

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
MONTHLY AUDITING AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT

April 2014

Key outcomes

SINGLETON OFFICE

Northern Region

Spot checks

- Compliance officers undertook spot checks of all Mudgee and Gloucester coal mines especially focussed on ensuring air quality.
- All mines were found to be operating in accordance with air quality management conditions.

Hunter Valley

Penalty infringement notice issued to Mt Arthur coal mine

- On 24 April 2014, the department issued a penalty infringement notice to the Mt Arthur coal mine following an inspection.
- The inspection found that the banks built to divert stormwater that were required to help control sediment and erosion and the drainage systems in the vicinity of Denman Road did not comply design requirements to satisfy approval conditions.
- A follow up inspection revealed that new construction work is progressing.

SYDNEY OFFICE

Negotiated outcome for the Huntlee Stage 1 Development

- The Department investigated complaints by the local Indigenous community about the consultation process around ground clearing, which had already commenced on the project.
- Consultation is required as part of the project's Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP).
- The developer agreed to voluntarily cease work at the site while a revised ACHMP was prepared in consultation with the relevant registered Aboriginal parties, which includes the engagement of additional Aboriginal heritage monitors.
- A revised ACHMP was prepared and work recommenced on 14 April 2014.

Penalty infringements notice in relation to Casuarina Town Centre Development

- Two fines were issued to the developer of the Casuarina Town Centre Development for failing to maintain adequate dust and sediment control on the site and for failing to install a shade cloth to a site access gate, as required by conditions of the approval.

Penalty infringements notice issued to Cobaki Development

- Two fines were issued to the developer of the Cobaki Estate Development for failing to obtain a construction certificate prior to extraction of fill and for failing to seek the Minister's approval before extracting fill from the same location.

JINDABYNE OFFICE

- The department issued a structural and building upgrade order for voluntary works to the lessee of a ski lodge in Smiggin Holes. The works relate to upgrades to a deteriorated balcony and some structural repairs.
- The department carried out a compliance inspection of a ski lodge in Charlotte Pass. The inspection was requested by the sub-lessee of the lodge. Fire safety and Building Code of Australia (BCA) advice was provided to the lodge and as a result they will carry out some voluntary upgrade works. The majority of the building was in satisfactory condition. Some further certification will be required to address minor issues.

SINGLETON OFFICE

ACTIVITY TYPE	MONTHLY TOTAL	2013-14 TOTAL
Audits	1	5
Inspections and surveillance	14	143
Meetings	5	103
Reviews of reports	17	82
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	37	333
Negotiated outcome	0	1
Advisory letters	7	69
Warning letters	0	2
Orders	1	2
Penalty Notices	1	4
Prosecutions	0	0
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	9	78
Complaints	11	175

SYDNEY OFFICE

Audits	0	4
Inspections and surveillance	6	38
Meetings	22	148
Reviews of reports	6	101
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	34	291
Negotiated outcomes	1	35
Advisory letters	5	121
Warning letters	4	14
Orders	0	7
Penalty Notices	4	11
Prosecutions	0	2
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	14	190

JINDABYNE OFFICE

Audits	0	0
Inspections and surveillance	1	27
Meetings	0	3
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	1	30
Negotiated outcomes	0	2
Advisory letters	7	38
Warning letters	0	0
Orders	1	4
Penalty Notices	0	0
Prosecutions	0	0
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	8	44

TOTAL ACTIONS

Audits	0	9
Compliance Monitoring	72	654
Enforcement	31	312

