



## COMPLIANCE REPORT – MARCH 2015

*The Department of Planning and Environment's Compliance team works in communities 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 March.*

- **Northern Tablelands, Hunter Valley and Northern Rivers**

- *Coal mine and quarry inspections*

- The Department's Compliance team conducted 10 coal mine inspections to confirm the mines were meeting their conditions of approval:
  - Boggabri coal mine (near Boggabri)
  - Maules coal mine (near Boggabri)
  - Ravensworth coal mine (near Singleton)
  - Wambo coal mine – two inspections (near Singleton)
  - Mt Thorley Warkworth coal mines (near Singleton)
  - Mt Arthur coal mine (near Muswellbrook)
  - Hunter Valley Operations coal mine (near Singleton)
  - Wilpinjong coal mine (near Mudgee)
  - Moolarben coal mine (near Mudgee)
- An investigation has commenced following one inspection. Details will be released when the investigation is complete. No other significant issues were observed.

- **Northern Tablelands and Hunter Valley**

- *Coal mine and quarry surveillance*

- The Department Compliance team carried out unannounced surveillance of the following coal mines and quarries to ensure they were meeting approval conditions:
  - Bengalla Coal Mine (near Muswellbrook)
  - Mt Thorley Warkworth Coal Mine (near Singleton)
- Both mines were reviewed for dust generation and no significant issues were observed.

- **Sydney**

- *Barangaroo South Development, Barangaroo*

- On 18 March 2015 a warning letter was issued to the developer of the Barangaroo South Project for not following the process required to carry out work out-of-hours on 11 January 2015, which included notifying residents living nearby.
- As a result of receiving the warning letter, Lend Lease has strengthened its own internal processes to ensure the out-of-hours process is followed in future.

- **Monaro**

- *Googong Township Water Cycle Project*

- On 27 March 2015 a penalty infringement notice was issued to the developer of the Googong Township Water Cycle Project for stockpiling material outside the approved project boundary.
    - The investigation was also carried with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to assess the likely impact of the stockpiling to any cultural heritage items.
    - The Water Cycle Project is required to consult with registered Aboriginal stakeholders about any stockpiling impacts and report back to the Department and OEH.

- **Tweed**

- *Dunloe Park Sand Project*

- On 30 March 2015 a penalty infringement notice was issued to the operator of the Dunloe Park Sand Project for failing to monitor noise and air quality impacts in line with its approval conditions.

<b>COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>MARCH 2015</b>	<b>2014/2015 TOTAL</b>
Compliance audits conducted	0	13
Inspections and surveillance carried out	11	194
Compliance meetings held	20	118
Review of reports	56	329
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	87	654
<b>ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES</b>		
Successful informal negotiation	0	9
Compliance advisory letters issued	43	148
Compliance warning letters issued	4	35
Orders imposed	0	2
Penalty notices and fines imposed	2	19
Prosecutions	0	2
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	49	215