

NSW PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
MONTHLY AUDITING AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT

January 2014

Key outcomes

SINGLETON OFFICE

Northern Region

Unannounced compliance inspections

- On 29 January, Planning and Infrastructure officers carried out unannounced air quality inspections at the Duralie and Stratford coal mines and found both mines were operating in accordance with their management conditions.

Hunter Valley

Order issued to Drayton Coal Mine

- On 14 January, Planning and Infrastructure issued the Drayton Coal Mine with an order to rehabilitate 88 ha of the mine's Southern Biodiversity Area by the end of 2015.
- The area was inspected last year as part of a review of the biodiversity offset areas managed by Upper Hunter coal mines.
- At the time of the inspection, compliance officers found the standard of rehabilitation within the Southern Biodiversity Area was inadequate, because the land surface was poorly vegetated and the tree cover was sparse and lacking diversity.

Dust management presentations at Wambo

- Compliance officers conducted a number of presentations at Wambo mine in January to educate mining operators about how to properly manage community concerns – particularly in relation to dust management.
- The presentations, which the compliance team runs for mines upon request, have been found to raise mining staff members' understanding of community issues and Planning and Infrastructure's role as a regulator.

SYDNEY OFFICE

Penalty infringement notice issued to Macquarie Generation

- A \$3000 penalty infringement notice was issued on 15 January to Macquarie Generation Corporation for failing to implement its Ecology Management Plan properly for the Bayswater Power Station at Muswellbrook.

Planning and Infrastructure's key compliance actions in January are summarised on the next page:

SINGLETON OFFICE

ACTIVITY TYPE	MONTHLY TOTAL	2013-14 TOTAL
Audits	0	3
Inspections and surveillance	10	103
Meetings	12	73
Reviews of reports	9	39
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	31	218
Negotiated outcome	0	0
Advisory letters	8	45
Warning letters	0	2
Orders	1	1
Penalty Notices	0	2
Prosecutions	0	0
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	9	50
Complaints	14	120

SYDNEY OFFICE

Audits	0	4
Inspections and surveillance	3	29
Meetings	16	84
Reviews of reports	10	68
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	29	185
Negotiated outcomes	4	26
Advisory letters	12	91
Warning letters	1	9
Orders	0	7
Penalty Notices	1	6
Prosecutions	0	1
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	18	140

JINDABYNE OFFICE

Audits	0	0
Inspections and surveillance	0	25
Meetings	0	3
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	0	28
Negotiated outcomes	0	2
Advisory letters	0	31
Warning letters	0	0
Orders	0	2
Penalty Notices	0	0
Prosecutions	0	0
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	0	35

TOTAL ACTIONS

Audits	0	7
Compliance Monitoring	67	431
Enforcement	27	225