



COMPLIANCE REPORT – May 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 May 2015.

Northern Tablelands and Hunter Valley

Coal mine and quarry inspections

- The Department's compliance team conducted 12 coal mine inspections to confirm the mines were meeting their conditions of approval:
 - Wambo coal mine (near Singleton)
 - Duralie coal Mine (near Gloucester)
 - Bulga coal mine (near Singleton), twice
 - Hunter Valley Operations coal mine (near Singleton)
 - Bengalla coal mine (near Singleton)
 - Integra coal mine (near Singleton)
 - Charbon coal Mine (near Mudgee)
 - Mt Thorley - Warkworth coal mine (near Singleton)
 - Glendell coal mine (near Singleton)
 - Rix's Creek coal mine (near Singleton)
 - Mt Owen coal mine (near Singleton)
- No significant issues were observed.

Coal mine and quarry surveillance

- The Department's compliance team carried out unannounced surveillance of the following coal mines and quarries to ensure they were meeting approval conditions:
 - Teralba Quarry (near Newcastle)
 - Maccas Sand Quarry (near Newcastle)
 - Mt Thorley - Warkworth Coal Mine (near Singleton)
- No significant issues were observed.

Hunter Valley

Mount Thorley-Warkworth coal mine – Dust investigation

- Following community reports of dust on Putty Road near the Mount Thorley-Warkworth, the Department conducted inspections and surveillance of the facility to investigate whether the mine was generating dust above its approved level.
- The investigation did not find any mining activity causing the dust. It is likely the dust observed was naturally occurring as a result of wind changes.

Sydney

Meriton Apartments - 330 Church St, Parramatta

- A warning letter was issued to Meriton Apartments, the developer of the 330 Church Street at Parramatta for not informing neighbours of out-of-hours work carried out in April.
- After receiving the warning letter, the developer worked with contractors to rectify timing issues with suppliers to ensure out-of-hours work does not occur again.

Newcastle

Stolthaven Bulk Liquid Fuel Storage Facility, Mayfield

- A \$3,000 fine was issued to Stolthaven Australia for failing to comply with an approval condition that requires the facility to develop and implement a formal program to track how the project is meeting all approval conditions.
- Stolthaven cooperated fully with the Department's investigation and has committed to implement an action plan to immediately address the non-compliances.

COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES	May 2015	2014/2015 TOTAL
Compliance audits conducted	10	24
Inspections and surveillance carried out	44	279
Compliance meetings held	38	180
Review of reports	59	452
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	151	935
ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES		
Successful informal negotiation	0	9
Compliance advisory letters issued	27	206
Compliance warning letters issued	1	36
Orders imposed	0	2
Penalty notices and fines imposed	1	23
Prosecutions	0	2
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	29	278