

Northparkes Mines A century of mining together

1 July to 30 September 2023 Environmental Monitoring Results Summary

Name of Mine	Northparkes Mines
Name of Leaseholder and Mine Operator	CMOC Mining Pty Ltd
Mining Leases	ML1247, ML1367, ML1641 AND ML1743
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 2023. This monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the Environmental Monitoring Program (available at www.northparkes.com.au). Details of air quality, noise, water and vibration monitoring locations are available in the Environmental Monitoring Program. Refer to appendix A for all monitoring location maps.

2. AIR QUALITY

During the quarter, the air quality monitoring program utilised PM_{10} (beta attenuated monitors). Monitoring locations are strategically positioned around the mine lease and neighbouring properties. PM_{10} monitoring is undertaken at three nearby farm residences Hubberstone, Milpose and Hillview. A summary of the monitoring results are provided below.

2.1 PM10

 PM_{10} 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 >25 μ g/m³ for the annual average and >50 μ g/m³ for a 24-hour monitoring period.

24 hour average:

During the reporting period no exceedances were recorded. Missing data is the result of several instrumentation issues which have since been rectified.

Annual Averages:

Annual averages, recorded year to date, at all monitoring locations are below the Consent criteria of $25 \,\mu g/m^3$:

- 9.9 μg/m³ at Hubberstone
- 11.1 µg/m³ at Milpose, and
- 10.4 µg/m³ at Hillview.



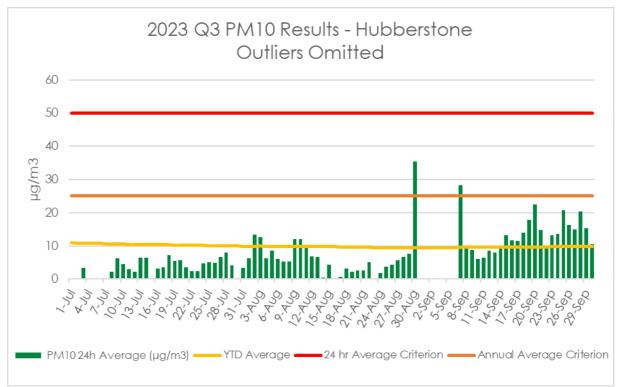


Figure 1: Hubberstone

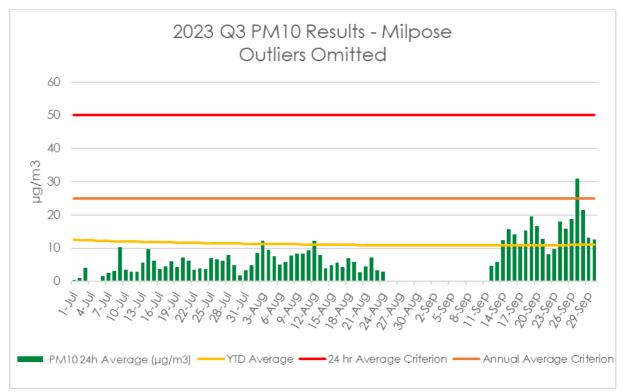


Figure 2: Milpose



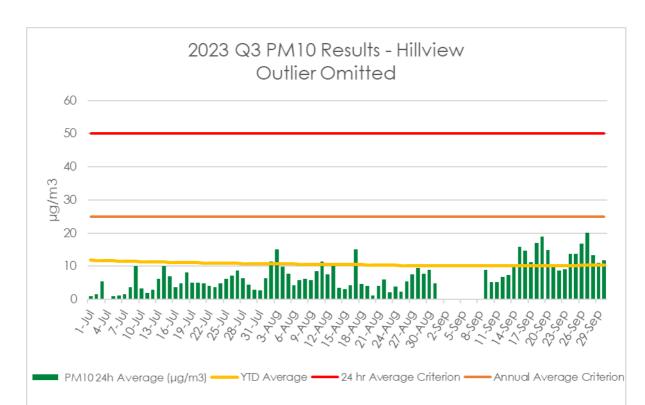


Figure 3: Hillview

2.2 PM2.5

 $PM_{2.5}$ monitoring results for the same three properties are displayed in Figures 4, 5 and 6 respectively. The development consent states that compliance with the assessment criteria for $PM_{2.5}$ may be calculated as a ratio of PM_{10} . This ratio is calculated as 0.35.

The criteria for exceedances are >8 $\mu g/m^3$ for the annual average and >25 $\mu g/m^3$ for a 24-hour monitoring period.

24 hour average:

During the reporting period no exceedances were recorded. Missing data is the result of several instrumentation issues which have since been rectified.

Annual Averages:

Annual averages recorded at all monitoring locations are below the Consent criteria of 8 $\mu g/m^3$:

- 3.5 μg/m³ at Hubberstone
- 4.0 μg/m³ at Milpose, and
- 3.6 μg/m³ at Hillview.



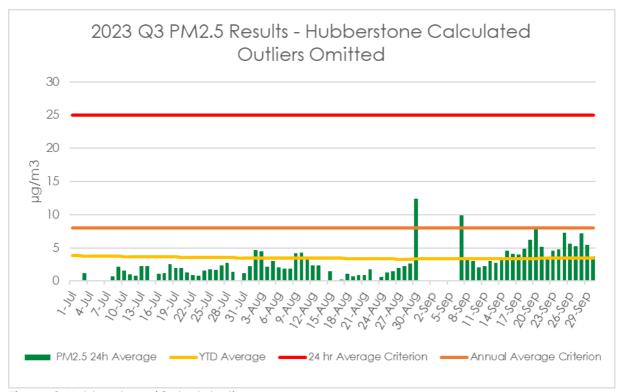


Figure 4: Hubberstone (Calculated)

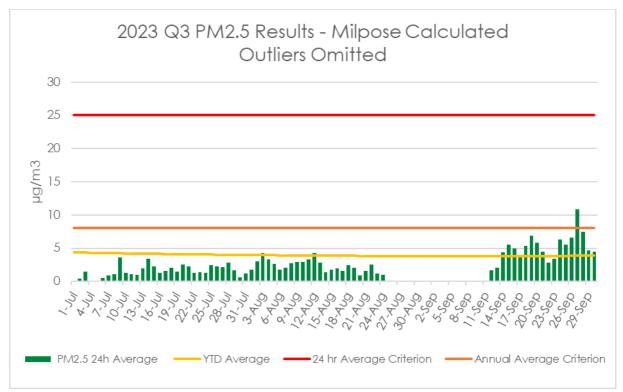


Figure 5: Milpose (Calculated)





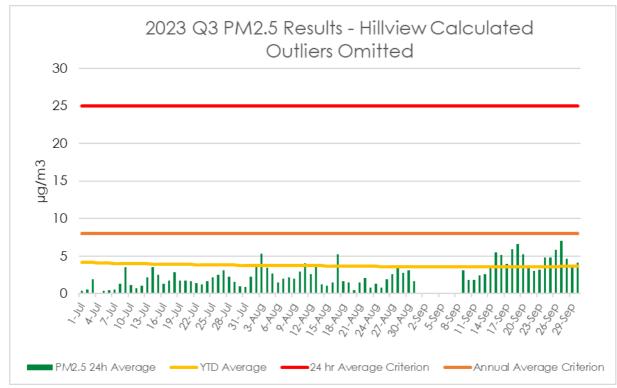


Figure 6: Hillview (Calculated)



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.





3.2 Quarterly Monitoring Analysis

Water quality monitoring was carried out generally in accordance with the Consent, with no significant changes to the pH or EC for all locations. Copper concentrations increased at several locations, although results are still consistent with long term data. These locations will be closely monitored during the future reporting periods. A summary of the monitoring results at each location sampled are presented in Tables 1-7 below.

Table 1: Process Water System

Location	RP01	RP02	RP03	RP04	RP05	RP06	RP07	RP08	RP09	RP12	RP13	RP15	RP16	RP19	RP20	RP21
EC (uS/cm)	467.0	472.0	3,288.0	1,677.0	506.0	1,756.0	614.0	1,519.0	5,201.0	264.0	666.0	Dry	4,739.0	2,573.0	6,721.0	Dry
Cu (mg/L)	0.139	*	0.048	0.405	0.014	0.008	0.012	0.02	0.017	0.015	0.031	Dry	0.004	*	0.04	Dry
рH	7.96	8.19	7.48	9.07	8.57	7.64	8.46	7.83	7.88	8.87	7.82	Dry	8.15	7.27	7.05	Dry

Table 1 continued: Process Water System

Location	RP22	RP23	RP24	RP25	RP26	RP27	RP28	RP32	PWD	Caloola North	Caloola South	GT02	SD1	SD2
EC (uS/cm)	Dry	Dry	Dry	357.0	433.0	3,586.0	4,589.0	606.0	4,604.0	1,934.0	3,262.0	1,516.0	Dry	Dry
Cu (mg/L)	Dry	Dry	Dry	0.02	0.013	0.039	0.009	0.048	0.03	0.006	0.007	0.089	Dry	Dry
рH	Dry	Dry	Dry	8.4	8.47	7.67	7.6	7.72	8.4	7.49	7.49	7.55	Dry	Dry

Table 2: Sediment Ponds

Location	SP03	SP10	SP15	SP33
EC (uS/cm)	2,929.0	260.0	Dry	249.0
Cu (mg/L)	0.009	0.008	Dry	0.011
рН	7.99	8.89	Dry	8.63

Table 3: Farm Dams

Location	FD04	FD05	FD06	FD07	FD11	FD12	FD16	FD18	FD25	FD26	FD27
EC (uS/cm)	1,207.0	103.4	86.9	131.0	321.0	Dry	358.0	1,995.0	149.0	506.0	177.0
Cu (mg/L)	0.006	0.008	0.006	0.008	0.005	Dry	0.019	0.015	0.021	0.005	0.004
рН	7.8	8.86	8.22	7.55	8.02	Dry	8.94	7.64	8.06	7.91	8.24

^{*} Sample not received at laboratory





Table 4: Water Courses

Location	WC01	WC02	WC03	WC04	WC05	WC06	WC07	WC11	WC12	WC13	WC14	WC15	WC16
EC (uS/cm)	Dry	104.0	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry							
Cu (mg/L)	Dry	0.005	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry							
pН	Dry	8.63	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry							

Table 5: TSF Bores

Location	MB01	MB02	MB03	MB05	MB06B	W26	W27	W28	W29	W30	W31	W32
EC (uS/cm)	5,942	10,016	25,034	23,614	17,472	11,750	20,497	13,036	19,298	2,289	670	2,998
Cu (mg/L)	0.003	0.003	0.035	0.004	0.005	0.018	0.005	0.019	0.062	0.004	0.02	0.013
рН	7.1	7.11	5.04	6.58	6.91	7.03	11.63	10.25	12.42	7.57	8.32	11.72
SWL	248.4	239.2	246.6	246.6	281.2			261.1	257.6	246.5	267.9	262.8

Table 6: Opencut Bores

Location	MB10	MB11 (dry)	MB12	MB13	MB14	W14	W19	W20	W21	W22	W23	W24	W25
EC (uS/cm)	11,748	Dry	No sample	21,286	3,065	4,057	12,051	11,395	25,017	11,501	13,488	2,008	2,050
Cu (mg/L)	0.006	Dry	No sample	0.011	0.009	0.015	0.011	0.026	0.001	0.012	0.006	0.004	0.024
рН	6.89	Dry	No sample	6.61	7.07	7.56	7.04	7.07	7.32	7.2	7.02	7.73	7.57
SWL	252.3	Dry	235.7	247.3	262.2	270.1	255.2	268.9	270.9	269.0	264.2	283.9	283.8

Table 7: Underground Bores

Location	MB17	MB18	MB19	MB20	P101	P102	P103	P104	P139	P145	P149
EC (uS/cm)	737	8,862	14,863	11,745	10,591	28,087	no sample	no sample	27,791	189	23,949
Cu (mg/L)	0.004	0.017	0.004	0.033	0.002	0.001	no sample	no sample	0.002	0.007	0.018
pН	7.78	8.36	7.36	7.28	6.99	6.94	no sample	no sample	6.35	7.06	6.63
SWL	266.6	249.9	246.3	246.4	255.4	254.3	252.4	255.0	253.1	252.1	228.4

Table 8: Regional Bores

Location	Far Hilliers	Long Paddock	Moss #1	Wright
EC (uS/cm)	598	855	2,065	919
Cu (mg/L)	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.001
рН	7.12	8.37	7.12	8.76
SWL	264.0	240.2	287.4	288.3





4. VIBRATION

4.1 Overview

The assessment criteria for blast impacts at Northparkes are based on the ANZECC Guideline, aimed to minimise annoyance to human comfort levels. Table 8 below shows the blast impact criteria as set out in the Schedule 3 Conditions 6-13 of the Consent.

Table 8: Vibration and overpressure criteria of DC11_0060.

Location	Airblast overpressure (dB(Lin Peak))	Ground vibration (mm/s)	Allowable exceedance
Residence on privately owned land	120	10	0%
	115	5	5% of the total number of blasts over a period of 12 months
All public infrastructure		50 (or a limit determined by the structural design methodology in AS 2187.2-2006, or its latest version, or other alternative limit for public infrastructure, to the satisfaction of the Secretary)	0%

The blast monitoring program uses blast units which measure ground vibration and air overpressure at the residences of the four closest privately owned properties, Adavale, Hillview, Hubberstone and Milpose. The program is designed to measure the effectiveness of control measures and ensure compliance with consent and licence conditions, relevant standards and corporate requirements. A summary of the monitoring results are provided below.

4.2 Quarterly Monitoring Analysis

During the reporting period, eight surface blasts were undertaken. Highlighted cells are those where an exceedance was identified.

Table 9: Overpressure results at monitoring locations

	Overpressure (dB) – 115 (dB)									
Monitor Location	18 Aug 23	25 Aug 23	31 Aug 23	7 Sep 23	15 Sep 23	15 Sep 23	21 Sep 23	29 Sep 23		
	E31S	E31S	E31S	E31S	E31S	E31N	E31S	E31N		
Adavale	110.0	90.3	90.6	92.4	95.6	85.4	97.5	86.5		
Hillview	113.5	97.8	103.5	101.6	102.1	97.5	108.4	86.1		
Hubberstone	102.5	98.5	100.1	109.3	99.0	95.1	99.5	94.7		
Milpose	92.1	90.3	91.4	110.3	102.2	98.8	106.3	89.5		

Table 10: Vibration results at monitoring locations

		Vibration (mm/s) – 5 mm/s								
Monitor Location	18 Aug 23	25 Aug 23	31 Aug 23	7 Sep 23	15 Sep 23	15 Sep 23	21 Sep 23	29 Sep 23		
	E31S	E31S	E31S	E31S	E31S	E31N	E31S	E31N		
Adavale	0.06	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.03		
Hillview	0.18	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.01	0.08	0.02		
Hubberstone	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.01	0.05	0.03		
Milpose	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.03	0.05	0.03		





5. **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.

Property	Day	Evening	Night		
	L _{Aeq(15min)}	L _{Aeq(15min)}	L _{Aeq(15min)}	L _{A1(1min)}	
All privately-owned land	35	35	35	45	

5.1 Overview

CMOC undertakes a noise monitoring program that consists of both operator-attended and unattended surveys. This program includes four real time monitors at the nearest occupied residences of Hubberstone, Milpose, Hillview and Adavale. Lone Pine is included in the attended monitoring program along with the four listed previously.

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.

Quarterly Monitoring Analysis

Attended noise monitoring was undertaken between Tuesday 15 to Wednesday 16 August 2023.

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 vehicle movements associated with shift change generated 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-mining sources such as traffic, insects, wind in trees, birds, aircraft, residential and agricultural noise were audible during the monitoring period. A summary of the monitoring results at each monitoring location are presented in Tables 11-16 below.





 Table 11: Attended noise monitoring results for Hubberstone

Time(hrs)/Date	Noise D	Descriptor (dB/	A re 20 μPa)		D : : LCDL IDA
Duration 15min	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	 Meteorology 	Description and SPL, dBA
			Day		
16:51	56	37	19		Traffic 20-56
16/08/2023				– WD: N	Birds 20-70
17:06	70	44	19	WS: 0.5m/s	Livestock 20-38
16/08/2023	70	44	15	- Stab Class: C	Residential Nosie 25-63
17:21 16/08/2023	68	47	24	- Stab Class. C	Site Inaudible
	Site LA	Aeq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30
			Evenin	g	
21:12					
15/08/2023	51	38	26		Livestock 20-55
21:27				- WD: SE	Traffic 20-51
15/08/2023	55	37	25	WS: 0.1m/s	Aircraft 25-38
21:42				 Stab Class: F 	NPM – Production Hum <20-28
15/08/2023	52	39	24		(Just audible throughout)
	Site LA	Aeq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30
			Night		
22:10	42	20	27		1:
15/08/2023	43	30	27		Livestock 25-49
22:25				- WD: SE	Aircraft 30-45
15/08/2023	48	31	29	WS: 0.1m/s	NPM - Production 25-32
22:40				Stab Class: E	(Just audible to audible
15/08/2023	49	33	28		throughout)
	Site LA	Aeq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30
	Site L	A1(1min) Contri	ibution		<45





Table 12: Attended noise monitoring results for Lone Pine

Time(hrs)/Date - Duration 15min	Noise [Descriptor (dB/	A re 20 μPa)		B 1.6 1001 104		
	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	 Meteorology 	Description and SPL, dBA		
			Day				
15:49	71	49	27		Wind In Trees 25-42		
16/08/2023	71	45	21	— WD: NW	Birds 25-80		
16:04	78	56	33	WS: 1.0m/s	Aircraft 30-61		
16/08/2023	70	50	33	Stab Class: A	Traffic 30-68		
16:19	80	53	29	Stab Class. At	Residential Noise 25-53		
16/08/2023			23		Site Inaudible		
	Site LA	Aeq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30		
			Evenir	ng			
20:11	53	21	16		\ \ \\\		
15/08/2023	55		— WD: SE	Birds 15-25			
20:26	35	17	15	WS: 0.1m/s	Aircraft 20-45		
15/08/2023		.,		Stab Class: F	MAC Operator 53		
20:41	4E	45	45	24	24 13	Stab Glass. I	Site Inaudible
15/08/2023	45	2-7					
	Site LA	Aeq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30		
			Nigh	t			
02:01 16/08/2023	37	21	19		Wildlife 20-28		
02:16 16/08/2023	48	23	21	WD: SE WS: 0.1m/s	MAC Operator 48 NPM – Site Hum 17-23		
02:31	48	23	21	— Stab Class: E	(Just audible throughout)		
	Site LA	Aeq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30		
		A1(1min) Contri			<45		





 Table 13: Attended noise monitoring results for Milpose

Time(hrs)/Date	Noise D	escriptor (dB/	A re 20 μPa)		Description and CDL alDA
Duration 15min	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	 Meteorology 	Description and SPL, dBA
,			Day		
13:57 16/08/2023	71	44	23	— WD: NE	Birds 25-41 Wind in Trees 20-51
14:12 16/08/2023	51	34	23	WS: 1.5m/s — Stab Class: A	Traffic 25-37 Residential Noise 25-77
14:27 16/08/2023	77	47	23	— Stab Class. A	NPM - Site Hum 19-23 (Barely audible throughout)
	Site LA	Neq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30
			Evenir	ng	
20:11 16/08/2023	53	34	15	WD N	Dogs Barking 20-34
20:26 16/08/2023	42	23	15	WS: 0.1m/s	Residential Noise 20-53 Aircraft 25-41
20:41 16/08/2023	45	29	15	— Stab Class: E	Site Inaudible
	Site LA	Neq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30
			Nigh	t	
00:07 16/08/2023	48	23	21	— WD: SE	MAC Operator 48
00:22 16/08/2023	36	24	22	WS: 0.1m/s Stab Class: F	NPM – Exhaust Fan 18-28 (Just audible to audible
00:37 16/08/2023	36	24	21	— 3tab 0tass. F	throughout)
	Site LA	Neq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30
	Site L	A1(1min) Contri	ibution		<45





Table 14: Attended noise monitoring results for Hillview

ime(hrs)/Date	Noise D	Descriptor (dB/	A re 20 μPa)		Description and CDL alDA
Ouration 15min	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	 Meteorology 	Description and SPL, dBA
,		•	Day		
12:44 16/08/2023	58	45	34		Traffic 30-56
12:59 16/08/2023	53	42	35	WD: NE WS: 1.0m/s	Birds 25-58 Wind in Trees 27-48
13:14 16/08/2023	66	42	31	— Stab Class: A	Residential Noise 35-66 Site Inaudible
	Site LA	Aeq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30
			Evenir	ng	
18:00 16/08/2023	59	48	39		Agricultural Noise 36-51
18:15 16/08/2023	73	49	40	— WD: N WS: <0.5m/s	Traffic 31-59 Birds 35-48
18:30 16/08/2023	59	47	37	— Stab Class: F	Residential Noise 35-73 Site Inaudible
	Site LA	Aeq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30
			Nigh	t	
23:07 15/08/2023	60	41	16		T. #
23:22 15/08/2023	48	27	14	WD: SE WS: 0.1m/s	Traffic 30-60 Dogs Barking 20-39
23:37 15/08/2023	48	23	13	— Stab Class: F	Site Inaudible
	Site LA	Aeq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30

Note: NPM denotes Northparkes Mines.





 Table 15: Attended noise monitoring results for Adavale

Time(hrs)/Date	Noise D	escriptor (dB/	A re 20 μPa)	- Meteorology	B 1.6 100 104
Duration 15min	LAmax	LAeq	LA90		Description and SPL, dBA
			Day		
14:53 16/08/2023	61	38	29	– WD: NW	Wind In Trees 20-61
15:08 16/08/2023	55	32	26	WS: 1.5m/s	Birds 20-47 Site Inaudible
15:23 16/08/2023	45	34	25	— Stab Class: A	Site inaudible
	Site LA	Aeq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30
			Evenir	ng	
19:16 16/08/2023	50	17	13	WD N	
19:31 16/08/2023	40	15	13	WS: 0.1m/s	MAC Operator 50 Site Inaudible
19:46 16/08/2023	47	18	13	— Stab Class: E	
	Site LA	Aeq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30
			Nigh	1	
01:06 16/08/2023	33	26	24	WD, CE	Wildlife 20-33
01:21 16/08/2023	49	25	24	WD: SE WS: 0.1m/s	MAC Operator 49 NPM – Exhaust Fan 22-28
01:36 16/08/2023	46	26	24	— Stab Class: F	(Audible throughout)
	Site LA	Neq(15min) Cont	tribution		<30
	Site L	A1(1min) Contri	bution		<45





Table 16: Attended road noise survey results

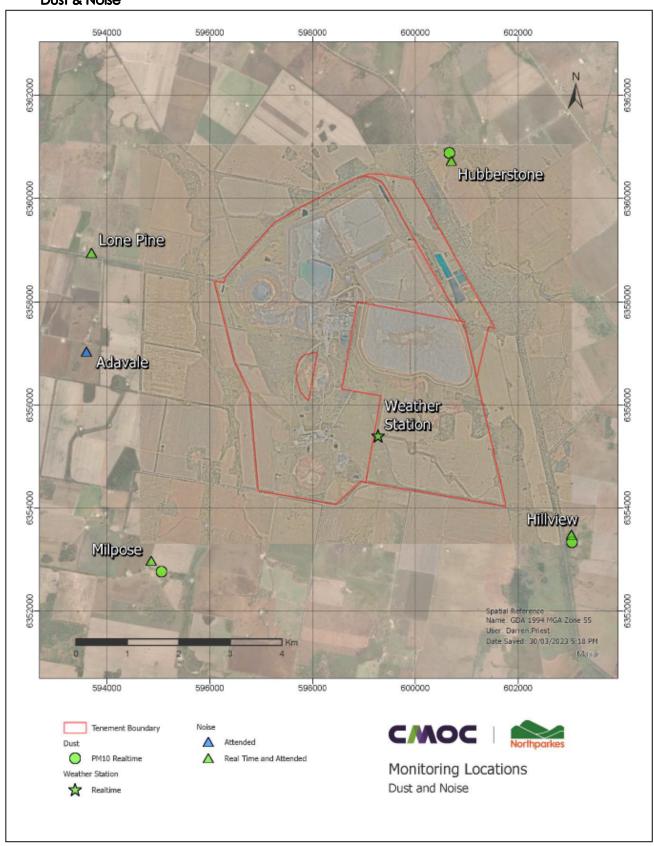
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				Birds 25-58
		WD: NE		Wind in Trees 27-48
12:44	42	WD: NE WS: 1.0m/s	55	Residential Noise 35-66
16/08/2023	42	WS: 1.0m/s Stab Class: A		NPM Concentrate Truck (offsite) 30-54
				(2 Passes)
				(Approx. 20 vehicles Enter/Exit
				NPM Site)
				Agricultural Noise 36-51
				Traffic 31-59
		WD: N		Birds 35-48
18:00	48	WD: N WS: <0.5m/s	55	Residential Noise 35-73
16/08/2023	40	ws. <u.sm s<br="">Stab Class: F</u.sm>	20	NPM Concentrate Truck (offsite) 30-53
		Stab Class: F		(1 Pass)
				(Approx. 79 vehicles Enter/Exit
				NPM Site)





Appendix 1 - Monitoring Locations

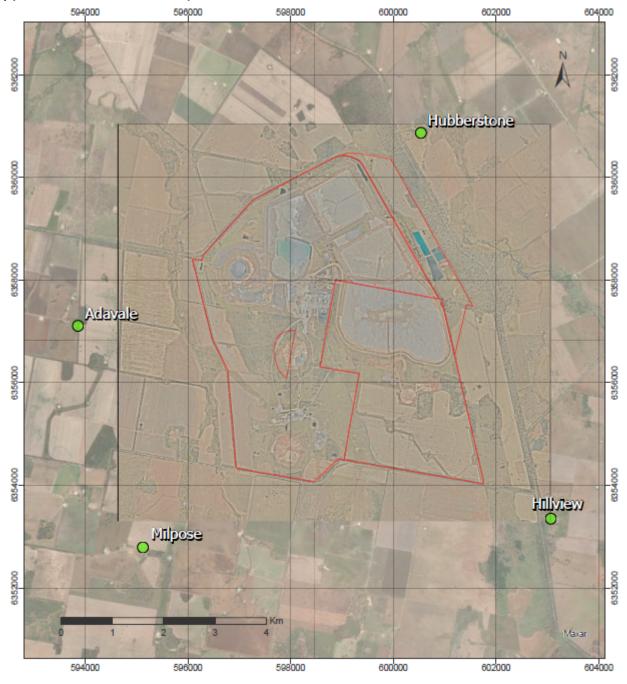
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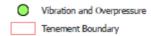






Appendix 2 - Vibration & Overpressure





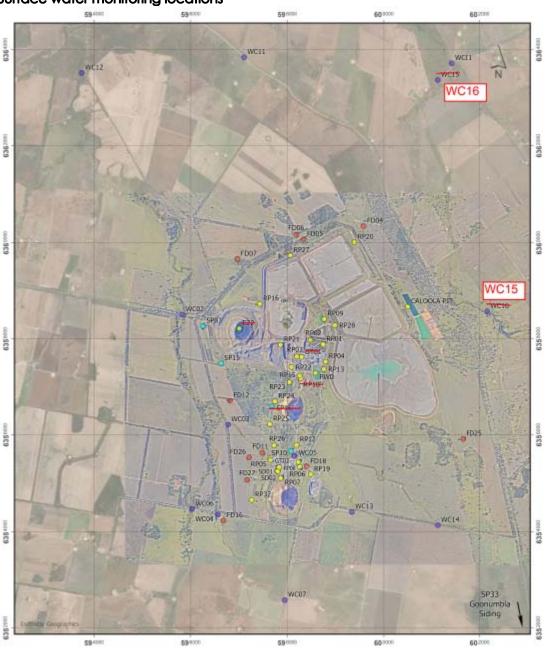


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Appendix 3 – Water monitoring Surface water monitoring locations







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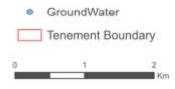
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Groundwater locations







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