed environmental incident reporting to the CEMCC for fauna mortality. The CEMCC agreed that only suspected cyanide related mortalities should be reported immediately to the CEMCC.	
7.0 Meeting Closed – 10:02am	
8.0 Next Meeting	
Wednesday 9 th September 2015, at the Cowal Gold Mine. Representatives from Evolution Mining will be invited to attend.	



ATTACHMENT A – CEMCC MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST



Community Environmental Monitoring and Consultative Committee (CEMCC)

Declarations of interest:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill - Independent Chair

- Appointed by DG of DP&E, paid via Trust administered by Bland Shire Council
- Member of the Mine Subsidence Board

Angus Stitt - Community Representative, West Wyalong

Receives reimbursement of travel costs for attending CEMCC meetings, from time to time

Lucy Buttenshaw - Community Representative, West Wyalong

• Nil

Jenene McGrath - Community Representative, West Wyalong

Nil

David Carter - Community Representative, Condobolin

Nil

Bruce Dent – Lake Cowal Landholders Association

- Noise Mitigation Agreement in accordance with Development Consent Conditions
- Receives reimbursement of travel costs for attending CEMCC meetings, from time to time

Neil Pokoney - Bland Shire Council Representative

- Barrick is a ratepayer within the Bland Shire
- Barrick has entered into a Roads Maintenance MOU with Bland Shire Council
- Barrick has provided financial support for certain community events, initiatives, and infrastructure operated by the Bland Shire Council

Graham Scott - Lachlan Shire Council Representative

- Barrick has been a ratepayer within the Lachlan Shire
- Barrick is a customer (subscriptions and advertising) of The Lachlander newspaper, of which,
 Cr Scott is the Editor
- Barrick has entered into a Roads Maintenance MOU with Lachlan Shire Council
- Barrick has provided financial support for certain community events, initiatives, and infrastructure operated by the Lachlan Shire Council



Brian Mattiske – Forbes Shire Council Representative

- Barrick is a ratepayer within the Forbes Shire
- Barrick pays annual easement payments to the Forbes Shire Council for properties owned by Council
- Barrick pays annual easement payments to entities which Mr Mattiske maintains a financial interest in for properties owned by those entities
- Barrick pays an annual fee for Temporary Water Transfer Agreements to entities which Mr Mattiske maintains a financial interest
- Barrick has provided financial support for certain community events, initiatives, and infrastructure operated by the Forbes Shire Council

Graeme Miller - Forbes Shire Council Representative

- Barrick is a ratepayer within the Forbes Shire
- Barrick pays annual easement payments to the Forbes Shire Council for properties owned by Council
- Barrick has provided financial support for certain community events, initiatives, and infrastructure operated by the Forbes Shire Council

Daryl Nielsen – Lake Cowal Foundation and Independent Scientist

- Receives reimbursement of travel costs for attending CEMCC meetings, from time to time
- Director of Lake Cowal Foundation which receives annual payments from Barrick

Ally Coe – Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation

- Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation receives compensation payments in accordance with Native Title requirements
- Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation is a contractor to Barrick at the Cowal Gold Project



ATTACHMENT B – COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION





Community Relations Team activities Upcoming activities Complaints/Grievances



Community Relations



Activities since the last CEMCC Meeting:

- Delivered Annual Native Title Deed Implementation Presentation to the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation's Annual General Meeting;
- Completed triennial Native Title Deed Review in cooperation with the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation;
- Assisted WCC Contract Cleaners to achieve their Cert II in Commercial Cleaning;
- Official Launch of the book, "Right Around the Cowal a community history of the Lake Cowal area", published by the Lake Cowal Foundation;
- Conducted three Cultural Awareness Training Sessions for employees and contractors. Training delivered by the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation;
- Attended Condobolin High School for presentation of Cowal Gold Mine's Endeavour Scholarships.

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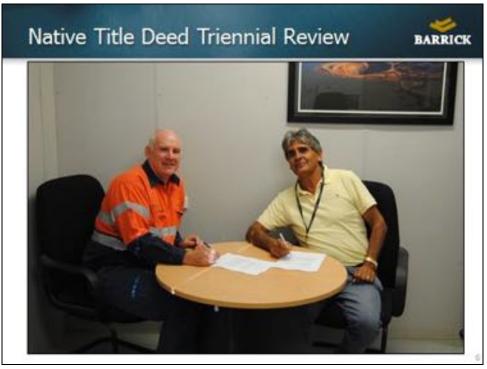
Endeavour Scholarships - Condobolin















Upcoming Activities



- Finalisation of transfer to Evolution Mining from Barrick;
- Annual RoadSafe September program;
- Community and Family Open Days in September;
- Barrick Gobal Excellence Awards;
- Endeavour Scholarship Presentations at Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes;
- July edition of Cowal Update to be published.



Complaints/Grievances



- CGM received three (3) complaints since the last meeting of the CEMCC which was held on 3 March 2015.
- The two complaints received relate to:

- Employee Behaviour: 1

Land Access: 1Fugitive Light: 1

The complaints were from a selection of stakeholders:

Complainant A: 33% (1)
 Complainant B: 33% (1)
 Complainant C: 33% (1)

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Complaints/Grievances



Employee Behaviour:

- The Complainant called the CGM's Senior Community Relations Advisor to lodge a complaint regarding a Barrickowned property in West Wyalong whose gardens were overgrowing into the Complainant's mother's yard.
- The CGM's Senior Community Relations Advisor apologised to the Complainant and undertook to arrange to have the vegetation trimmed back.
- The CGM's Senior Community Relations Advisor called the Complainant at approximately 2pm on 25/03/2015 to advise that the works had been undertaken at the property.
- The Complainant indicated their satisfaction with the resolution of their Complaint.

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Complaints/Grievances



Land Access

- The Complement called the CGH Compleints Hotline at 7:37pm on 10/03/2015 regarding exploration activity occurring on a neighbouring property without signed land access agreements in place.
- 2. The Complainant again called the CGH Complaints Hotline at 8:04am on 11/03/2015 regarding the same matter.
- 3. The CGM Community Relations Manager returned the Complainant's call at 8:06am on 11 March 2015.
- 4. The Complainant advised that they were aware that exploration activity was occurring on a reighbouring property not owned by the complainant and that there was no signed land access agreement in place with the property's owner.
- The Complainant asked that all activities on the property be ceased until a land access agreement could be reached with the landowner.
- The CGH's Community Relations Manager actinovietiged the Complainant's concerns and explained that he could not deal directly with the Complainant on the matter because the Complainant was not the owner or resident of the land in the content.
- Despite this, the CGM's Community Relations Manager agreed to make arrangements to cease exploration activities immediately until access arrangements could be formalised with the relevant property's landowner.
- The CGM Community Relations Manager called the Complainant again at 8:19am on 11/03/2015 to confirm that the
 exploration activities had been cessed and all personnel had left the property with a view to formalising land access
 agreements.
- 9. The CGM Community Relations Manager met with the relevant landowner at 9.00am on 11,00/2015 and presented a land access agreement.
- 10. The landowner indicated a willingness to sign the agreement immediately however the CGM Community Relations. Manager reminded the Landowner that they were welcome to seek legal advice regarding the agreement prior to signing.
 11. After reading the land access agreement in detail, the landowner agreed to sign the agreement with a view to having exploration activities recommence on the property later that day.
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 12. The Landowner also undertook to contact the Complainant (they are known to each other) and discuss the matter and explain that a land access agreement had been entered into for the exploration activities to be completed on the property.
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 13. Exploration activities were completed on the relevant property and the CGM Community Relations Manager received confirmation of the landawier's addition with the rehabilitation works completed on 19/03/2015.

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Complaints/Grievances

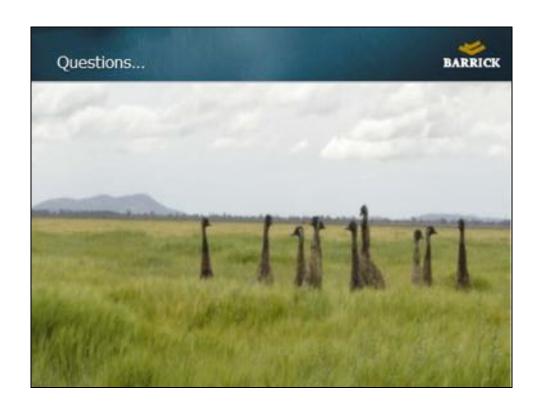


Fugitive Light:

- The Complainant called the CGM's Community Relations Manager directly regarding fugitive light from a lighting tower situated on the CGM's Northern Waste Rock Emplacement.
- The Complainant explained that they are currently sowing crops in a neighbouring paddock at night time and the lighting tower is shining light in the Complainant's eyes.
- The OGM's Community Relations Manager apologised for the inconvenience and undertook to arrange for the lighting tower to be repositioned immediately so the problem didn't occur again.
- The CGM's Community Relations Manager invited the Complainant to contact him again if the problem is not resolved.
- The CGM's Community Relations Manager contacted the CGM's Mining Manager to arrange to have the lighting tower repositioned for the upcoming night shift.
- 6. The CGM's Community Relations Manager undertook an inspection of lighting from areas near the Complainant's property at approximately 9:45pm on 30/04/2015 and observed that there appeared to be no fugitive light from the Northern Waste Emplacement and that the offending lighting tower had been repositioned appropriately.
- The CGM's Community Relations Manager called the Complainant at approximately 9:10am on Friday, 01/05/2015 to confirm that the area had been inspected and that the fugitive light issue had been addressed.
- The Complainant thanked the CGM Community Relations Manager for the call and advised they
 would be out in the paddock again this evening and would call again if there were any additional
 issues or concerns.

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ATTACHMENT C – ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION





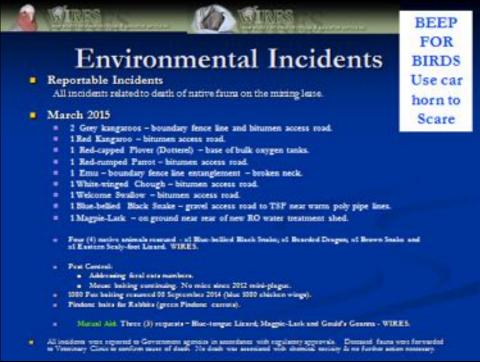
Environmental Management Overview

- Environmental Policy (September 2014)
- Environmental Incidents
- Environmental Summary
- Government Interactions
- Cyanide Management
- · 2015 Look Ahead











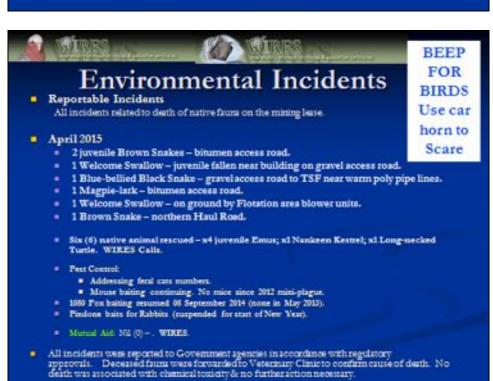
Rare find in reagent mixing bund

Eastern Hooded Scaly-foot (Pygopus schraden).

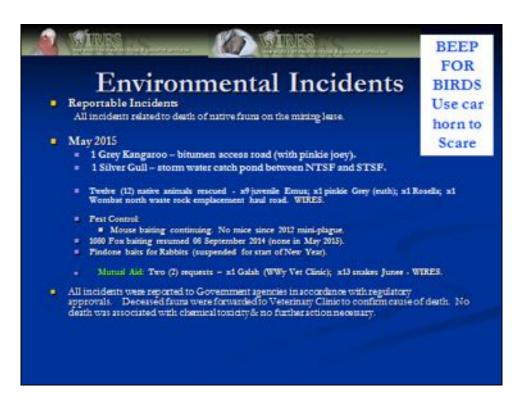
A flap-footed lizard (worm lizard).

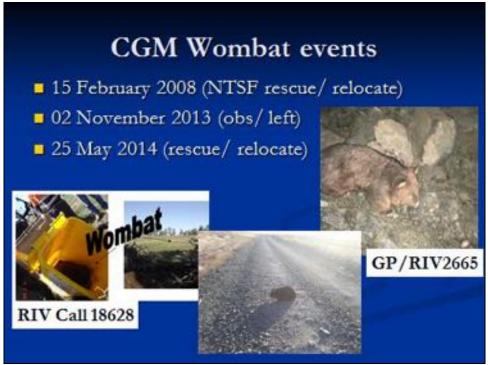




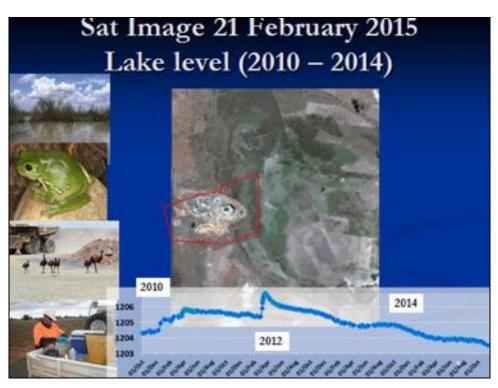
















Regulatory Inspections

- EPA 'snap' Audit (26-27 Feb 2015).
- EPA
- Answered additional questions May.
- Awaiting a draft report.
- Annual Independent Environmental Audit
 - Was conducted by amec (20-24 April 2015).
 - Drafting report due soon.
- Annual bunding integrity audit (1-4 June 2015).
 - EXTRIN is reviewing bunds and 2014 maintenance.

Regulatory Works

- s75W Closure Security Bond Review (20 April 2010):
 - Bonded amount at AUD 63.5 million from July 2009.
 - AUD 58.25 m adequate Security.

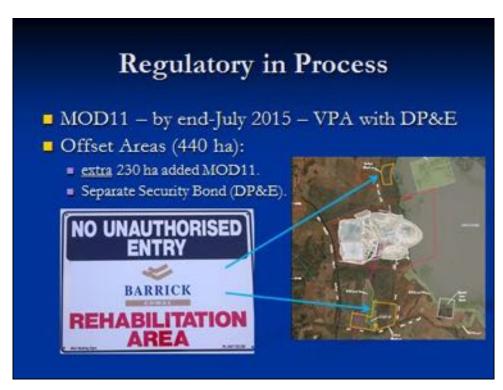


- Varied EPL11912 in effect from 4 February 2015
 - (name and noise locations/ frequency changed);
 - x3 EPA Officers Audit (26-27 February 2015); and
 - MOD11 variation request of EPL to follow DP&E approval of Revised EMPs (MOD11).









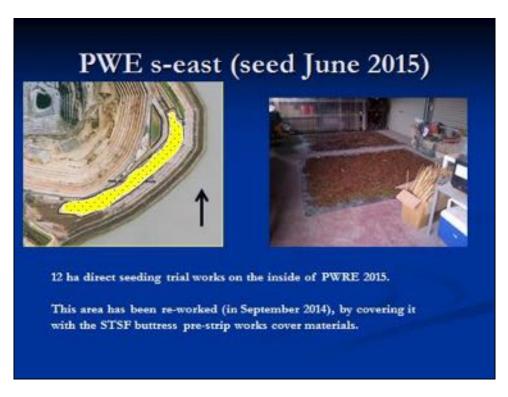
CEMCC responded CGM revised Strategy for Decommissioning of Water Management Structures & revised Strategy Long-term Management of Final Void and LPB (March 2015).

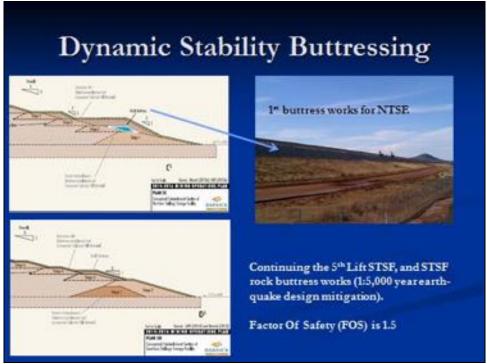








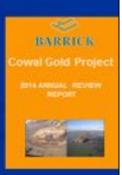






Future Regulatory Inspections

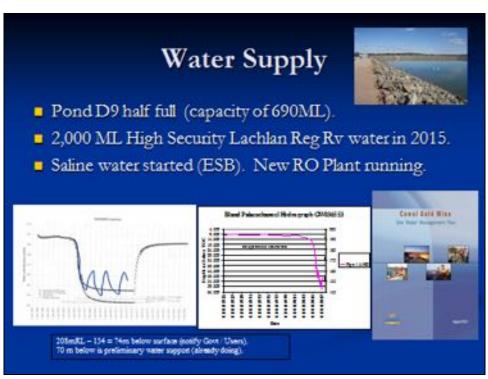
- 11th Independent Monitoring Panel:
 - After Annual Review (by the end-July 2015);
 - After 2015 IEA report issued (visit 20-24 April 2015).
 - Likely August 2015.
- All relevant govt depts 2015 visit
 - After lodgment of Annual Review.
 - Likely mid-August 2015.



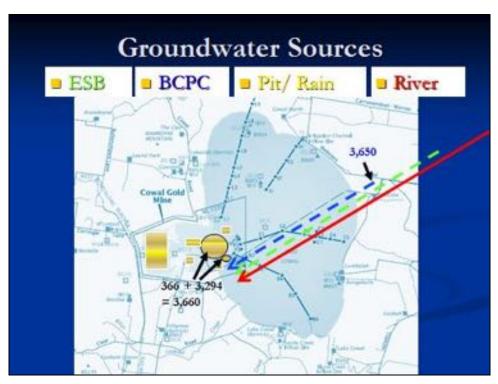


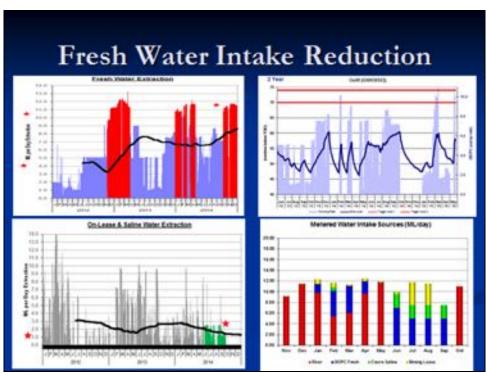


Environmental Summary Lake Blast loggers working well. SAROS mtce in Oct 2014. Blast activities - 100% compliance with 120 dB(L). Ongoing communications with neighbours. Perm BM08.1

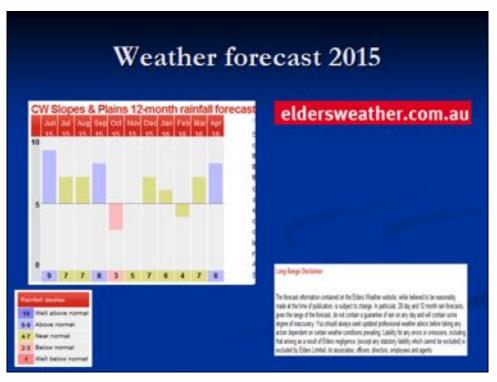


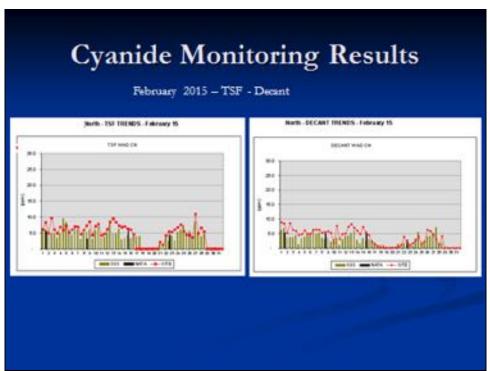




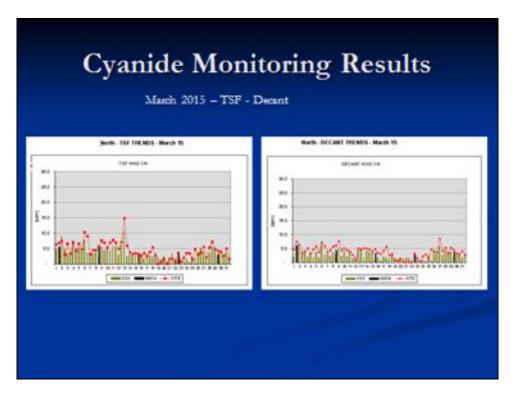


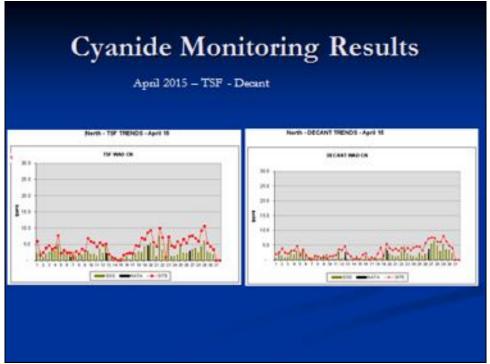




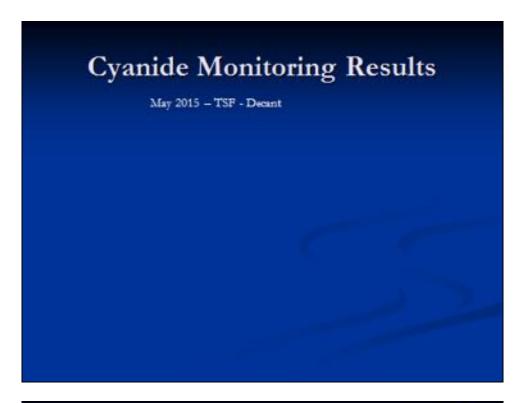
















Member's info supply

Barrick Toronto direct link to the Cowal web page:

http://www.barrick.com/operations/australia/cowal





Look Ahead Key Environmental Issues Lake Cowal to dry state – biological cycle. July 2015 ambient noise survey. Submission of all Revised Cowal EMPs (end-May. 2015). Ongoing rehabilitation trial & maintenance works Next CEMCC Meeting (09 September 2015). Next CEMCC Meeting (09 September 2015). Integrity Respect and Open Communications Responsibility and Accountability Teamwork



ATTACHMENT D – GLOSSARY OF COMMONLY USED TERMS



8 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

AER Annual Environmental Return (EPA)

AEMR Annual Environmental Management Report (DTIRIS [DRE] coordinated for DP&I and other

regulators)

ANZECC Australian New Zealand Environmental Conservation Council

ARD Acid Rock Drainage

ARMCANZ Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand

ARI Annual Recurrence Interval
ASWAT Aggregate Stability in Water
AWS Automatic Weather Station
BB Barrick Buddles

BCPC Bland Creek Paleochannel
BDHS Bland District Historical Society
BLMP Blast Management Plan
BMP Bushfire Management Plan
BSC Bland Shire Council

CEMCC Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee

CGM Cowal Gold Mine

CHESS Community Relations, Health, Environmental, Safety and Security

CIL Carbon in Leach

CLM Contaminated Land Management
CMP Cyanide Management Plan
CMS Chemical Management Strategy

CPCC Cowal Project Coordinating Committee (WCC - Barrick)

CWHC Cowal Partnering Program

CRMA Cowal Risk Management Application

CSIRO Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

CW Compensatory Wetland
CWHC Cowal West Homesteed Complex
CWMP Compensatory Wetland Management Plan
DMP Department of Mines & Petroleum
DP&I Department of Planning and Infrastructure

DEGCW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (now EPA)
DII Department of Industry and Investment - Minerals Resources (DTIRIS)

DPI Department of Primary Industries - Agriculture, Fisheries

DTIRIS-MR Department of Trade, Investment and Regional Infrastructure Services - Mineral Resources

DSC Dams Safety Committee

EA Environmental Assessment

EC Electrical Conductivity

EEC Explorically Endangered Co

EEC Ecologically Endangered Community
EFA Ecosystem Function Analysis
EIS Environmental Impact Statement
EMP Environmental Management Plan
EMS Environmental Management System

EMSS Environmental Management System Standards

EPA Environment Protection Authority
EPL Environment Protection License
ERO Emergency Response Officer

ERP Emergency Response Plan (see PIRMP)

ERT Emergency Response Team

ESCP Erosion and Sediment Control Program

ESB Eastern Saline Borefield

ESCMP Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan
ETBC Employment Training Business Council (WCC – Barrick)

FFMP Flora and Fauna Management Plan

FOR Fuel and Oils Register
FRP Final Rehabilitation Plan
GDP Ground Disturbance Protocol



GEM Geo-Environmental Management

GFZ Gilmore Fault Zone HMP Heritage Management Plan HSR Hazardous Substances Register

HWCMP Hazardous Waste and Chemical Management Plan
HSDG Hazardous Substances and Dangerous Goods
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IACHMP Indigenous Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management Plan

ICMC International Cyanide Management Institute Code for Cyanide Management

IEA Independent Environmental Audit
IMP Independent Monitoring Panel
INP Industrial Noise Policy

ISO 14001 International Standards Organisation – Best Practice Environmental Management Standard

KPI Key Performance Indicator LCCC Lake Cowel Conservation Centre

LCF Lake Cowal Foundation

LCMA Lachlan Catchment Management Authority. Now reformed as LLS.

LEP Local Environment Plan

LHPA Livestock Health and Pest Authority - now LLS (formerly RLPB).

Light detection and ranging. High-speed aerial laser pulses to generate 3-D shot (3-D ± 0.1 m).

LOR Limit of Reporting
LPB Lake Protection Bund

LPMBP Monitoring Programme for Lake Protection Bund, Water Storage and Tailings Structures and Pit-

Void Walls

LFA Landscape Function Analysis

LLS Local Land Service. Late 2013 replacement of LHPA, LCMA and DPI-Agriculture entities. Lake

Cowal sits across the LLS Riverina & LLS Central-west zones (roughly on a north-south line).

LMP Land Management Plan
LSMP Landscape Management Plan
MIC Maximum Instantaneous Charge
ML Mega Litres = 1 Million Litres

m metres
ML Mining Lease

MOP Mining Operations Plan MSDS Material Safety Data Sheet

NAF Non Acid Forming (rock acid forming potential)

NGER Australia's National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme

NMP Noise Management Plan

NoW New South Wales Office of Water (formerly DWE within OEH - EPA).

NPI National Pollutant Inventory NPWS National Park and Wildlife Service

NSWFR NSW Fire and Rescue (formerly NSW Fire Brigade)

NTSF Northern Tailings Storage Facility
NWRE Northern Waste (rock) Emplacement
OEH Office of Environment and Heritage

OSCAR Australian Online System for Comprehensive Activity Reporting PIRMP Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (see ERP)

PPE Personal Protective Equipment
PRA Preliminary Risk Assessment
PWRE Perimeter Waste (rock) Emplacement

RAB Rotary Air Blast

Registered Site Registered Site (NSW) NPW Act RFS NSW Rural Fire Service

RIMS Barrick Responsibility Information Management System

RL Relative Level metres

ROMP Rehabilitation and Offset Management Plan
RVEP Revegetation Enhancement Project
SDS Manufacturer's Safety Data Sheet

SMBS Sodium metabisulphite (cyanide destruct reagent replacing Caro's Acid)

SOE State of the Environment



Cowal Gold Mine

SOI Southern Oscillation Index
SSMP Soil Stripping Management Plan
STSF Southern Tailings Storage Facility
SWRE Southern Waste (rock) Emplacement

SWGMBMP Surface Water, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Programme

SWMP Site Water Management Plan

THMS Transport of Hazardous Materials Study

TIB Temporary Isolation Bund
TNMP Traffic Noise Management Plan
TSF Tailings Storage Facility

TSMP Threatened Species Management Protocol
TSMS Threatened Species Management Strategy

TSP Total Suspended Particulates
TSR Travelling Stock Route

UCDS
Up Catchment Diversion System
VCP
Vegetation Clearance Permit
VCP
Vegetation Clearance Protocol
VPA
Voluntary Planning Agreement
WAD
Wesk Acid Dissociated

WCC Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation

WCCHC Wiradjuri Condobolin Cultural Heritage Company
WIRES Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service

