Mt Thorley blast
Response given to *The Newcastle Herald*

Is the department aware of a blast cloud from the Mt Thorley/Warkworth mine on Friday 2 March and is it being investigated?

*Department of Planning and Infrastructure response:*

The mine operator is not required to advise the department of upcoming blasts.

As one of the photographs submitted clearly shows, however, the company advised motorists of the blast ahead of time and suggested alternative routes until the road was re-opened.

No complaints have been received by our Singleton office in relation to Friday’s blast. Nevertheless, a detailed report has been requested from the mine operator and will be carefully assessed by our compliance officers against the mine’s conditions of approval.