



**MONTHLY AUDITING AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT
JULY 2014**

SINGLETON OFFICE

Northern Region

Engagement with key stakeholders

- Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) compliance team members met with stakeholders including Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Gunnedah Shire Council and Narrabri Shire Council to introduce compliance staff, provide information on compliance operations in the region and to listen to council issues relating to mining operations.
- The DP&E compliance team also met with other NSW Government agencies involved in ensuring mining is carried out responsibly across the state, including the NSW Environment Protection Authority and Division of Resources and Energy. The teams discussed their approach to mining regulation and working with communities across the region.

Improving noise monitoring – Wilpinjong and Moolarben mines

- In response to community concerns, DP&E required Wilpinjong and Moolarben mines to monitor noise at nearby homes to make sure that that noise monitors at the mines are recording impacts to the homes accurately.
- This helps the mines comply with the strict rules about how much noise from mining operations can be heard by people living nearby.

Hunter Valley

Approval of Accelerated Rehabilitation, Warkworth Mine.

- In January the Warkworth mine was given approval to mine a small area of land to the west of the main mining area.
- At the same time DP&E placed some extra conditions on the mine, including having to speed up the process to fill and rehabilitate part of one the pits it is currently mining, which is around 164 hectares of land.
- The rehabilitation program will take about four years and will see the mine use 49 million cubic metres of material to fill part of the pit, to allow the eastern and most visible side of this part of the mine to be returned to a natural condition.

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Hexham Relief Roads rail project

- On 4 July an inspection was carried out of two rail freight projects in the Hunter - the Hexham Relief Roads and Hexham Support Facility. The inspections focused on road safety and access for residents as well as erosion control and dust management for the two projects.
- DP&E has asked both projects to take a close look at how the measures to prevent erosion are performing after recent rain and will continue to monitor both sites on a regular basis.

Splendour in the Grass Music Festival

- The DP&E compliance team attended the 2014 Splendour in the Grass music festival in Byron to make sure the event was following approved conditions, especially around traffic and noise.
- A report is being prepared and will be released to the public soon.

Fine issued to Gunlake Quarry, Marulan

- On 1 July a penalty infringement notice for \$3000 was issued to the Gunlake Quarry in Marulan for exceeding its maximum number of daily truck movements. Limits on truck movements are important to control traffic and noise around major projects.

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ACTIVITY TYPE	MONTHLY TOTAL	2013-14 TOTAL
Audits	0	0
Inspections and surveillance	20	20
Meetings	14	14
Reviews of reports	29	29
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	63	63
Negotiated outcome	0	0
Advisory letters	13	13
Warning letters	0	0
Orders	0	0
Penalty Notices	0	0
Prosecutions	0	0
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	13	13
Complaints	6	6

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Audits	1	1
Inspections and surveillance	11	11
Meetings	14	14
Reviews of reports	6	6
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	22	22
Negotiated outcomes	3	3
Advisory letters	16	16
Warning letters	2	2
Orders	1	1
Penalty Notices	1	1
Prosecutions	2	2
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	25	25

TOTAL ACTIONS

Audits	1	1
Compliance Monitoring	85	85
Enforcement	38	38