

Abel Coal Mine (PA 05_0136) Independent Environmental Audit Response to Recommendations

Abel Coal Mine hold Project Approval 05_0136. Conditions 9 and 10 of Schedule 6 outlines the requirement for an Independent Environmental Audit (IEA). The recommendations of the audit are provided in Tables 5-1 and 5-2 of the report. Abel Coal have reviewed these recommendations and provide the following responses.

Corrective Actions

Number	Condition of PA05_0136	Corrective Action	Donaldson Coal Response	Timeframe
CA01	Schedule 4 Condition 22	In consultation with Heritage NSW within the NSW DCCEEW – CPHR Group and registered Aboriginal parties, determine if five-yearly monitoring (as described in the approved AHMP) should be undertaken during the care and maintenance period. If it is determined this monitoring is not required, ensure the AHMP is updated to reflect the outcomes of consultation.	The AHMP will be reviewed in light of the continued mining operation in care and maintenance and required monitoring. The review will be undertaken in consultation with Heritage NSW and the registered Aboriginal parties.	30 th September 2025
CA02	Schedule 6 Condition 1	Ensure the Integrated Environmental Management Program is updated to reflect the current care and maintenance status and relevant monitoring requirements.	The Environmental Management Program will be updated to reflect the mine being in care and maintenance.	30 th September 2025

Opportunities for Improvement

Number	Consent / Licence	Condition	Recommendation	Donaldson Coal Response	Timeframe
OFI01	PA05_0136	Schedule 4, Conditions 1 & 5	Update the NMP to: • reflect changes to Location K, which is no longer owned by the Catholic Diocese and the removal of the associated dwelling for industrial development • identify times where relevant noise limits do not apply, as identified in Condition L4.4 of EPL 12856 • reflect the revised location of the meteorological station	The Noise Management Plan will be reviewed and updated with respect to the mine being in care and maintenance and the change in land use adjoining the mine.	30 th September 2025
	EPL 12856	Conditions L4.1 and P1.4			
OFI02	PA05_0136	Schedule 4, Condition 12	Update the AQGHGMP to: • reflect the revised location of the meteorological station • ensure monitoring location names are consistent with the current version of EPL 12856	The AQGHGMP will be updated with the revised location of the meteorological station and the monitoring location names.	30 th September 2025
	EPL 12856	Condition P1.1			
OFI03	PA05_0136	Schedule 4, Condition 25	Clean the drain grate adjacent to the oil / water separator system.	This grate is over a service pit that provides access to a gate valve. The service pit has been cleaned out.	Complete
OFI04	PA05_0136	Schedule 6, Conditions 1 & 2	Submit the revised plans for approval by the DPHI addressing R11, R12 from the 2022 IEA.	The revised Management Plans will be submitted to DPHI for approval.	30 th September 2025
	EPL12856	Conditions P1.1 and P1.3			
OFI05	EPL12856	Condition M4.1	Ensure weather monitoring data spreadsheets to include reporting of relative humidity results.	The monitoring weather station data spreadsheet will be updated to include the parameters identified in Point 28	1 July 2025