




1 July to 30 September 2020 - Quarter 3 Environmental Monitoring Results Summary

Name of Mine	Northparkes Mines
Name of Leaseholder and Mine Operator	CMOC Mining Pty Ltd
Mining Leases	ML 1247, ML 1367, ML 1641 and 1743
Environment Protection Licence	EPL 4784
Development Consent	DC11_0060, (as modified)

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1. SCOPE OF REPORT

This report provides a summary of monitoring results for the period from 1 July to 30 September 2020. This monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the Environmental Monitoring Program (available at www.northparkes.com.au). Details of air quality, noise and water monitoring locations are available in the Environmental Monitoring Program.

2. AIR QUALITY

The air quality monitoring program utilises PM₁₀ (beta attenuated monitors), TSP's (high volume air samplers (HVAS)) and depositional dust gauges. Monitoring locations are strategically positioned around the mine lease and neighbouring properties. TSP and PM₁₀ monitoring have been undertaken at three nearby farm residences Hubberstone, Milpose and Hillview. A summary of the monitoring results are provided below.

2.1 PM10

PM10 monitoring results for the 'Hubberstone', 'Milpose' and 'Hillview' monitoring locations, for the reporting period, are displayed in Figure 1, Figure 2 and Figure 3 respectively. The criteria for exceedances (as nominated in the Development Consent DC11_0060, known as the Consent), are >30 µg/m³ for the annual average and >50 µg/m³ for a 24-hour monitoring period. Refer to Appendix A for map of all PM10 monitoring locations.

During the reporting period there was one elevated 24hr reading recorded at the Hubberstone monitoring location. The elevated result triggered the internal investigation process and was found to be likely caused by agricultural activities occurring within close proximity of the monitoring location. The result was deemed non-mine related.

Annual averages recorded at all monitoring locations are below the Consent criteria of 30 µg/m³, recording 12.7 µg/m³ at Hubberstone, 13.8 µg/m³ at Milpose, and 11.2 µg/m³ at Hillview.

Missing data for Milpose on 30 September was due to power supply issues. All other missing data was found to be impacted on by non-mining related activities was removed as outliers.

2020 Q3 PM10 Results - Hubberstone Outliers Omitted

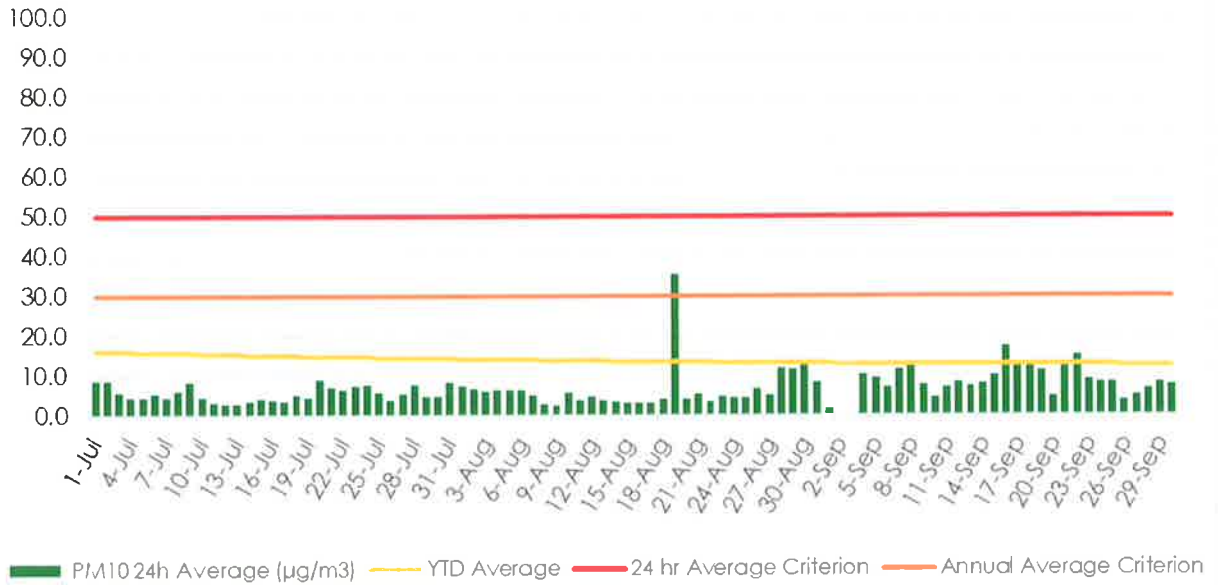


Figure 1: Hubberstone

2020 Q3 PM10 Results - Milpose Outliers Omitted

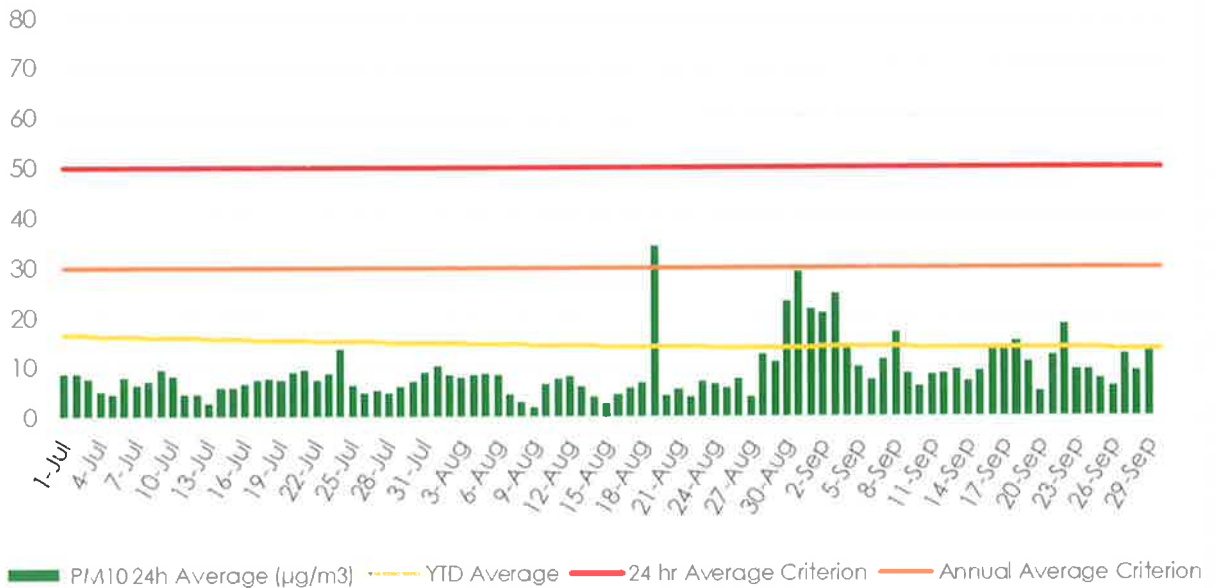


Figure 2: Milpose

2020 Q3 PM10 Results - Hillview Outliers Omitted

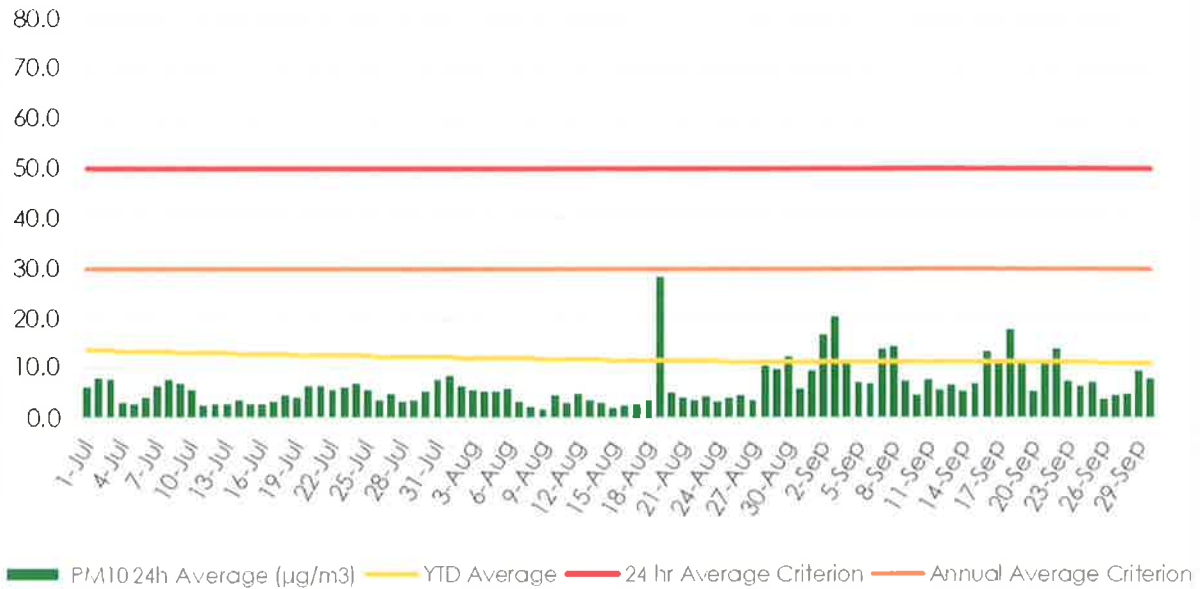


Figure 3: Hillview

2.2 TSP

All recorded dust levels at all TSP monitoring locations were under the required average annual criteria set by the Consent (90 µg/m³) for the quarter for the reporting period. Refer to Appendix A for map of all TSP monitoring locations.

During the reporting period there was one elevated reading recorded at the Milpose monitoring location on 31 August. The elevated result triggered the internal investigation process and was found to be likely caused by extraneous environmental conditions and deemed non-mine related. All other results were below the licence condition criteria.

The missing data on 20 July for Hillview and Hubberstone monitoring locations was due to power supply issues.

Hubberstone Q3 2020 TSP results Outlier Omitted

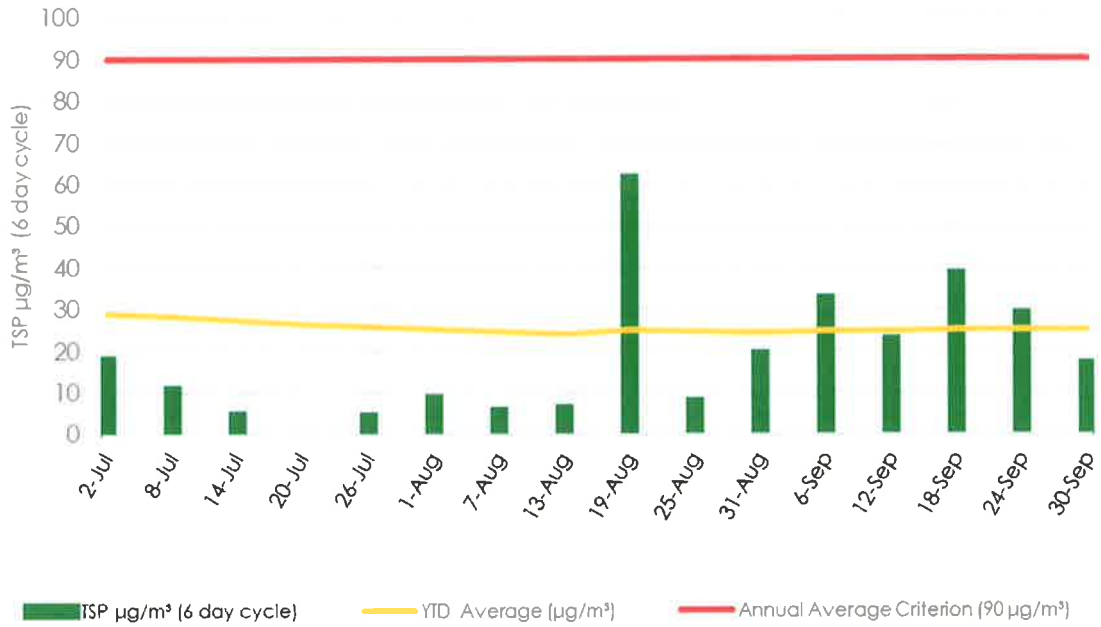


Figure 4: Hubberstone

Milpose Q3 2020 TSP results Outlier Omitted

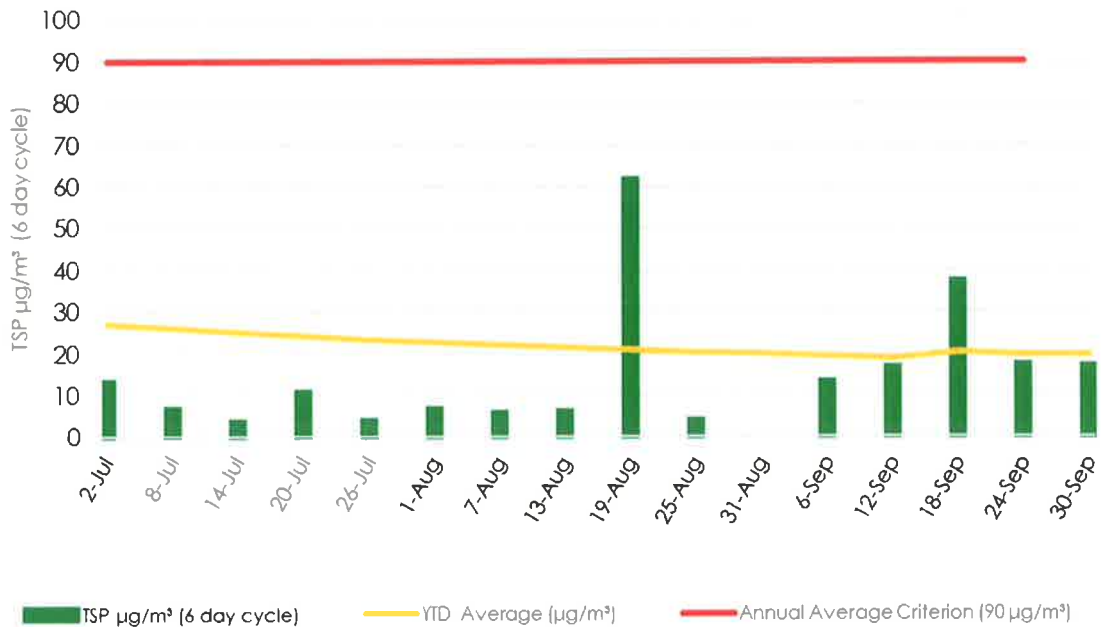


Figure 5: Milpose

Hillview Q3 2020 TSP results Outlier Omitted

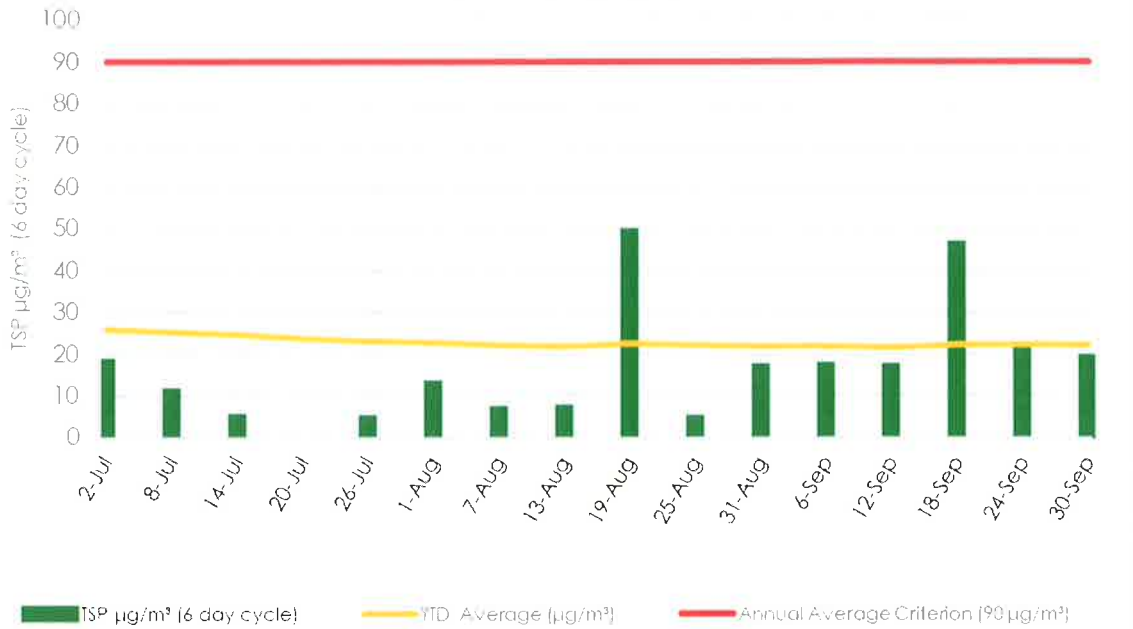


Figure 6: Hillview

2.3 Depositional Dust

Depositional dust gauges record the total of deposited dust for a month-long period and are a measure of broad scale changes to the local air quality.

Eleven depositional dust gauges are located across the mining lease and neighbouring residential properties to monitor atmospheric dust. A summary of the monthly monitoring results at each monitoring location are presented the figures below. Please be advised that only monitoring locations ND19, ND20, ND21 & ND22 are regulated by the criteria stated in the Consent, as they are the only depositional dust gauges that are at a residence on privately-owned land. All other depositional dust gauges are used to inform operational activities. Refer to Appendix B for map of all depositional dust monitoring locations.

The indicative annual average for all locations are below the long-term impact assessment criteria (4 g/m²/month), complying with the conditions of the Consent.

During the quarter, TDNE monitoring location recorded elevated results for months of July (10.3 g/m²/month), August (31.4 g/m²/month) and September (30.7 g/m²/month). Although the monitoring location recorded results above 4 g/m², its corresponding residential location (ND19) was well below the licence condition criteria.

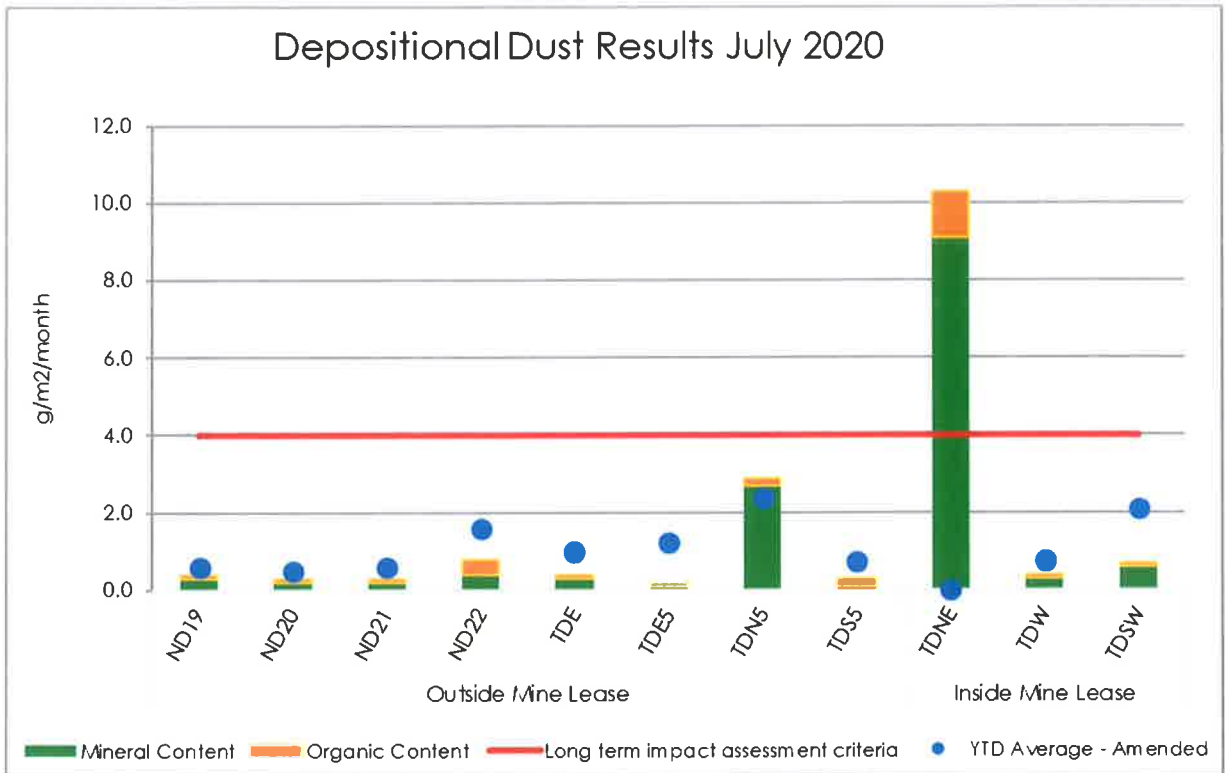


Figure 7: July depositional dust results for all locations

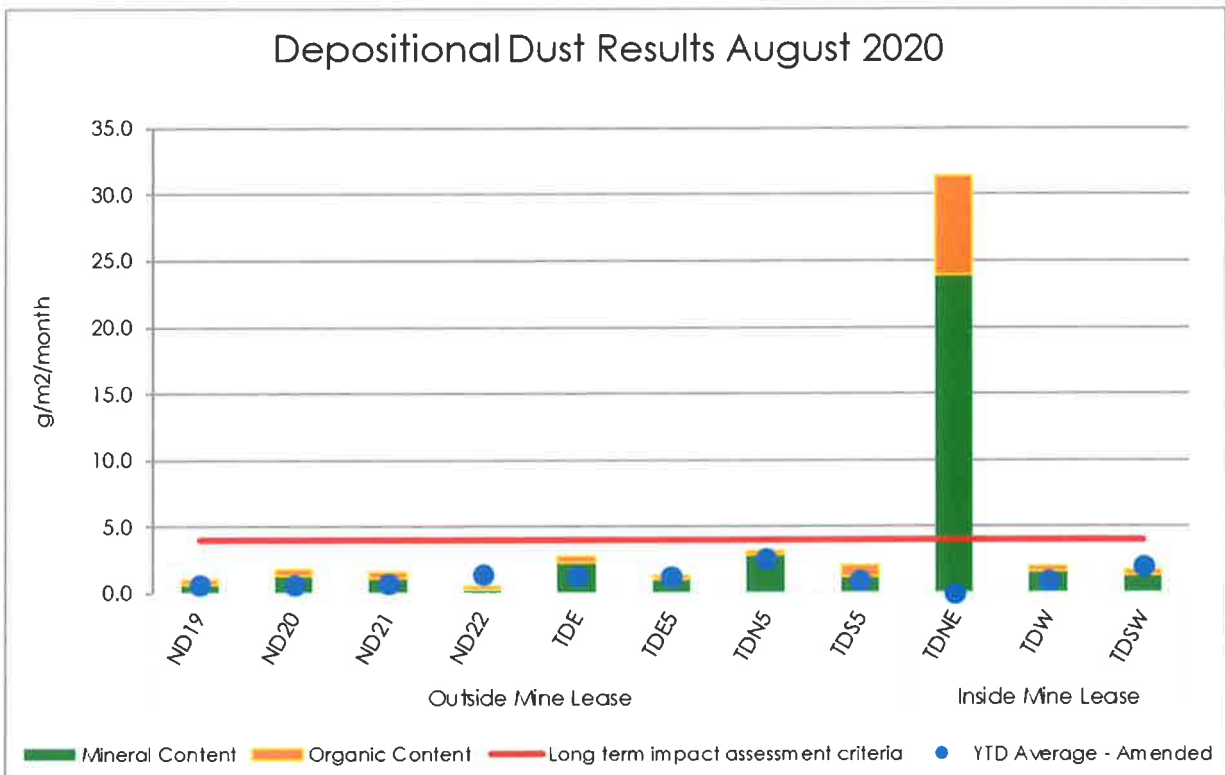


Figure 8: August depositional dust results for all locations

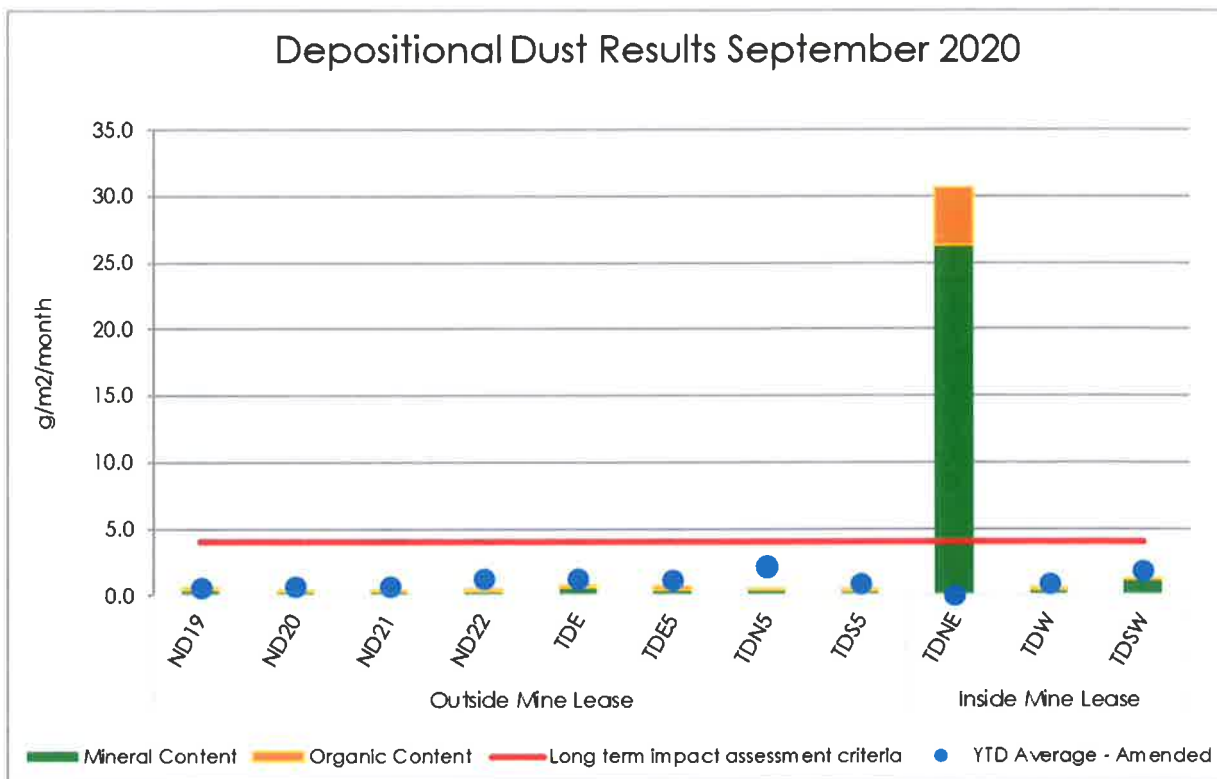


Figure 9: September depositional dust results for all locations

3. WATER

3.1 Overview

Water management at Northparkes is undertaken in accordance with approved management plans, prepared in accordance with the Consent. All water samples are analysed at an independent National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accredited laboratory.

Surface water quality monitoring is undertaken at Northparkes specifically within the three defined water management systems of;

- Clean water management system, which includes farm dams and watercourses;
- Dirty water management system, which includes settlement ponds; and
- Contaminated water management system, which includes all aspects of ore processing, and retention ponds.

The groundwater monitoring program at Northparkes aims to identify any changes to the natural groundwater system as a result of mining operations and ensure compliance with the Consent. It focuses on potential impacts to environmental assets and groundwater users in the area surrounding Northparkes.

Monitoring results are assessed and interpreted utilising historical trend analysis and internal water quality criteria and trigger levels to identify potential changes. Refer to Appendix C & D for map of all surface and groundwater dust monitoring locations.

3.2 Quarterly Monitoring Analysis

Water quality monitoring was carried out generally in accordance with the Consent, with no significant changes to the pH, EC or copper concentrations for all locations. Many of the surface water monitoring locations had a significant increase in volume compared to the previous reporting period. A summary of the monitoring results at each location sampled are presented in Tables 1-6 below.

Table 1: Process Water System

Location	RP01	RP02	RP03	RP04	RP05	RP06	RP07	RP08	RP09	RP12	RP13	RP15	RP16	RP19	RP20	RP21
pH	8.32	7.81	7.84	7.81	7.9	7.89	8.21	7.29	7.29	7.85	7.86	8.05	8.4	7.72	8.03	7.55
EC (uS/cm)	322.47	587.73	2,014.3	817.69	461.2	562.34	819.87	1,564.5	3,487.9	208.1	761.2	1,633.6	237.45	2,415.8	2,728.2	1,193.7
Cu (mg/L)	0.088	0.059	0.069	0.394	0.019	0.034	0.057	0.029	0.027	0.017	0.045	0.022	0.018	0.026	0.053	0.027

Table 1 continued: Process Water System

Location	RP22	RP23	RP24	RP25	RP26	RP32	RP33	GT01	GT02	PWD	Caloola
pH	7.72	8.42	8.8	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.7	7.6	9.1	7.4	7.8
EC (uS/cm)	796.06	502.57	337.5	356.14	240.49	966.1	171.91	4,283.9	1,494.5	3,070.2	3473
Cu (mg/L)	0.042	0.025	0.036	0.028	0.063	0.098	0.029	0.101	0.02	0.03	0.021

Table 2: Farm Dams

Location	FD07	FD11	FD16	FD18	FD25	FD26	FD27
pH	7.41	7.82	7.68	7.65	8.25	8.14	8.13
EC (uS/cm)	60.27	167.84	91.04	2,140.8	72.73	170.62	158.56
Copper (mg/L)	0.017	0.075	0.005	0.016	0.015	0.047	0.026

Table 3: TSF Bores

Location	MB01	MB02	MB03	MB05	MB6B	W26	W27	W28	W29	W30	W31	W32
pH	7.26	7.23	6.62	6.88	6.92	6.92	11.05	6.77	13.13	7.14	7.56	11.9
EC (uS/cm)	5,948.5	10,411.0	21,304.0	25,553.0	16,962.0	14,084.0	15,885.0	16,720.0	21,797.0	2,388.5	756.53	2,165.5
Copper (mg/L)	0.006	0.006	0.01	0.022	0.004	0.009	0.005	0.004	0.03	0.003	0.025	0.006

Table 4: Opencut Bores

Location	MB10	MB13	MB14	MB16	W14	W19	W20	W21	W22	W23	W24	W25
pH	6.99	6.8	7.1	6.59	7.36	7.57	7.05	7.85	6.96	6.93	7.93	8.21
EC (uS/cm)	14,417.0	23,720	2,596.5	17,753.0	7,577.0	6,151.0	13,788.0	14,251.0	15,965.0	18,479.0	1,923.3	1,841.3
Copper (mg/L)	0.001	0.028	0.012	0.016	0.01	0.013	0.004	0.005	0.004	0.012	0.007	0.011

Table 5: Underground Bores

Location	MB17	MB18	MB19	MB20	P101	P102	P139	P145	P149
pH	7.82	12.26	7.57	7.49	7.13	6.94	6.56	8.1	6.63
EC (uS/cm)	853.61	5,200.1	15,383.0	13,092.0	9,834.9	29,515.0	28,692.0	605.8	28,878.0
Copper (mg/L)	0.009	0.019	0.007	0.032	0.001	0.001	0.006	0.011	0.019

Table 6: Regional Bores

Location	Far Hilliers	Long Paddock	Moss	Wright
pH	6.82	8.53	7.24	7.13
EC (uS/cm)	553.59	1,035.8	2,312.6	1,186.1
Copper (mg/L)	0.001	0.008	0.007	0.001

4. NOISE

Operational noise is managed by CMOC in accordance with the approved Noise Management Plan (NMP). The NMP covers all operational activities with the potential to generate noise at Northparkes. It details specific noise management and mitigation measures, outlines monitoring and reporting requirements and provides clear definitions of the roles and responsibilities for noise management.

4.1 Overview

CMOC undertakes a noise monitoring program that consists of both operator-attended and unattended surveys at the four nearest occupied residences 'Hubberstone', 'Milpose', 'Lone Pine' and 'Hillview'. Refer to Appendix E for map of all attended noise monitoring locations.

Operator-attended noise measurements and recordings are undertaken outside the mining leases in order to quantify the intrusive noise emissions from construction and of general mine activity as well as the overall level of ambient noise. This noise monitoring was undertaken by an independent and suitably qualified noise professional.

4.2 Quarterly Monitoring Analysis

Attended noise monitoring was undertaken between 25 and 26 August 2020.

The assessment was completed to quantify site noise emissions against relevant noise criteria pertaining to Northparkes operations in accordance with Conditions 1 to 5 of Schedule 3 of the NSW Development Consent Conditions (DC11_110060), Northparkes Noise Management Plan (NMP, 2019) and Traffic Management Plan (TMP, 2019).

Road noise monitoring identified that concentrate trucks (where present) and light vehicle movements associated with shift change generate levels below the relevant road noise criteria specified in the TMP and NMP.

Attended monitoring has identified that operational emissions generated by Northparkes comply with relevant noise criteria at all monitoring locations for all assessment periods. Furthermore, project related noise emissions are generally barely audible at monitoring locations. Extraneous non-mine sources such as traffic, wind in trees, livestock, birds, aircraft, dogs barking and insects were audible during the monitoring period. A summary of the monitoring results at each monitoring location are presented in Tables 7-11 below.

Table 7: Attended noise monitoring results for Hubberstone

Date/Time (hrs)	Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
	Duration 15min	L _{Amax}	L _{Aeq}		
Day					
26/08/2020 16:11	58	42	24		Livestock 24-46
26/08/2020 16:26	58	42	24	WD: S WS: 0.5m/s Stab Class: D	Birds 22-49 Traffic 25-59 Wind <20-25 NPM Site Alarms <20
26/08/2020 16:41	59	43	25		
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<25
Evening					
25/08/2020 18:56	59	39	28		Livestock 24-41
25/08/2020 19:11	60	43	29	WD: S WS: < 0.1m/s Stab Class: D	Traffic 24-60 Birds 24-33 NPM Site Hum 26-30 NPM Haul Trucks 28-34
25/08/2020 19:26	60	43	30		
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					30
Night					
26/08/2020 00:03	47	34	31	WD: S	Insects 29-42
26/08/2020 00:18	43	33	30	WS: 0.1m/s Stab Class: D	Livestock 27-47 NPM Site Hum 27-36
26/08/2020 00:33	43	33	30		
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					30
Site L _{A1} (1min) Contribution					<40

Table 8: Attended noise monitoring results for Lone Pine

Date/Time (hrs)	Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 μ Pa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
	Duration 15min	L _{Amax}	L _{Aeq}		
Day					
26/08/2020					
15:10	58	37	23		Birds 20-64
26/08/2020				WD: SE	Dogs 25-44
15:25	64	36	24	WS: 1.0m/s	Wind 20-34
26/08/2020				Stab Class: C	Traffic 30-58
15:40	62	35	22		Agricultural 30-38
					NPM Not Audible
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<25
Evening					
25/08/2020					
20:07	55	32	27		Birds 24-55
25/08/2020				WD: S	Dogs 24-51
20:22	51	29	26	WS: <0.1m/s	Livestock 24-31
25/08/2020				Stab Class: D	NPM Site Hum 23-31
20:37	50	30	26		
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					27
Night					
25/08/2020					
23:05	41	28	26		Livestock 20-32
25/08/2020				WD: S	Birds 20-45
23:20	37	28	26	WS: <0.1m/s	Dogs 25-37
25/08/2020				Stab Class: D	NPM Site Hum 22-30
23:35	45	28	25		
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					26
Site L _{A1} (1min) Contribution					<40

Table 9: Attended noise monitoring results for Milpose

Date/Time (hrs)	Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 μ Pa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
	Duration 15min	L _{Amax}	L _{Aeq}		
Day					
26/08/2020					
14:10	70	43	20		Birds 20-58
26/08/2020				WD: SW	Agricultural 25-70
14:25	51	30	19	WS: 0.5m/s	Aircraft 25-46
26/08/2020				Stab Class: A	NPM Not Audible
14:40	58	35	20		
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<25
Evening					
25/08/2020					
21:13	43	17	12	WD: S	Birds 15-43
25/08/2020				WS: <0.1m/s	Livestock 15-36
21:28	40	15	12	Stab Class: D	NPM Not Audible
25/08/2020					
21:43	35	16	12		
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<25
Night					
25/08/2020					
22:02	38	16	12	WD: S	Livestock 15-26
25/08/2020				WS: <0.1m/s	Birds 15-41
22:17	47	31	13	Stab Class: D	Dogs 20-55
25/08/2020					Aircraft 25-52
22:32	55	33	13		NPM Not Audible
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<25
Site L _{A1} (1min) Contribution					<40

Table 10: Attended noise monitoring results for Hillview

Date/Time (hrs)	Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
	Duration 15min	L _{Amax}	L _{Aeq}		
Day					
26/08/2020 12:52	53	36	21	WD: S WS: <0.5m/s Stab Class: A	Traffic 25-56
26/08/2020 13:07	57	35	22		Birds 20-57
26/08/2020 13:22	56	35	21		Aircraft 20-31 NPM Not Audible
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					< 25
Evening					
26/08/2020 18:07	59	46	30	WD: S WS: 0.1m/s Stab Class: D	Traffic 25-64
26/08/2020 18:22	64	47	33		(Offsite) NPM Concentrate Truck 35-56
26/08/2020 18:37	64	48	34		NPM Not Audible
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					<25
Night					
26/08/2020 01:00	50	32	16	WD: SW WS: <0.1m/s Stab Class: D	Dogs 30-57
26/08/2020 01:15	57	35	13		Traffic 25-49
26/08/2020 01:30	54	33	12		Birds 20-31 NPM Not audible
Site L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution					< 25
Site L _{A1} (1min) Contribution					< 40

Table 11: Attended road noise survey results

Date/Time (hrs) Duration 1 hour	Measured Noise Level		Meteorology	Criteria dB LAeq(1hr)	Description and SPL dBA
	(re 20 µPa)	dB LAeq (1hr)			
26/08/2020 12:37 (Day)	38		WD: S WS: <0.5m/s Stab Class: A	55	Traffic 25-56 Birds 20-57 Aircraft 20-31 Vehicles Enter/Exit NPM Site Approx. 17
26/08/2020 17:52 (Evening)	47		WD: S WS: 0.1m/s Stab Class: D	55	Traffic 25-64 Birds <30 NPM Concentrate Truck 35-56 (2 movements) Vehicles Enter/Exit NPM Site Approx. 95

