

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
MONTHLY AUDITING AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT

May 2014

Key outcomes

SINGLETON OFFICE

Northern Region

Meeting with Mid-Western Regional Council Councillors

- The Department met with councillors and senior staff from Mid-Western Regional Council to introduce compliance staff and provide information on the Department's new compliance functions within the region.

Compliance Audit of Maules Creek

- A compliance audit was carried out at the Maules Creek mine near Boggabri on 28 and 29 May 2014. The audit was undertaken in response to community concerns and focussed on Aboriginal Heritage Management and vegetation clearing.
- The audit report is currently being prepared and further details will be available in the June 2014 compliance report.

Hunter Valley

Integra Mine to go on Care and Maintenance

- The department was informed that Integra Mine had stopped underground mining in May and expected to stop extraction from its open cut operations by the end of September.
- Compliance officers met with Integra to ensure that they understood their obligations and that the current site management requirements of the project approval remained valid while the mine was in care and maintenance.
- Where requirements are no longer relevant, such as night time noise assessment and management, the relevant management plans can be amended to accommodate these changes.

SYDNEY OFFICE

Compliance Audit of Wet n Wild Sydney

- Compliance officers undertook an audit of *Wet n Wild Sydney* after concerns were raised by local residents and Blacktown City Council relating to matters including dust, noise and traffic impacts.
- Although no non-compliances of the project approval were identified, the operator of the facility, Village Roadshow, has voluntarily introduced measures to reduce impacts on immediate neighbours like restricting deliveries and waste removal times and fixing the volume at which recorded music is played throughout the complex.

- Other measures such as sealing the staff car park and relocating the entry gate are being considered to ameliorate dust impacts.
- Traffic management was found to be in accordance with the site's approved Operational Traffic Management Plan.
- However, to improve traffic management during peak seasons, compliance officers asked Village Roadshow to take action, including increasing car park supervision to manage the flow of traffic more effectively.

SINGLETON OFFICE

ACTIVITY TYPE	MONTHLY TOTAL	2013-14 TOTAL
Audits	1	6
Inspections and surveillance	9	152
Meetings	15	118
Reviews of reports	17	99
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	42	375
Negotiated outcome	0	1
Advisory letters	6	75
Warning letters	0	2
Orders	0	2
Penalty Notices	1	5
Prosecutions	0	0
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	7	85
Complaints	11	186

SYDNEY OFFICE

Audits	1	4
Inspections and surveillance	4	42
Meetings	21	169
Reviews of reports	11	112
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	37	327
Negotiated outcomes	3	38
Advisory letters	8	129
Warning letters	1	15
Orders	0	7
Penalty Notices	0	11
Prosecutions	0	2
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	12	202

JINDABYNE OFFICE

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

TOTAL ACTIONS

Audits	2	10
Compliance Monitoring	77	732
Enforcement	19	331