

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
MONTHLY AUDITING AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT

September 2011

**SINGLETON OFFICE**

ACTIVITY TYPE	MONTHLY TOTAL	2011-12 TOTAL
Audits	0	0
Inspections	22	45
Meetings	11	43
Surveillances	9	26
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	<b>42</b>	<b>114</b>
Negotiated outcomes	0	0
Advisory letters	3	14
Warning letters	0	4
Enforceable undertakings	0	0
Notices to produce information and records	0	0
Draft orders	0	1
Orders	1	1
Penalty Notices	0	0
Court Orders	0	0
Prosecutions	0	0
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>
Complaints received	15	45

**HEAD OFFICE**

Audits	0	0
Inspections	6	17
Meetings	2	10
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>
Negotiated outcomes	0	0
Advisory letters	2	5
Warning letters	0	2
Enforceable undertakings	0	0
Notices to produce information and records	0	0
Draft orders	1	1
Orders	0	0
Penalty Notices	0	1
Court Orders	0	0
Prosecution	0	0
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>

**JINDABYNE OFFICE**

Audits	1	1
Inspections	1	4
Meetings	0	0

<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
Negotiated outcomes	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Advisory letters	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Warning letters	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Enforceable undertakings	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Notices to produce information and records	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Draft orders	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Orders	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Penalty Notices	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Court Orders	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Prosecutions	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>TOTAL ACTIONS</b>		
Compliance monitoring	<b>52</b>	<b>146</b>
Enforcement	<b>8</b>	<b>32</b>

## **SINGLETON OFFICE - KEY ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN**

### *Dust and blast complaints*

- The Singleton office received 15 complaints during September, including seven for noise, six for dust and two for blasting.
- Four of the month's dust complaints related to strong winds on 20 September. A mine was inspected in response to complaints, and the Department requested the mine modify its operations. The inspection found the mine's actions to be satisfactory. A further eight dust inspections were conducted across the Hunter Valley on the same day, and the Department found that each of the mines had already shut down equipment, ceased operations in exposed pits or modified other operations to minimise dust.
- The department has completed a series of meetings with mines across the Upper Hunter in regards to the management of blast fume. The department is now working with individual mines' on strengthening their Blast Management Plans.

### *Heritage Management Plan for Wambo Homestead for 2011-12*

A new schedule of conservation and maintenance works submitted for the Wambo Homestead complex has been approved by the department. The 2011-12 plan expands on last year's works and includes:

- Tree removal and completing the re-building of the Butcher's Hut;
- Improving stormwater drainage around the homestead to protect the house foundations;
- Cleaning out of the Carriage House and horse stables and cataloguing heritage finds;
- Completing design work and Heritage Office approvals to re-roof the Stud Masters' Cottage in late 2012;
- Commencing plaster restoration work in the main homestead;
- Ongoing maintenance of the homestead roof and stormwater drainage system;
- Completing a study on possible effects from mine blasting on the homestead, to ensure the mine's current operations are not diminishing the structural integrity of the building.

### *Sediment order – Newdell coal loading point*

- On 6 September, the department issued an order to Coal and Allied relating to an incident on July 21 where coal haulage trucks were found to have been tracking sediment out of the Newdell coal loading point, on to Pikes Gully Road at Liddell.

- The order, requiring the mine to immediately install and maintain measures to minimise the tracking of material on to the road, was issued following an investigation and the issuing of a draft order in August. (See August compliance report for details.)

## **HEAD OFFICE - KEY ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN**

### *Continuing investigations into Illawarra International Health Precinct site*

- The department met community members on a number of occasions during September to update them on the progress of negotiations with the developer of the Illawarra International Health Precinct site at Penrose, near Dapto. The department is continuing to work to resolve resident concerns about issues including dust and sediment.
- In August, the department commenced proceedings in the Land and Environment Court against the developer, seeking the removal of a large stockpile and retaining wall near homes. A mediation session was held between the parties on 21 October, however no agreement was reached. The enforcement proceedings will now proceed at a date set by the Court.

### *Noise complaints about timber processing plant*

- The department met with the owner of a timber processing plant in southern NSW to discuss ongoing noise complaints. Possible mitigation actions were discussed in consultation with residents and steps are being taken to finalise an agreed outcome.

## **JINDABYNE OFFICE - KEY ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN**

- An advisory letter was sent to the manager of a ski lodge in Smiggin Holes outlining the car parking requirements for the site.
- An inspection was undertaken at a building in Perisher Valley to ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia and an appropriate level of fire safety. The matter is ongoing and the department is awaiting the submission of an updated annual fire safety statement.
- An audit of a ski slope development at Perisher Valley found all works had been undertaken in accordance with the conditions of development consent and no action was required.