



## COMPLIANCE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2014

*The Department of Planning and Environment's Compliance team works across NSW to ensure projects, such as mines, industrial sites, major developments and infrastructure, are meeting the strict conditions included in their approvals.*

*The team works closely with the community, local councils and other state and federal government agencies to investigate potential breaches and carry out enforcement where necessary. Information from community members is an important way the team learns about issues to investigate. Enforcement can range from negotiating fixes, issuing penalty notices and in serious cases, criminal prosecutions.*

*Below is a snapshot of some of the team's activity in November.*

### WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES

- **Coal mine inspections – Northern Tablelands, Hunter Valley and Northern Rivers**
  - The Department's Compliance team conducted seventeen coal mine and quarry inspections, thirteen of which were unannounced, to confirm the following operations were meeting their conditions of approval:
    - Tarrawonga Mine (near Boggabri)
    - Boggabri Coal Mine (near Boggabri)
    - Maules Creek (near Boggabri)
    - Werris Creek (near Quirindi)
    - Liddell Coal Mine (near Singleton)
    - Glendell Coal Mine (near Singleton)
    - Narrabri Coal Mine (near Narrabri)
    - Ravensworth (near Singleton)
    - Mount Arthur Coal Mine (near Muswellbrook)
    - Moolarben (near Mudgee)
    - Ulan Coal Mines (near Mudgee)
    - Wilpinjong Mine (near Mudgee)
    - Champions Quarry (near Lismore)
    - Blakebrook Quarry (near Lismore)
    - Dunloe Park Sand Quarry (near Pottsville)
  - No significant issues were observed.
  
- **Coal mine surveillance – Northern Tablelands and Hunter Valley**
  - The Department's Compliance team carried out unannounced surveillance of ten coal mines and quarries to ensure they were meeting approval conditions:
    - Wambo Mine (near Singleton)
    - Bulga Coal (near Singleton)
    - Hunter Valley Operations (near Singleton)
    - Rix's Creek (near Singleton)
    - Mt Thorley – Warkworth (near Singleton)
    - Boggabri Coal Mine (near Boggabri)
    - Maules Creek (near Boggabri)
    - Ravensworth (near Singleton)
    - Glendell (near Singleton)
    - Gumma Sands Quarry (near Macksville)
  - No significant issues were observed.

## PROTECTING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND OUR HERITAGE

### • Fine issued to Narrabri Coal Mine – Northern Tablelands

- A \$3000 penalty notice was issued to Narrabri Coal Mine for disturbance of an Aboriginal artefact.
- Registered Aboriginal parties for the Narrabri mine were informed of the incident which occurred during roadwork being undertaken by mine contractors on Greylands Road.
- At the time of the incident the area was not fenced in accordance with the approved Aboriginal heritage management plan.
- The Department accompanied by a representative of the registered Aboriginal parties inspected the site and reviewed the fencing of other artefact sites.
- The mine cooperated fully with the Department's investigation and has committed to revising the management plan in consultation with registered Aboriginal parties as well as fencing additional sites not currently required by the management plan.

## PROTECTING WHERE YOU LIVE

### • Order issued to Redox chemical storage and distribution - Sydney

- An order was served on the Redox chemical storage and distribution centre at Minto.
- The Department found that dangerous goods were being stored at the premises that were not authorised under their approval.
- The Department will follow up and ensure that the dangerous goods are removed as per the order.

## COMPLIANCE COUNTER

COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES	NOVEMBER	2014/15 TOTAL
Compliance audits conducted	1	3
Inspections and surveillance carried out	29	135
Compliance meetings held	40	169
Review of reports	49	240
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	119	547
<b>ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES</b>		
Successful informal negotiation	0	9
Compliance advisory letters issued	25	118
Compliance warning letters issued	4	31
Orders imposed	1	2
Penalty notices and fines imposed	4	13
Prosecutions	0	2
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	34	175