Project Approval

Section 75J of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Environment, I approve the project application referred to in schedule 1, subject to the conditions in schedules 2 to 6.

These conditions are required to:

- prevent, minimise, and/or offset adverse environmental impacts;
- set standards and performance measures for acceptable environmental performance;
- require regular monitoring and reporting; and
- provide for the ongoing environmental management of the project.

Chris Wilson Executive Director Development Assessment Systems and Approvals

Sydney	2014
	SCHEDULE 1
Application Number:	11_0060
Applicant:	Evolution Mining (Northparkes) Pty Ltd
Approval Authority:	Minister for Planning and Environment
Land:	See Appendix 1
Project:	Northparkes Mine Step Change Project

Blue type represents the June 2015 modification (MOD 1) Red type represents the March 2016 modification (MOD 2) Green type represents the September 2017 modification (MOD 3) Orange type represents the September 2018 modification (MOD 4) Purple type represents the August 2019 modification (MOD 5) Pink type represents the June 2022 modification (MOD 6) Dark Blue type represents December 2022 modification (MOD 8) Gold type represents the April 2023 modification (MOD 9) Dark Green type represents the November 2023 modification (MOD 10) Brown type represents the March 2025 modification (MOD 11)

The Department has prepared a consolidated version of the consent which is intended to include all modifications to the original determination instrument.

The consolidated version of the consent has been prepared by the Department with all due care. This consolidated version is intended to aid the consent holder by combining all consents relating to the original determination instrument but it does not relieve a consent holder of its obligation to be aware of and fully comply with all consent obligations as they are set out in the legal instruments, including the original determination instrument and all subsequent modification instruments.

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DEFINITIONS

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Annual review Applicant	The review required by condition 4 of schedule 6 Evolution Mining (Northparkes) Pty Ltd, or whoever seeks to carry out the development
	approved under this approval
ARI ARTC	Average Recurrence Interval Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd
BCA	Building Code of Australia
BC Act	Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
Biodiversity offset strategies	 The conservation and enhancement strategies depicted conceptually in the figures in Appendix 7 and described in detail in the following documents: Environmental Assessment Northparkes Mines – E48 Project, Volumes 1 – Parts 1 to 5, and Volume 2 – Parts 6 to 9, prepared by RW Corkery & Co. Pty Ltd, dated August 2006; Northparkes Mines Section 75W Modification Biodiversity Offset Strategy, prepared by GHD Pty Ltd, dated August 2009; and
Built features	 the EA. Includes any building or work erected or constructed on land, and includes dwellings
	and infrastructure such as any formed road, street, path, walk, or driveway; any pipeline,
Blast misfire	water, sewer, telephone, gas or other service main The failure of one or more holes in a blast pattern to initiate
CCC	Community Consultative Committee
Conditions of this	Conditions contained in schedules 1 to 6 inclusive
approval	
Council CPHR	Parkes Shire Council Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation Group within the NSW Department of
	Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
CPI	Australian Bureau of Statistics Consumer Price Index
Day	The period from 7am to 6pm on Monday to Saturday, and 8am to 6pm on Sundays and Public Holidays
Department DCCEEW Water	Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Water Group within the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
EA	• The Environmental Assessment titled Northparkes Mines Step Change Project (5
	volumes), dated July 2013, the response to submissions dated September 2013 and the Addendum dated November 2013.
	• The Environmental Assessment titled Northparkes Mines – Application for a 75W
	Modification dated April 2015.
	 the Environmental Assessment titled 75W Modification to PA 11_0060 to reference unformed road land parcel in Appendix 1 of the Northparkes Mines Step Change Project Approval (PA 11_0060) dated 11 March 2016.
	• The Environmental Assessment titled Section 75W Modification to Project Approval 11 0060 – Northparkes Mines Proposed Changes to Mine Plans dated 5 July 2017.
	• The Environmental Assessment titled Environmental Assessment for Section 75W
	Modification to Project Approval 11_0060 – Northparkes Mines Proposed Changes to Ore Processing Infrastructure and Administrative Amendments dated 19 July 2018.
	The Environmental Assessment prepared by Umwelt titled Northparkes Mines Statement of Environmental Effects Supporting an Application to Modify Project
	Approval 11_0060 dated June 2018.
	• The Modification Report titled <i>Northparkes Mine Modification 6 Modification Report</i> , dated November 2021 and the Submissions Report titled <i>Northparkes Mine</i> <i>Modification 6 Submissions Report</i> , dated March 2022.
	• The Modification Report titled Northparkes Mine Modification 8, dated November
	 2022 Letter from Umwelt dated 15 March 2023 identified by reference
	20272 Northparkes Mine Modification 9 Assessment Report Final
	• The Modification Report titled Northparkes Mine Minor Operational Changes
	<i>Modification Report,</i> dated May 2023, the submissions report titled <i>Northparkes</i> <i>Mine Modification 10 Submissions Report,</i> dated October 2023 and the additional information dated 21 August 2023
	The Modification Report titled <i>Northparkes Mine Modification 12 Modification</i>
	Report, dated August 2024 and the additional information dated 11 October 2024
	• The modification report titled <i>Northparkes Mine Modification 11 Modification</i> <i>Report,</i> dated April 2024, the submissions report titled <i>Northparkes Operations</i>
	Modification 11 Submissions Report, dated November 2024 and the additional
	information dated 9 January 2025, 21 January 2025 and 18 February 2025
EEC EPA	Endangered ecological community, as defined under the BC Act and/or EPBC Act Environment Protection Authority
	•

EPA EP&A Act

Environment Protection Authority Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

EP&A Regulation	Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021
EPBC Act	Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
EPL	Environment Protection Licence issued under the POEO Act
Evening	The period from 6pm to 10pm
Feasible	Feasible relates to engineering considerations and what is practical to build or implement
Heritage item	An item as defined under the <i>Heritage Act</i> 1977 and/or an Aboriginal Object or Aboriginal Place as defined under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act</i> 1974
Heritage NSW	Heritage NSW within the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
Incident	A set of circumstances that:
meident	 causes or threatens to cause material harm to the environment; and/or
	 breaches or exceeds the limits or performance measures/criteria in this approval
Land	
Lanu	As defined in the EP&A Act, except for where the term is used in the noise and air
	quality conditions in schedules 4 and 5 of this approval where it is defined to mean the
	whole of a lot, or contiguous lots owned by the same landowner, in a current plan
Matarial barm to the	registered at the Land Titles Office at the date of this approval
Material harm to the	Actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial
environment	
Mine water	Water that accumulates within, or drains from, active mining and infrastructure areas
	(synonymous with 'dirty water')
Mining operations	Includes the removal and emplacement of overburden and extraction, processing,
	handling, storage and transport of minerals on site
Minister	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces or delegate
Minor	Not very large, important or serious
Mitigation	Activities associated with reducing the impacts of the project
Modification 9 Report	Letter from Umwelt dated 15 March 2023 identified by reference 20272_Northparkes
Negligible	Mine Modification 9 Assessment Report Final Small and unimportant, such as to be not worth considering
Night	The period from 10pm to 7am on Monday to Saturday, and 10pm to 8am on Sundays
Night	and Public Holidays
Non-compliance	An occurrence, set of circumstances or development that is a breach of this consent
NP&W Act	National Parks & Wildlife Act 1974
NSW Resources	NSW Resources within the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
PCT	Plant Community Type
POEO Act	Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
Privately-owned land	Land that is not owned by a public agency or a mining company (or its subsidiary)
Project	The development as described in the EA
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Public infrastructure	Linear and related infrastructure that provides services to the general public, such as
	roads, railways, water supply, drainage, sewerage, gas supply, electricity, telephone,
Dessenable	telecommunications, etc.
Reasonable	Reasonable relates to the application of judgement in arriving at a decision, taking into
	account: mitigation benefits, cost of mitigation versus benefits provided, community
Rehabilitation	views and the nature and extent of potential improvements
Renabilitation	The restoration of land disturbed by the project to a good condition, to ensure it is safe,
Descurses Degulator	stable and non-polluting NSW Resources Regulator within the Department of Primary Industries and Regional
Resources Regulator	Development
RFS	Rural Fire Service
ROM	Run-of-mine
Safe, serviceable &	Safe means no danger to users who are present, serviceable means available for its
repairable	intended use, and repairable means damaged components can be repaired
repairable	economically
Secretary	Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, or nominee
Site	The land within the project boundary defined in Appendix 1
Statement of	The Applicant's commitments in Appendix 3
	The Applicant's communication Appendix S
commitments	Transport for New South Woles
TfNSW	Transport for New South Wales
TSC Act	Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995

SCHEDULE 2

ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS

OBLIGATION TO MINIMISE HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT

1. In addition to meeting the specific performance criteria established under this approval, the Applicant must implement all reasonable and feasible measures to prevent and/or minimise any material harm to the environment that may result from the construction, operation, or rehabilitation of the project.

TERMS OF APPROVAL

- 2. The Applicant must carry out the project:
 - (a) generally in accordance with the EA and the statement of commitments; and
 - (b) in accordance with the conditions of this approval.

Notes:

- The general layout of the project is shown in Appendix 2; and
- The statement of commitments is shown in Appendix 3.
- 3. If there is any inconsistency between the above documents, the most recent document must prevail to the extent of the inconsistency. However, the conditions of this approval must prevail to the extent of any inconsistency.
- 4. The Applicant must comply with any reasonable requirement/s of the Secretary arising from Department's assessment of:
 - (a) any strategies, plans, programs, reviews, audits, reports or correspondence that are submitted by the Applicant in accordance with this approval; and
 - (b) the implementation of any actions or measures contained in these documents.

LIMITS ON APPROVAL

Mining Operations

5. The Applicant may carry out mining operations on site until the 31 December 2032.

Notes:

- Under this consent, the Applicant is required to decommission and rehabilitate the site and carry out other
 requirements in relation to mining operations. Consequently, this consent will continue to apply in all respects
 other than to permit the carrying out of mining operations until the rehabilitation of the site and other requirements
 have been carried out to the required standard.
- Mining operations and rehabilitation are also regulated under the Mining Act 1992

Ore Processing

6. The Applicant must not process more than 8.5 million tonnes of ore on site in any calendar year.

Ore Concentrate Transport

- 7. The Applicant must ensure that all ore concentrate produced on site is transported to the Goonumbla Rail Siding via truck haulage on Bogan Road or to the Parkes National Logistics Hub on the haulage route shown in the figure in Appendix 10, except in accordance with schedule 3 condition 32A or 32B.
- 7A. The Applicant must not transport more than 50 laden trucks per month and 16 laden trucks per day to the Parkes National Logistics Hub, except in accordance with schedule 3 condition 32A.

SURRENDER OF CONSENTS

8. Within 12 months of the date of this approval, or as otherwise agreed by the Secretary, the Applicant must surrender the existing project approval PA06_0026 and development consent DA11092 in accordance with Section 104A of the EP&A Act. This requirement does not extend to the surrender of the Forbes Water Pipeline Development Consent DA2009/0057.

Note: This requirement does not extend to the surrender of construction and occupation certificates for existing and proposed building works under Part 4A of the EP&A Act. Surrender of a consent or approval should not be understood as implying that works legally constructed under a valid consent or approval can no longer be legally maintained or used.

9. Prior to the surrender of these consents, the conditions of this approval (including any notes) must prevail to the extent of any inconsistency with the conditions of these consents.

STRUCTURAL ADEQUACY

10. The Applicant must ensure that all new buildings and structures, and any alterations or additions to existing buildings and structures, are constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements of the BCA.

- Under Part 4A of the EP&A Act, the Applicant is required to obtain construction and occupation certificates (where applicable) for the proposed building works.
- Part 8 of the EP&A Regulation sets out the requirements for the certification of the project.

DEMOLITION

11. The Applicant must ensure that all demolition work on site is carried out in accordance with AS 2601-2001: The Demolition of Structures, or its latest version.

PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- 12. Unless the Applicant and the applicable authority agree otherwise, the Applicant must:
 - (a) repair, or pay the full costs associated with repairing, any public infrastructure that is damaged by the project; and
 - (b) relocate, or pay the full costs associated with relocating, any public infrastructure that needs to be relocated as a result of the project.

Note: This condition does not apply to any damage to public infrastructure subject to compensation payable under the Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961, or to damage to roads caused as a result of general road usage.

OPERATION OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

- 13. The Applicant must ensure that all plant and equipment used on site is:
 - (a) maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and
 - (b) operated in a proper and efficient manner.

STAGED SUBMISSION OF STRATEGIES, PLANS OR PROGRAMS

- 14. With the approval of the Secretary, the Applicant may:
 - (a) prepare and submit any strategy, plan or program required by this consent on a staged basis (if a clear description is provided as to the specific stage and scope of the development to which the strategy, plan or program applies, the relationship of the stage to any future stages and the trigger for updating the strategy, plan or program);
 - (b) combine any strategy, plan or program required by this consent (if a clear relationship is demonstrated between the strategies, plans or programs that are proposed to be combined);
 - (c) combine any strategy, plan, program or Annual Review required by this consent with any similar strategy, plan, program or Annual Review required by an adjoining mining consent or approval, in common ownership or management; and
 - (d) update any strategy, plan or program required by this consent (to ensure the strategies, plans and programs required under this consent are updated on a regular basis and incorporate additional measures or amendments to improve the environmental performance of the development).
- 15. If the Secretary agrees, a strategy, plan or program may be staged or updated without consultation being undertaken with all parties required to be consulted in the relevant condition in this consent.
- 16. If the Secretary agrees, a strategy, plan or program may be staged without addressing particular requirements of the relevant condition of this consent if those requirements are not applicable to the particular stage.

SCHEDULE 3 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

NOISE

Noise Criteria

1. The Applicant must ensure that the noise generated by the project does not exceed the criteria in Table 1 at any residence on privately-owned land.

			Night	
LAed	(15min) L	Aeq(15min)	LAeq(15min)	LA1(1min)
All privately-owned land	35	35	35	45

Note: To interpret the land referred to in Table 1, see the applicable figures in Appendix 4.

Operational noise generated by the project is to be measured in accordance with the relevant requirements of the *NSW Industrial Noise Policy*. Appendix 5 sets out the meteorological conditions under which these criteria apply, and the requirements for evaluating compliance with these criteria.

However, these criteria do not apply if the Applicant has an agreement with the owner/s of the relevant residence or land to generate higher noise levels, and the Applicant has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.

Construction Noise

- 2. The Applicant must only carry out the construction works associated with the upgrade of McClintocks Lane, the construction of the McClintocks Lane access road and the upgrade of the intersection of McClintocks Lane and Bogan Road during the day.
- 3. During construction of the works referred to in condition 2 of schedule 3, the noise criteria in Table 1 do not apply to the residences located in the vicinity of the works. The Applicant must implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise construction noise impacts on the residences in the vicinity of these works.

Note: The measures to be implemented to minimise construction noise impacts must be detailed in the Noise Management Plan required in condition 5 of schedule 4.

Operating Conditions

- 4. The Applicant must:
 - (a) implement best management practice to minimise the construction, operational and road noise of the project;
 - (b) operate a comprehensive noise management system that uses a combination of predictive meteorological forecasting and real-time noise monitoring data to guide the day to day planning, and the implementation of both proactive and reactive noise mitigation measures to ensure compliance with the relevant conditions of this approval;
 - (c) minimise the noise impacts of the project during meteorological conditions when the noise limits in this approval do not apply (see Appendix 5); and
 - (d) carry out regular monitoring to determine whether the project is complying with the relevant conditions of this approval,

to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Noise Management Plan

- 5. The Applicant must prepare a Noise Management Plan for the project to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:
 - (a) be prepared in consultation with the EPA, and submitted to the Secretary for approval prior to the commencement of construction;
 - (b) describe the measures that would be implemented to ensure compliance with the noise criteria and operating conditions in this approval;
 - (c) describe the proposed noise management system in detail; and
 - (d) include a monitoring program that:
 - evaluates and reports on:
 - the effectiveness of the noise management system;
 - compliance against the noise criteria in this approval; and
 - compliance against the noise operating conditions; and
 - defines what constitutes a noise incident, and includes a protocol for identifying and notifying the Department and relevant stakeholders of any noise incidents.
- 5A. The Applicant must implement the Noise Management Plan as approved by the Secretary.

BLASTING

Blasting Criteria

6. The Applicant must ensure that blasting on site does not cause exceedances of the criteria in Table 2.

Table 2: Blasting criteria

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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%

However, these criteria do not apply if the Applicant has a written agreement with the relevant owner to exceed these criteria, and has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.

Blasting Hours

7. The Applicant must only carry out surface blasting on site between 9 am and 5 pm Monday to Saturday inclusive. No blasting is allowed on Sundays, public holidays, or at any other time without the written approval of the Secretary.

Blasting Frequency

8. The Applicant must only carry out 1 blast per day on site.

This condition does not apply to blasts that generate ground vibration of 0.5 mm/s or less at any residence on privately-owned land, or blasts required to ensure the safety of the mine or its workers.

Note: For the purposes of this condition, a blast refers to a single blast event, which may involve a number of individual blasts fired in quick succession in a discrete area of the mine.

Property Inspections

- 9. If the Applicant receives a written request from the owner of any privately-owned land within 2 kilometres of any approved open cut mining pit on site for a property inspection to establish the baseline condition of any buildings and/or structures on his/her land, or to have a previous property inspection updated, then within 2 months of receiving this request the Applicant must:
 - (a) commission a suitably qualified, experienced and independent person, whose appointment is acceptable to both parties to:
 - establish the baseline condition of any buildings and other structures on the land, or update the previous property inspection report; and
 - identify measures that should be implemented to minimise the potential blasting impacts of the project on these buildings and/or structures; and
 - (b) give the landowner a copy of the new or updated property inspection report.

If there is a dispute over the selection of the suitably qualified, experienced and independent person, or the Applicant or the landowner disagrees with the findings of the property inspection report, either party may refer the matter to the Secretary for resolution.

Property Investigations

10.

If the owner of any privately-owned land claims that buildings and/or structures on his/her land have been damaged as a result of blasting on the site, then within 2 months of receiving this claim the Applicant must:

- (a) commission a suitably qualified, experienced and independent person, whose appointment is acceptable to both parties to investigate the claim; and
- (b) give the landowner a copy of the property investigation report.

If this independent property investigation confirms the landowner's claim, and both parties agree with these findings, then the Applicant must repair the damage to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

If there is a dispute over the selection of the suitably qualified, experienced and independent person, or

the Applicant or the landowner disagrees with the findings of the independent property investigation, then either party may refer the matter to the Secretary for resolution.

Operating Conditions

(a)

- 11. The Applicant must:
 - implement best management practice to:
 - protect the safety of people and livestock in the surrounding area;
 - protect public or private infrastructure/property in the surrounding area from any damage; and
 - minimise the dust and fume emissions of any blasting; and
 - (b) operate a suitable system to enable the public to get up-to-date information on the proposed blasting schedule on site,

to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

- 12. The Applicant must not undertake blasting on site within 500 metres of:
 - (a) any public road;
 - (b) any land outside the site not owned by the Applicant,

unless the Applicant has:

- demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the blasting can be carried out closer to the infrastructure or land without compromising the safety of people or livestock or damaging the infrastructure and/or other buildings and structures; and
- updated the Blast Management Plan to include the specific measures that would be implemented while blasting is being carried out within 500 metres of the infrastructure or land; or
- a written agreement with the relevant infrastructure owner or landowner to allow blasting to be carried out closer to the infrastructure or land, and the Applicant has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.

Blast Management Plan

13. The Applicant must prepare a Blast Management Plan for the project to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:

- (a) be prepared in consultation with the EPA, and submitted to the Secretary for approval prior to conducting any blasting on site;
- (b) describe the measures that would be implemented to ensure compliance with the blast criteria and operating conditions of this approval;
- (c) propose and justify any alternative ground vibration limits for public infrastructure in the vicinity of the site (if relevant); and
- (d) include a monitoring program for evaluating and reporting on compliance with the blasting criteria and operating conditions of this approval.
- 13A. The Applicant must implement the Blast Management Plan as approved by the Secretary.

AIR QUALITY

Air Quality Criteria

14. The Applicant must ensure that all reasonable and feasible avoidance and mitigation measures are employed so that particulate matter emissions generated by the project do not cause exceedances of the criteria listed in Tables 3, 4 and 5 at any residence on privately-owned land.

Table 3: Long term impact assessment criteria for particulate matter

Pollutant	Averaging period	^{a, d, e} Criterion
Particulate matter < 10 µm (PM ₁₀)	Annual	25 μg/m³
Particulate matter < 2.5 µm (PM _{2.5})	Annual	<mark>8 μg/m³</mark>

Table 4: Short term impact assessment criterion for particulate matter

Pollutant	Averaging period	b,e Criterion
Particulate matter < 10 µm (PM ₁₀)	24 hour	50 μg/m³
Particulate matter < 2.5 µm (PM _{2.5})	24 hour	25 µg/m³

Notes to Tables 3-4:

^a Total impact (i.e. incremental increase in concentrations due to the development plus background concentrations due to all other sources);

^b Incremental impact (i.e. incremental increase in concentrations due to the development on its own);

c Deleted

^d Excludes extraordinary events such as bushfires, prescribed burning, dust storms, fire incidents or any other activity agreed by the Secretary.

e compliance with the assessment criteria for PM_{2.5} in Tables 3 and 4 may be calculated as a ratio of PM₁₀. A protocol for demonstrating compliance with the PM_{2.5} assessment criteria must be detailed in the Air Quality Management Plan approved by the Secretary

Mine-owned Land

- 15. The Applicant must ensure that all reasonable and feasible avoidance and mitigation measures are employed so that particulate matter emissions generated by the project do not cause exceedances of the criteria listed in Tables 3 and 4 at any occupied residence on mine-owned land unless:
 - (a) the tenant has been notified of any health risks associated with such exceedances in accordance with the notification requirements under schedule 5 of this approval;
 - (b) the tenant of any land owned by the Applicant can terminate their tenancy agreement without penalty at any time, subject to giving reasonable notice;
 - (c) air mitigation measures such as air filters, a first flush roof water drainage system and/or air conditioning) are installed at the residence, if requested by the tenant;
 - (d) air quality monitoring is regularly undertaken to inform the tenant of the actual particulate emissions at the residence; and
 - (e) data from this monitoring is presented to the tenant in an appropriate format for a medical practitioner to assist the tenant in making informed decisions on the health risks associated with occupying the property,

to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Operating Conditions

16. The Applicant must:

- (a) implement best management practice to minimise the off-site odour, fume and dust emissions of the project;
- (b) implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise the release of greenhouse gas emissions from the site;
- (c) minimise any visible off-site air pollution generated by the project;
- (d) minimise the surface disturbance of the site;
- (e) operate a air quality management system that uses a combination of predictive meteorological forecasting and real-time air quality monitoring data to guide the day to day planning of mining operations and the implementation of both proactive and reactive air quality mitigation measures to ensure compliance with the relevant conditions of this approval; and
- (f) minimise the air quality impacts of the project during adverse meteorological conditions and extraordinary events (see Note d above under Table 4);

to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Air Quality Management Plan

- 17. The Applicant must prepare an Air Quality Management Plan for the project to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:
 - (a) be prepared in consultation with the EPA, and submitted to the Secretary for approval by 30 June 2014;
 - (b) describe the measures that would be implemented to ensure compliance with the relevant air quality criteria and operating conditions of this approval:
 - (c) describe the air quality management system;
 - (d) include an air quality monitoring program that:
 - adequately supports the air quality management system;
 - includes a trigger response/reactive management protocol;
 - evaluates and reports on the:
 - the effectiveness of the air quality management system;
 - compliance with the air quality criteria;
 - compliance with the air quality operating conditions; and
 - defines what constitutes an air quality incident, and includes a protocol for identifying and notifying the Department and relevant stakeholders of any air quality incidents.

17A. The Applicant must implement the Air Quality Management Plan as approved by the Secretary.

Meteorological Monitoring

- 18. For the life of the project, the Applicant must ensure that there is a meteorological station in the vicinity of the site that:
 - (a) complies with the requirements in the Approved Methods for Sampling of Air Pollutants in New South Wales guideline; and

(b) is capable of continuous real-time measurement of stability class in accordance with the *NSW Noise Policy for Industry,* unless a suitable alternative is approved by the Secretary following consultation with the EPA.

Emissions Sampling

18A. The Applicant must not commence construction of the E22 ventilation shaft until sampling of air emissions from the E48 ventilation shaft has been completed and the results have been analysed and submitted to the Secretary and the EPA, and the Secretary has advised in writing that construction of the E22 ventilation shaft can commence.

WATER

Water Supply

19. The Applicant must ensure that it has sufficient water for all stages of the project, and if necessary, adjust the scale of operations on site to match its available water supply.

Note: Under the Water Act 1912 and/or the Water Management Act 2000, the Applicant is required to obtain the necessary water licences for the project.

Compensatory Water Supply

20. The Applicant must provide a compensatory water supply to any landowner of privately owned land whose water supply is adversely and directly impacted (other than an impact that is negligible) as a result of the project, in consultation with DCCEEW Water, and to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

The extent of adverse impact on water supply must be investigated in accordance with the procedures outlined in Condition 4 of Schedule 5. The compensatory water supply measures must provide an alternative long-term supply of water that is equivalent to the loss attributable to the project. Equivalent water supply should be provided (at least on an interim basis) within 24 hours of the loss being identified, unless otherwise agreed with the landowner.

If the Applicant and the landowner cannot agree on the measures to be implemented, or there is a dispute about the implementation of these measures, then either party may refer the matter to the Secretary for resolution.

If the Applicant is unable to provide an alternative long-term supply of water, then the Applicant must provide alternative compensation to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Water Pollution

21. Unless an EPL authorises otherwise, the Applicant must comply with Section 120 of the POEOAct.

Water Management Performance Measures

22. The Applicant must comply with the performance measures in Table 6 to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Table 6: Water Management Performance Mea			
Feature	Performance Measure		
Water Management - General	Minimise the use of clean water on site		
Construction and operation of linear infrastructure (including Goonumbla Creek road crossing)	 Design, install and maintain erosion and sediment controls generally in accordance with the series <i>Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction</i> including <i>Volume 1, Volume 2A – Installation of Services</i> and <i>Volume 2C – Unsealed Roads</i> Design, install and maintain the infrastructure within 40 m of watercourses generally in accordance with the <i>Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land</i> (<i>DPI 2007</i>), or its latest version Design, installation and maintenance of creek crossings generally in accordance with the <i>Policy and Guidelines for Fish Friendly Waterway Crossings</i> (NSW Fisheries, 2003) and <i>Why Do Fish Need To Cross The Road? Fish Passage Requirements for Waterway Crossings</i> (NSW Fisheries 2003), or their latest version 		
Clean water management system	• Design, install and maintain the clean water system to capture and convey the 100 year ARI flood		
	Maximise as far as reasonable and feasible the		
	diversion of clean water around disturbed areas on site		

Table 6: Water Management Performance Measures

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Feature	Performance Measure	
Dirty water management system	 Design, install and maintain the dams generally in accordance with the series Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction – Volume 1 and Volume 2E Mines and Quarries Designed to capture the 90th percentile 5-day duration rainfall event 	
Contaminated water management system	 Nil discharge from site On-site storages (including tailings dams, mine infrastructure dams, groundwater storage and treatment dams) are suitably lined to comply with a permeability standard of < 1 x 10⁻⁹ m/s in line with the <i>NSW Environmental Guidelines for Solid Waste Landfills</i> (EPA, 1996) Design, construct and maintain other aspects of the tailings dams in accordance with the standards set out in the <i>Environmental Guidelines – Management of Tailings Storage Facilities</i> (VIC DPI, 2006), including a requirement to maintain a minimum freeboard of 600 mm or a sufficient freeboard to accommodate a 1 in 100-year ARI, 72 hour rainfall event without overtopping at all times, whichever is greater Design and construct the tailings storage facilities in accordance with the requirement of the Dam Safety Committee 	
Chemical and hydrocarbon storage	 Chemical and hydrocarbon products to be stored in bunded areas in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards 	
gement Plan		

Water Management Plan

- 23. The Applicant must prepare a Water Management Plan for the project to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:
 - (a) be prepared in consultation with DCCEEW Water and the EPA, by suitably qualified and experienced persons whose appointment has been approved by the Secretary;
 - (b) be submitted to the Secretary for approval prior by 30 June 2014;
 - (c) in addition to the standard requirements for management plans (see Condition 3 of schedule 6), this plan must include a:
 - i. Site Water Balance that:
 - includes details of:
 - sources and security of water supply, including contingency planning for future reporting periods;
 - water use and management on site;
 - reporting procedures, including the preparation of a site water balance for each calendar year;
 - describes the measures that would be implemented to minimise clean water use on site;
 - ii. Surface Water Management Plan, that includes:
 - detailed baseline data on water flows and quality in the waterbodies that could be affected by the project;
 - a detailed description of the water management system on site, including erosion and sediment controls;
 - detailed plans, including design objectives and performance criteria, for the:
 - tailings storage facilities;
 - final voids (see the Rehabilitation Objectives in Table 8);
 - detailed performance criteria for the following, including trigger levels for investigating any potentially adverse impacts associated with the project:
 - the water management systems (clean, dirty and contaminated);
 - downstream surface water quality;
 - downstream flooding impacts; and
 - stream and riparian vegetation health for Bogan River, Tenandra Creek, Goonumbla Creek and Cookopie Creek;
 - a program to monitor and report on:
 - the effectiveness of the water management systems (clean, dirty and contaminated);
 - surface water flows and quality, stream and riparian vegetation health in the watercourses that could be affected by the project; and
 - downstream flooding impacts;
 - reporting procedures for the results of the monitoring program; and
 - a plan to respond to any exceedances of the performance criteria, and mitigate any

adverse surface water impacts of the project;

- iii. Groundwater Management Plan, that includes:
 - detailed baseline data on groundwater levels, yield and quality in the region and privatelyowned groundwater bores that could be affected by the project;
 - groundwater assessment criteria, including trigger levels for investigating any potentially adverse groundwater impacts;
 - a program to monitor and report on:
 - groundwater inflows to the block cave, sub-level cave and open cut mining operations;
 - the seepage/leachate from water storages, emplacement and final voids;
 - background changes in groundwater yield/quality against mine-induced changes;
 - impacts of the project on:
 - o regional and local (including alluvial) aquifers;
 - o groundwater supply of potentially affected landowners; and
 - riparian vegetation;
 - a program to validate the groundwater model for the project, and comparison of monitoring results with modelled predictions; and
 - a plan to respond to any exceedances of the groundwater assessment criteria.

23A. The Applicant must implement the Water Management Plan as approved by the Secretary.

BIODIVERSITY

Pine Donkey Orchid

24. The Applicant must actively manage and maintain the population of Pine Donkey Orchid located to the north of the project area (near Adavale Lane).

Note: The location of the Pine Donkey Orchid population is shown on the figure in Appendix 6.

Biodiversity Offsets

25. The Applicant must implement the biodiversity offset strategies summarised in Table 7 below, shown conceptually in Figures 1, 2 and 3 of Appendix 7 and detailed in the table at Appendix 7, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Table 7: Summary of the Biodiversity Offsets

Limestone National Forest Offset	Minimum Size hectares (ha)
Revegetate land	45.1
Sub-Total	45.1
Estcourt Tailings Storage Facility Offset	
Vegetation Community:	
Yellow Box Tall Grassy Woodland	3.3
Inland Grey Box – White Cypress Pine Tall Woodland	38.8
Derived Tussock Grasslands	23
Sub-Total	65.1
Kokoda Biodiversity Offset	
Vegetation Community:	
Grey Box Grassy Woodland EEC	13
Grey Box Grassy Woodland DNG EEC	96
White Box Grassy Woodland EEC	2.2
Dwyer's Red Gum – Grey Box – Mugga Ironbark – Black Cypress Pine Forest	150
Rocky Rise Shrubby Woodland	26
Grey Box – Ironbark Woodland	25
Dwyer's Red Gum – Grey Box – Mugga Ironbark – Black Cypress Pine DNG	15
Dwyer's Red Gum Creekline Woodland	9.4
Dwyer's Red Gum – Grey Box – Mugga Ironbark – Black Cypress Pine Woodland Low Quality	8.6
Mugga Ironbark Woodland	1.9
Farm tracks and dams (disturbed lands)	2.5
Sub-Total	350.0

Notes:

- The Limestone National Forest Biodiversity Offset area is marked in blue and labelled "Addition To Limestone National Forest" in Figure 1 of Appendix 7.
- The Estcourt Tailings Storage Facility Biodiversity Offset area is marked with bold black line in Figure 2 of Appendix 7.
- The Kokoda Biodiversity Offset area is marked with red line in Figure 3 of Appendix 7.

26. The Applicant must ensure that the Kokoda Biodiversity Offset provides suitable habitat for all the threatened fauna species confirmed and identified as being present in the disturbance areas. Note: The threatened fauna species confirmed and identified as being present in the disturbance areas are listed in Appendix 8.

Security of Offsets

27. By the 30 June 2015, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant must make suitable arrangements to protect the Kokoda Biodiversity Offset in perpetuity in consultation with CPHR and to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Conservation Bonds

- 28. By 30 June 2015, unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary, the Applicant must lodge a Conservation Bond with the Department to ensure that the biodiversity offset strategies are implemented in accordance with the performance and completion criteria of the Biodiversity Management Plan (refer to Condition 29 below). The sum of the bond must be determined by:
 - (a) calculating the full cost of implementing the biodiversity offset strategy (other than land acquisition costs); and
 - (b) employing a suitably qualified quantity surveyor to verify the calculated costs,

to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

If the biodiversity offset strategies are completed generally in accordance with the completion criteria in the Biodiversity Management Plan to the satisfaction of the Secretary, the Secretary will release the bond.

If the biodiversity offset strategies are not completed generally in accordance with the completion criteria in the Biodiversity Management Plan, the Secretary will call in all, or part of, the conservation bond, and arrange for the satisfactory completion of the relevant works.

Notes:

- This condition does not apply to the Limestone National Forest Offset;
- Existing bonds which have been paid for the Estcourt Tailings Storage Facility Biodiversity Offset remain current and are satisfactory to fulfil the requirements of this condition;
- Alternative funding arrangements for long-term management of the Biodiversity Offsets, such as provision of
 capital and management funding as agreed by CPHR as part of a Biobanking Agreement or transfer to conservation
 reserve estate can be used to reduce the liability of the conservation and biodiversity bond, and
- The sum of the bond may be reviewed in conjunction with any revision to the Biodiversity Offsets.
- 28A. In addition to the biodiversity offset requirements in Table 7, the Applicant must offset the biodiversity credits of a number and class specified in Table 7A. The credits for each stage must be retired prior to any impacts on biodiversity values associated with that stage occurring. The retirements of these credits must be carried out in accordance with the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme of the BC Act.

 Table 7A: Biodiversity Offsets – Ecosystem Credit Requirements

Plant Community Type (PCT)	Area (ha) Impacted	Credits Required	
Stage - E31 Precinct & TSF2 Buttressing			
PCT 56 - Poplar Box	0.73	2	
PCT 277 - Blakely's Red Gum-Yellow Box grassy tall woodland of the NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion	0.073	2	
Stage - E28NE and E28 Waste Rock Stockpile and Altona Water Storage			
PCT 27 – Weeping Myall open woodland of the Darling Riverine Plains Bioregion and Brigalow Belt South Bioregion	0.28	8	
PCT 82 – Western Grey Box - Poplar Box - White Cypress Pine tall woodland on red loams mainly of the eastern Cobar Peneplain Bioregion	5.42	64*	
PCT 76 – Western Grey Box tall grassy woodland on alluvial loam and clay soils in the NSW South Western Slopes and Riverina Bioregions	1.16	36	

*The credits for PCT 82 have been adjusted to account for 1.7 ha of this PCT that will no longer be disturbed and has already been offset in accordance with Schedule 3, Condition 25.

- 28B. Except as otherwise provided by Condition 28A, prior to impacts on biodiversity values for each project stage occurring, the Applicant must provide evidence to the Department that the biodiversity offset credits in Table 7A have been retired.
- 28C. The Applicant must offset the biodiversity credits specified in Table 7B. The credits must be retired prior to any impacts on biodiversity values occurring. The retirements of these credits must be carried

out in accordance with the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme of the BC Act.

Table 7B: Biodiversity Offsets - Species Credit Requirements

Species	Area (ha) Impacted	Credits Required
Stage - E28NE and E28 Waste Rock Stockpile		
Diuris tricolor (Pine Donkey Orchid)	1.43	44
Swainsona sericea (Silky Swainson-pea)	1.43	59

28D. Prior to any impacts on biodiversity values for each project stage occurring, the Applicant must provide evidence to the Department that the species credits in Table 7B have been retired.

Biodiversity Management Plan

- 29. The Applicant must prepare a Biodiversity Management Plan for the project to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:
 - (a) be prepared in consultation with CPHR, and submitted to the Secretary for approval prior to the commencement of any development on site;
 - (b) describe the short, medium, and long term measures that would be implemented to:
 - manage the remnant vegetation and fauna habitat on the biodiversity offset sites;
 - restore the derived native grassland component of the Grey Box Grassy Woodland EEC community within the Kokoda Biodiversity Offset to woodland community;
 - implement the biodiversity offset strategies; and
 - integrate the implementation of the biodiversity offset strategies to the greatest extent practicable with the rehabilitation of the site (where relevant);
 - (c) include detailed performance and completion criteria for evaluating the performance of the biodiversity offset strategies, and triggering remedial action (if necessary);
 - (d) include a detailed description of the measures that would be implemented for:
 - enhancing the quality of existing vegetation and fauna habitat in the biodiversity offset areas, including the derived native grassland component of the Grey Box Grassy Woodland EEC community within the Kokoda Biodiversity Offset;
 - creating native vegetation and fauna habitat in the biodiversity offset areas and rehabilitation
 area through focusing on assisted natural regeneration, targeted vegetation establishment
 and the introduction of naturally scarce fauna habitat features (where necessary);
 - managing and maintaining the populations of Pine Donkey Orchid located to the north of the project area (near Adavale Lane) and near the E48 subsidence zone (refer to Appendix6);
 - collecting and propagating seed;
 - managing any potential conflicts between the proposed enhancement works in the biodiversity offset areas and any Aboriginal heritage values (both cultural and archaeological) in these areas;
 - managing salinity;
 - controlling weeds and feral pests;
 - controlling erosion;
 - managing grazing and agriculture on site;
 - controlling access; and
 - bushfire management;
 - (e) include a seasonally-based program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures, and progress against the detailed performance and completion criteria;
 - (f) identify the potential risks to the successful implementation of the biodiversity offsets, and include a description of the contingency measures that would be implemented to mitigate against these risks; and
 - (g) include details of who would be responsible for monitoring, reviewing, and implementing the plan.
 - The Applicant must implement the Biodiversity Management Plan as approved by the Secretary.

HERITAGE

29A.

Protection of Aboriginal Sites

30. The Applicant must ensure that the project does not cause any direct or indirect impact on the Aboriginal sites located outside the approved disturbance area of the project unless otherwise authorised under this approval or the NP&W Act.

Heritage Management Plan

31. The Applicant must prepare a Heritage Management Plan for the project to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:

- (a) be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced persons whose appointment has been endorsed by the Secretary;
- (b) be prepared in consultation with Heritage NSW and the Aboriginal stakeholders (in relation to the management of Aboriginal heritage values);
- (c) be submitted to the Secretary for approval prior to construction, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise;
- (d) include the a description of the measures that would be implemented for:
 - managing the discovery of human remains or previously unidentified heritage items on site; and
 - ensuring any workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that suitable records are kept of these inductions;
- (e) include the following for the management of Aboriginal Heritage:
 - a description of the measures that would be implemented for:
 - protecting, monitoring and/or managing (including any proposed archaeological investigations and/or salvage measures) the heritage items identified on site;
 - managing the discovery of previously unidentified Aboriginal items on site;
 - conserving the sites outside the surface disturbance area;
 - maintaining and managing reasonable access for Aboriginal stakeholders to heritage items on site;
 - ongoing consultation with the Aboriginal stakeholders in the conservation and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage on site; and
 - a strategy for the storage of any heritage items salvaged on site, both during the project and in the long term;
- (f) include a detailed plan for the implementation of the mitigation and management measures outlined for the heritage items identified on site including archival recording, historical research and archaeological assessment prior to any disturbance.

31A. The Applicant must implement the Heritage Management Plan as approved by the Secretary.

TRANSPORT

Best Endeavours to Minimise Mine Traffic on Minor Routes

32. The Applicant must use its best endeavours to ensure that as much mine-related traffic as possible, particularly heavy vehicles, uses the Newell Highway and Bogan Road to get to and from the mine.

Temporary Haulage

- 32A. With the agreement of the Secretary, the Applicant may transport up to 32 laden trucks of copper concentrate per day to the Parkes Logistics Hub (with no limit on monthly movements). The Applicant must use the haulage route shown in the figure in Appendix 10, unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary.
- 32B. With the agreement of the Secretary, the Applicant may transport up to 12 laden trucks of copper concentrate per 24-hour period on alternative haulage routes to alternative rail loading and unloading facilities in the event of significant rail disruptions. The Applicant must consult with TfNSW regarding any proposed alternative routes to be used.

Note: The agreement of the Secretary for alternative routes can be through the submission and approval of a revised Traffic Management Plan under Schedule 3 Condition 34A following consultation with TfNSW

McClintocks Lane Site Access

- 33. The Applicant must design, construct, and maintain the site access intersection at Bogan Road and McClintocks Lane to Austroad standards and to the satisfaction of Council.
- 34. The Applicant must design the site access road crossing over Goonumbla Creek in consultation with DPE Water and to the satisfaction of Council.

Traffic Management Plan

- 34A Prior to hauling copper concentrate to the Parkes National Logistics Terminal, the Applicant must prepare a Traffic Management Plan for the development in consultation with TfNSW, and Council, and to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must include:
 - (a) details of the measures that would be implemented to minimise traffic safety issues and disruption to local users of the transport route;
 - (b) details of measures that would be implemented to minimise traffic noise, including noise with the potential to cause sleep disturbance;
 - (c) measures to minimise potential for conflict with school buses and other motorists as far as practicable;
 - (d) procedures for receiving and addressing complaints from the community about development related traffic;

- (f) a driver's code of conduct that addresses:
 - travelling speeds;
 - driver fatigue;
 - procedures to ensure that drivers adhere to the designated transport route/s; and
 - procedures to ensure that drivers implement safe driving practices.

34B. The Applicant must implement the approved Traffic Management Plan.

VISUAL

Additional Visual Impact Mitigation

35. Upon receiving a written request from the owner of any residence on privately-owned land which has, or would have, significant direct views of the mining operations and infrastructure on site during the project, the Applicant must implement additional visual impact mitigation measures (such as landscaping treatments or vegetation screens) to reduce the visibility of these mining operations and infrastructure from the residences on their properties.

These mitigation measures must be reasonable and feasible, and must be implemented within a reasonable timeframe.

If the Applicant and the owner cannot agree on the measures to be implemented, or there is a dispute about the implementation of these measures, then either party may refer the matter to the Secretary for resolution.

Notes:

- The additional visual impact mitigation measures must be aimed at reducing the visibility of the mining operations
 on site from significantly affected residences, and do not require measures to reduce the visibility of the mining
 operations from other locations on the affected properties.
- The additional visual impact mitigation measures do not necessarily have to include the implementation of
 measures on the affected property itself (i.e. the additional measures could involve the implementation of
 measures outside the affected property boundary that provide an effective reduction in visual impacts).

Operating Conditions

36. The Applicant must:

- (a) implement best management practice to minimise the visual and off-site lighting impacts of the project;
- (b) ensure no fixed outdoor lights shine above the horizontal;
- (c) ensure no in-pit mobile lighting rigs shine above the pit wall and other mobile lighting rigs do not shine above the horizontal;
- (d) ensure that all external lighting associated with the project complies with Australian Standard AS4282 (INT) 1997 Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting or its latest version;
- (e) provide for the establishment of trees and shrubs and/or the construction of mounding to minimise visual and lighting impacts on the Applicant's land adjoining public roads with views of the site;
- (f) ensure that the visual appearance of all buildings, structures, facilities or works (including paint colours and specifications) is aimed at blending as far as possible with the surrounding landscape,

to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT

- 37. The Applicant must:
 - (a) ensure that the project is suitably equipped to respond to any fires on site; and
 - (b) assist the RFS and emergency services as much as practicable if there is a fire in the vicinity of the site.

WASTE

38. The Applicant must:

- (a) implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise the waste (including waste rock) generated by the project;
- (b) ensure that the waste generated by the project is appropriately stored, handled and disposed of; and
- (c) monitor and report on effectiveness of the waste minimisation and management measures in the Annual Review.

REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation Objectives

39. The Applicant must rehabilitate the site in accordance with the conditions imposed on the mining lease(s) associated with the development under the *Mining Act 1992*. This rehabilitation must be generally

consistent with the proposed rehabilitation strategy described in the EA (and depicted conceptually in the figures in Appendix 9), and comply with the objectives in Table 8.

Table 8: Rehabilitation Objectives

Feature	Objective	
Mine site (as a whole)	 Safe, stable and non-polluting. Constructed landforms drain to the natural environment (excluding final voids and subsidence areas). Minimise visual impact of final landforms as far as is reasonable and feasible. 	
Agricultural Areas	 Land is returned to a condition that sustains agricultural land use to at least the original rural land capability and agricultural productivity and requires a level of management that is comparable to adjacent agricultural areas. 	
Final Voids and Subsidence Zones	 Minimise the size and depth of the final voids and subsidence zones so far as is reasonable and feasible. Minimise the drainage catchment of the final voids and subsidence zones so far as is reasonable and feasible. Negligible high wall instability risk. Restrict access. Revegetate areas surrounding final voids and subsidence zones to minimise erosion. Minimise risk of flood interaction for all flood events up to and including the Probable Maximum Flood level. 	
Tailings Storage Facilities	 Any seepage from tailings storage facilities to be contained and treated on the site. Filled and shaped to final landform levels as provided in Appendix 9. Final landforms to be capped and revegetated to be stable, self sustaining, free draining and consistent with surrounding rehabilitated areas. 	
Waste Rock Dumps	 Any seepage from waste rock dumps to be contained and treated on the site. 	
Surface infrastructure	 To be decommissioned and removed, unless the Resources Regulator agrees otherwise. 	
Native Vegetation	 Revegetation is to be sustainable for the long term, contains native vegetation communities, second generation trees and habitat for native fauna species. 	
Community	 Ensure public safety. Minimise adverse socio-economic effects associated with mine closure. 	

The rehabilitation objectives related to the establishment of native vegetation communities do not constitute an obligation for biodiversity offset purposes except where located within an offset area required under conditions 26 or 26A or a Biodiversity Stewardship Site established under the BC Act. Biodiversity offsets obligations in relation to development approved under this consent are regulated by conditions 26 to 29.

Progressive Rehabilitation

40. The Applicant must rehabilitate the site progressively as soon as reasonably practicable following disturbance. All reasonable and feasible measures must be taken to minimise the total area exposed for dust generation at any time. Interim rehabilitation strategies must be employed when areas prone to dust generation cannot be permanently rehabilitated.

Note: It is accepted that some parts of the site that are progressively rehabilitated may be subject to further disturbance at some later stage of the project.

Rehabilitation Management Plan

41. The Applicant must prepare a Rehabilitation Management Plan for the development, in accordance with the conditions imposed on the mining lease(s) associated with the development under the Mining Act 1992.

CONSOLIDATED CONSENT SCHEDULE 5 ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION OF LANDOWNERS/TENANTS

- 1. Within 1 month of this approval, the Applicant must:
 - (a) notify in writing the owners of:
 - any privately-owned land within 2 kilometres of the approved open cut mining pit/s that they are entitled to ask for an inspection to establish the baseline condition of any buildings or structures on their land, or to have a previous property inspection report updated;
 - any residence on privately-owned land which has, or would have, significant direct views of the mining operations and infrastructure on site during the project, that they are entitled to visual impact mitigation measures to reduce the visibility of the mining operations and infrastructure from their residence;
 - (b) notify the tenants of any mine-owned land of their rights under this approval; and
 - (c) send a copy of the NSW Health fact sheet entitled "Mine Dust and You" (as may be updated from time to time) to the existing tenants of mine-owned land where the predictions in the EA identify that dust emissions generated by the project are likely to be greater than the relevant air quality criteria in schedule 3 at any time during the life of the project.
- 2. Prior to entering into any tenancy agreement for any land owned by the Applicant that is predicted to experience exceedances of the recommended dust and/or noise criteria, the Applicant must:
 - (a) advise the prospective tenants of the potential health and amenity impacts associated with living on the land, and give them a copy of the NSW Health fact sheet entitled "Mine Dust and You" (as may be updated from time to time); and
 - (b) advise the prospective tenants of the rights they would have under this approval, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.
- 3. As soon as practicable after obtaining monitoring results showing:
 - (a) an exceedance of any relevant criteria in schedule 3, the Applicant must notify affected landowners in writing of the exceedance, and provide regular monitoring results to each affected landowner until the project is again complying with the relevant criteria; and
 - (b) an exceedance of the relevant air quality criteria in schedule 3, the Applicant must send a copy of the NSW Health fact sheet entitled "Mine Dust and You" (as may be updated from time to time) to the affected tenants of the land (including the tenants of any mine-owned land).

INDEPENDENT REVIEW

4. If an owner of privately-owned land considers the project to be exceeding the criteria in schedule 3, then he/she may ask the Secretary in writing for an independent review of the impacts of the project on his/her land.

If the Secretary is satisfied that an independent review is warranted, then within 2 months of the Secretary's decision, the Applicant must:

- (a) commission a suitably qualified, experienced and independent expert, whose appointment has been approved by the Secretary, to:
 - consult with the landowner to determine his/her concerns;
 - conduct monitoring to determine whether the project is complying with the relevant impact assessment criteria in schedule 3; and
 - if the project is not complying with these criteria then identify the measures that could be implemented to ensure compliance with the relevant criteria; and
- (b) give the Secretary and landowner a copy of the independent review.

SCHEDULE 6

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, REPORTING AND AUDITING

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management Strategy

1.

- The Applicant must prepare and implement an Environmental Management Strategy for the project to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This strategy must:
 - (a) be submitted to the Secretary for approval by 30 June 2014;
 - (b) provide the strategic framework for environmental management of the mine;
 - (c) identify the statutory approvals that apply to the mine;
 - (d) describe the role, responsibility, authority and accountability of all key personnel involved in the environmental management of the mine;
 - (e) describe the procedures that would be implemented to:
 - keep the local community and relevant agencies informed about the operation and environmental performance of the mine;
 - receive, handle, respond to, and record complaints;
 - resolve any disputes that may arise;
 - respond to any non-compliance;
 - respond to emergencies; and
 - (f) include:
 - copies of any strategies, plans and programs approved under the conditions of this approval; and
 - a clear plan depicting all the monitoring to be carried out in relation to the project.

Adaptive Management

2. The Applicant must assess and manage project-related risks to ensure that there are no exceedances of the criteria and/or performance measures in Schedules 3 & 4. Any exceedance of these criteria and/or performance measures constitutes a breach of this approval and may be subject to penalty or offence provisions under the EP&A Act or EP&A Regulation.

Where any exceedance of these criteria and/or performance measures has occurred, the Applicant must, at the earliest opportunity:

- (a) take all reasonable and feasible steps to ensure that the exceedance ceases and does not recur;
- (b) consider all reasonable and feasible options for remediation (where relevant) and submit a report to the Department describing those options and any preferred remediation measures or other course of action; and
- (c) implement remediation measures as directed by the Secretary, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Management Plan Requirements

- 3. The Applicant must ensure that the management plans required under this approval are prepared in accordance with any relevant guidelines, and include:
 - (a) detailed baseline data;
 - (b) a description of:
 - the relevant statutory requirements (including any relevant approval, licence or lease conditions);
 - any relevant limits or performance measures/criteria;
 - the specific performance indicators that are proposed to be used to judge the performance of, or guide the implementation of, the project or any management measures;
 - (c) a description of the measures that would be implemented to comply with the relevant statutory requirements, limits, or performance measures/criteria;
 - (d) a program to monitor and report on the:
 - impacts and environmental performance of the project;
 - effectiveness of any management measures (see c above);
 - (e) a contingency plan to manage any unpredicted impacts and their consequences;
 - (f) a program to investigate and implement ways to improve the environmental performance of the project over time;
 - (g) a protocol for managing and reporting any:
 - incidents;

- complaints;
- non-compliances with statutory requirements; and
- exceedances of the impact assessment criteria and/or performance criteria; and
- (h) a protocol for periodic review of the plan.

Annual Review

- 4. By the end of March each year, or as otherwise agreed by the Secretary, the Applicant must review the environmental performance of the project to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This review must:
 - (a) describe the development that was carried out in the previous calendar year, and the development that is proposed to be carried out over the next year;
 - (b) include a comprehensive review of the monitoring results and complaints records of the project over the previous calendar year, which includes a comparison of these results against the
 - the relevant statutory requirements, limits or performance measures/criteria;
 - the monitoring results of previous years; and
 - the relevant predictions in the EA;
 - (c) identify any non-compliance over the last year, and describe what actions were (or are being) taken to ensure compliance;
 - (d) identify any trends in the monitoring data over the life of the project;
 - (e) identify any discrepancies between the predicted and actual impacts of the project, and analyse the potential cause of any significant discrepancies; and
 - (f) describe what measures will be implemented over the next year to improve the environmental performance of the project.

Revision of Strategies, Plans and Programs

- 5. Within 3 months of:
 - (a) the submission of an annual review under condition 4 above;
 - (b) the submission of an incident report under condition 7 below;
 - (c) the submission of an audit under condition 9 below; or
 - (d) any modification to the conditions of this approval (unless the conditions require otherwise),

the Applicant must review and, if necessary, revise the strategies, plans, and programs required under this approval to the satisfaction of the Secretary. Where this review leads to revisions in any such document, then within 4 weeks of the review the revised document must be submitted to the Secretary for approval.

Note: This is to ensure the strategies, plans and programs are updated on a regular basis, and incorporate any recommended measures to improve the environmental performance of the project.

Community Consultative Committee

6. The Applicant must operate a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the project to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This CCC must be operated in general accordance with the *Guidelines for Establishing and Operating Community Consultative Committees for Mining Projects* (Department of Planning, 2007, or its latest version).

Notes:

- The CCC is an advisory committee. The Department and other relevant agencies are responsible for ensuring that the Applicant complies with this approval; and
- The CCC should be comprised of an independent chair and appropriate representation from the Applicant, Council, recognised environmental groups and the local community.

REPORTING

7

Incident Reporting

The Applicant must notify the Department and any other relevant agencies via the Major Projects Portal Immediately after It becomes aware of the Incident. This notice must describe the location and nature of the Incident.

Non-Compliance Notification

7A. Within 7 days of becoming aware of a non-compliance with the conditions of this consent, the Applicant must notify the Department of the non-compliance via the Major Projects Portal. This notice must set out the non-compliance, the reasons for the non-compliance (if known) and what actions have been taken, or will be taken, to address the non-compliance.

Regular Reporting

8. The Applicant must provide regular reporting on the environmental performance of the project on its website, in accordance with the reporting arrangements in any plans or programs approved under the conditions of this approval.

AUDITING

Independent Environmental Audit

- 9. By the 31 March 2015, and every 3 years thereafter, unless the Secretary directs otherwise, the Applicant must commission and pay the full cost of an Independent Environmental Audit of the project. This audit must:
 - (a) be conducted by a suitably qualified, experienced and independent team of experts whose appointment has been endorsed by the Secretary;
 - (b) include consultation with the relevant agencies;
 assess the environmental performance of the project and assess whether it is complying with the requirements in this approval, and any other relevant approvals, relevant EPL/s and/or Mining Lease (including any assessment, plan or program required under these approvals);
 - (c) review the adequacy of any approved strategy, plan or program required under the abovementioned approvals; and
 - (d) recommend measures or actions to improve the environmental performance of the project, and/or any strategy, plan or program required under these approvals.

Note: This audit team must be led by a suitably qualified auditor, and include experts any fields specified by the Secretary.

10. Within 3 months of commissioning this audit, or as otherwise agreed by the Secretary, the Applicant must submit a copy of the audit report to the Secretary, together with its response to any recommendations contained in the audit report.

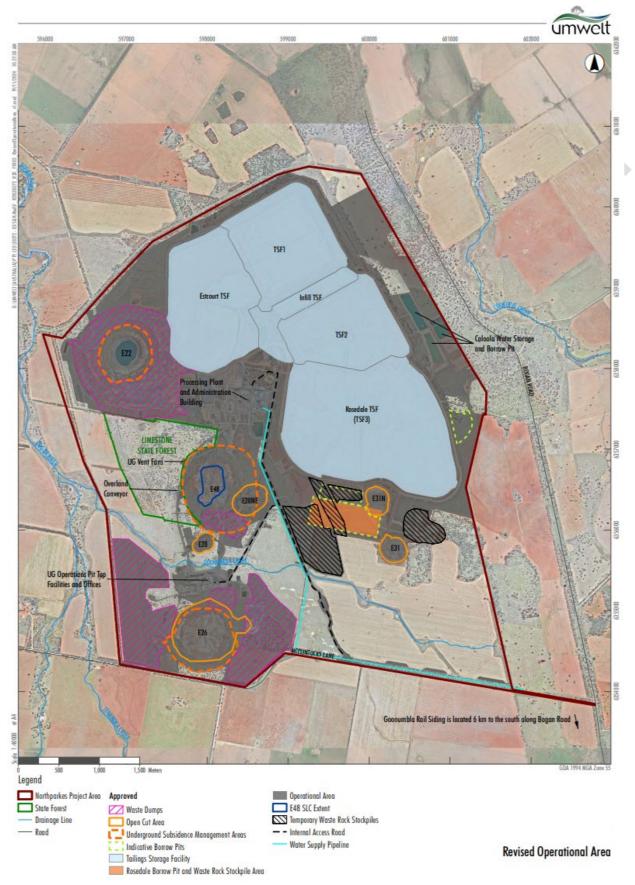
ACCESS TO INFORMATION

- 11. The Applicant must:
 - (a) make the following information publicly available on its website:
 - the EA;
 - current statutory approvals for the project;
 - approved strategies, plans or programs required under the conditions of this approval;
 - a comprehensive summary of the monitoring results of the project, which have been reported in accordance with the various plans and programs approved under the conditions of this approval;
 - a complaints register, which is to be updated on a monthly basis;
 - minutes of CCC meetings;
 - the last five annual reviews;
 - any independent environmental audit, and the Applicant's response to the recommendations in any audit; and
 - any other matter required by the Secretary; and
 - (b) keep this information up to date,
 - (c) to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

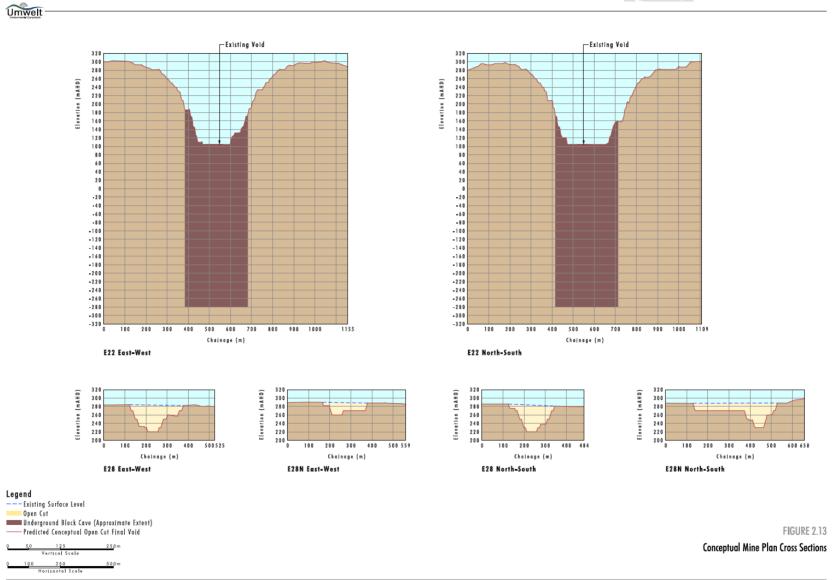
APPENDIX 1 SCHEDULE OF LAND

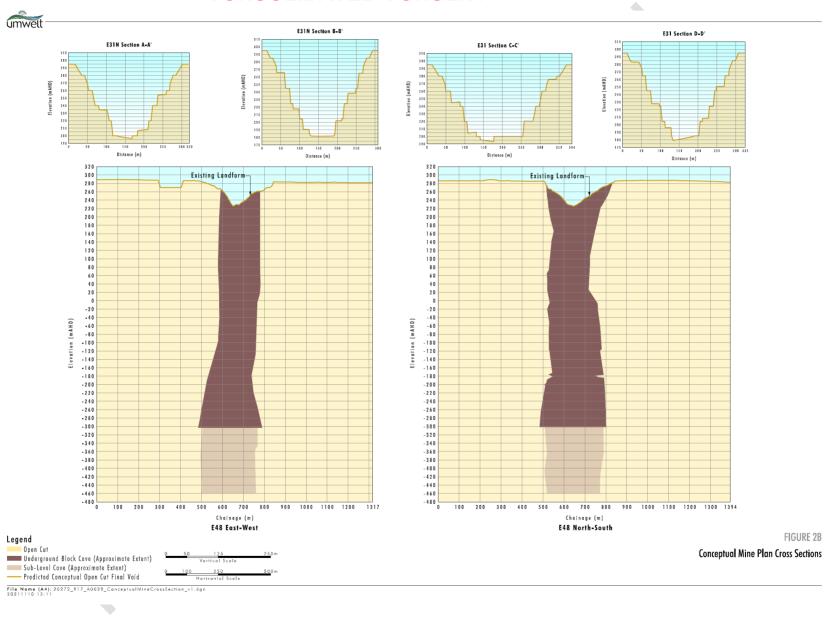
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1	831622	Evolution Mining (Northparkes) Pty Ltd	ML1247
2	830291	Evolution Mining (Northparkes) Pty Ltd	ML1247, ML1743
3	830291	Evolution Mining (Northparkes) Pty Ltd	ML1743
3	831119	Evolution Mining (Northparkes) Pty Ltd	ML1247
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381	1108642	Crown Land	ML1247
382	1108642	Evolution Mining (Northparkes) Pty Ltd	ML1641
42	1120299	The State of NSW	ML1247
43	1120299	Evolution Mining (Northparkes) Pty Ltd	ML1247
41	1120299	Evolution Mining (Northparkes) Pty Ltd	ML1247, ML1367
1	831119	Evolution Mining (Northparkes) Pty Ltd	May be overlapped by
			ML1247
Betwee 3/83029 49/7539	91 and	Crown Land (Evolution Application to Purchase Reference #DPI W563265)	N/A
1	818783	Evolution Mining (Northparkes) Pty Ltd	N/A (Goonumbla Rail Siding)
1	848944	State Rail Authority of NSW	N/A (Goonumbla Rail Siding)
1	952674	State Rail Authority of NSW	N/A (Goonumbla Rail Siding)
Bogan I	Road and McC	Clintock Lane road reserves	N/A (road upgrade works)

APPENDIX 2 GENERAL LAYOUT OF PROJECT



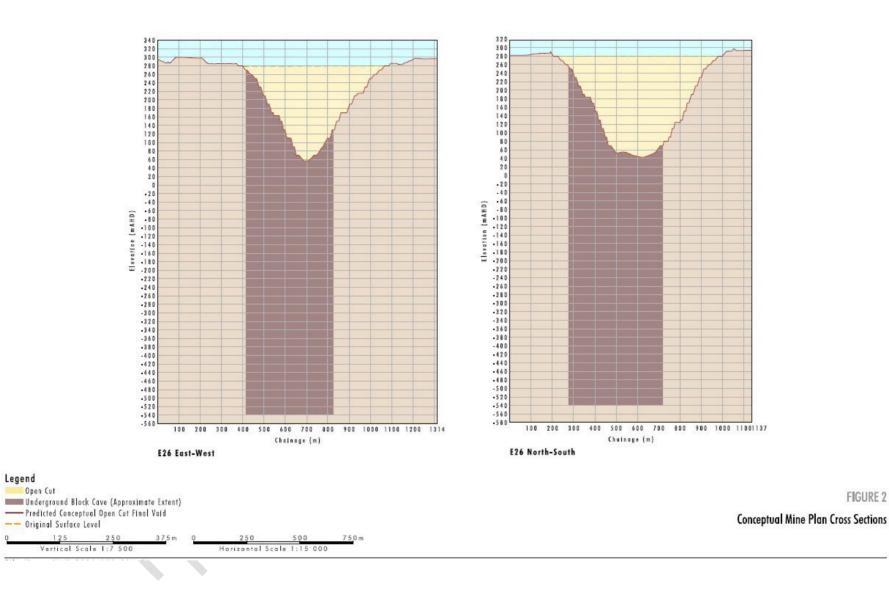






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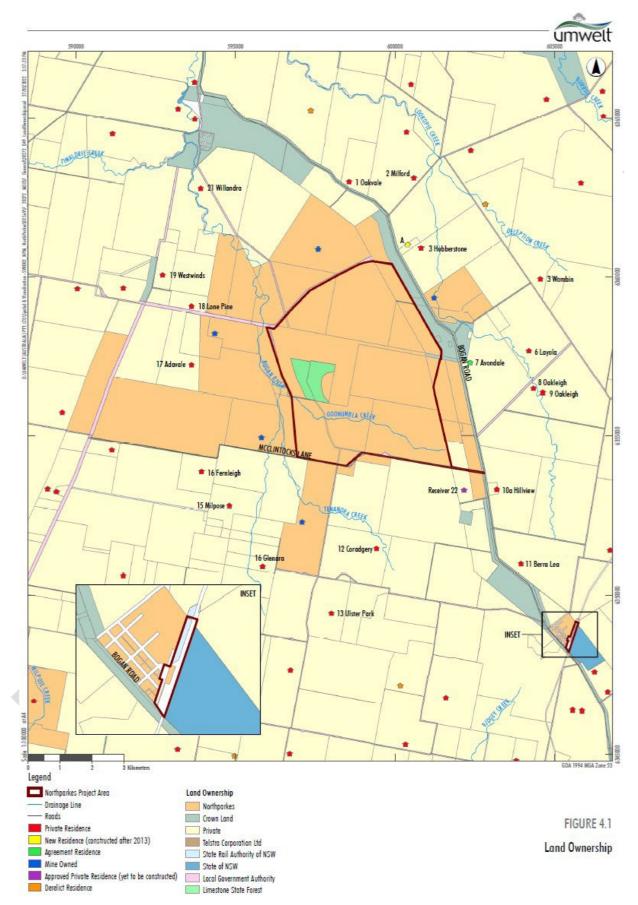
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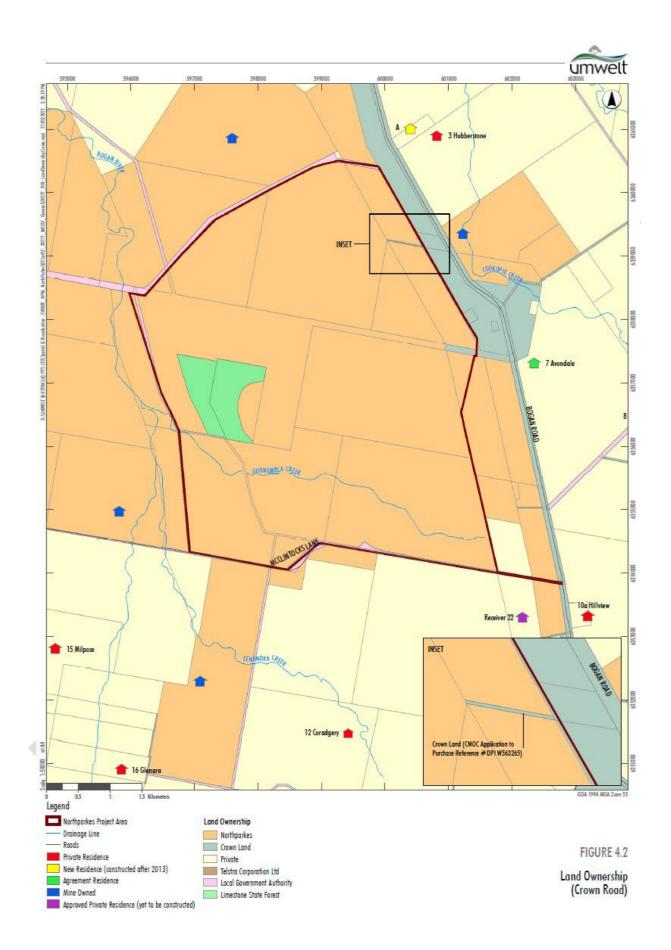


APPENDIX 3 STATEMENT OF COMMITMENTS

6.6	Noise
6.6.2	NPM will undertake additional targeted noise monitoring during construction periods for TSFs, whilst campaign open cut mining operations occur during winter night time operations. This targeted monitoring program will include the use of real time monitoring and be undertaken to identify situations when metrological conditions have the potential to exacerbate noise impacts on neighbouring receivers. Appropriate noise mitigation measures will be implemented as required.
6.11	Traffic and Transport
6.11.1	The proposed road upgrades, including the development of a new internal access road, upgrades to McClintocks Lane and its intersection with Bogan Road and the development of a new visitors car park, will each be designed in accordance with appropriate guidelines and standards and finalised in consultation with Parkes Shire Council and local landholders/neighbours as appropriate.
6.11.3	NPM will maintain current arrangements for financial contribution for the purpose of road maintenance as agreed with Parkes Shire Council and DP&I in accordance with the executed Planning Agreement.
6.11.4	NPM will prepare a detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan for the construction period of the Project, which will include details of:
	any staging works;
	construction routes;
	heavy vehicles including oversize vehicles; and testing of the surgery dedictory from the part of the surgery dedictory dedictory dedictory dedictory dedictory of the surgery dedictory de
	 traffic management during the construction of the upgraded intersection in Bogan Road and McClintocks Lane.
6.12	Aboriginal Archaeology
6.12.2	NPM commits to a comprehensive survey of all portions of the proposed disturbance area that have not been subject to 100 per cent survey coverage prior to disturbance. Thus, any and all areas of the development footprint that would be affected will be examined prior to construction commencing, in consultation with the Aboriginal Heritage Working Group, and agreed management measures will be implemented.
6.13	Historic Heritage
6.13.1	In the unlikely event that unexpected archaeological remains or potential heritage items not identified as part of this report are discovered during the Project, all works in the immediate area will cease. The remains and potential impacts will be assessed by a qualified archaeologist or heritage consultant and, if necessary, the Heritage Branch, CPHR notified in accordance with Section 146 of the Heritage Act (NSW).
6.13.2	If potential human remains are located following any surface disturbance, all works will halt in the immediate area to prevent any further impacts to the remains. The NSW Police will be contacted immediately. No action will be undertaken until police provide written notification to the Applicant.
6.15	Socio-Economic
6.15.1	 NPM will continue investigating the sizing of contracts in order to facilitate the inclusion of local businesses within ongoing operations;
	NPM will consult with PSC in regard to other influences on accommodation demands when scheduling operations requiring short-term increases in employees and contractors;
	• Should unanticipated impacts become evident during the life of the Project, NPM will liaise with PSC and/or the relevant government body in relation to how infrastructure challenges in the future may be met as a community;
	 NPM will commence SIA, with regard to mine closure (including consultation with PSC, FSC, and the community), 10 years prior to the anticipated end of mine life, unless further extensions of mine life are being sought at that time; and
	 NPM will continue its existing community engagement and consultation program and will extend the program to facilitate feedback from the community with regard to community perceptions of NPM in order to proactively manage matters as they arise.

APPENDIX 4 LAND OWNERSHIP





APPENDIX 5

NOISE COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT

Applicable Meteorological Conditions

- 1. The noise criteria in Table 1 of the conditions are to apply under all meteorological conditions except the following:
 - (a) during periods of rain or hail;
 - (b) average wind speed at microphone height exceeds 5 m/s;
 - (c) wind speeds greater than 3 m/s measured at 10 m above ground level; or
 - (d) temperature inversion conditions greater than 3°C/100 m or alternatively a stability class of G.

Determination of Meteorological Conditions

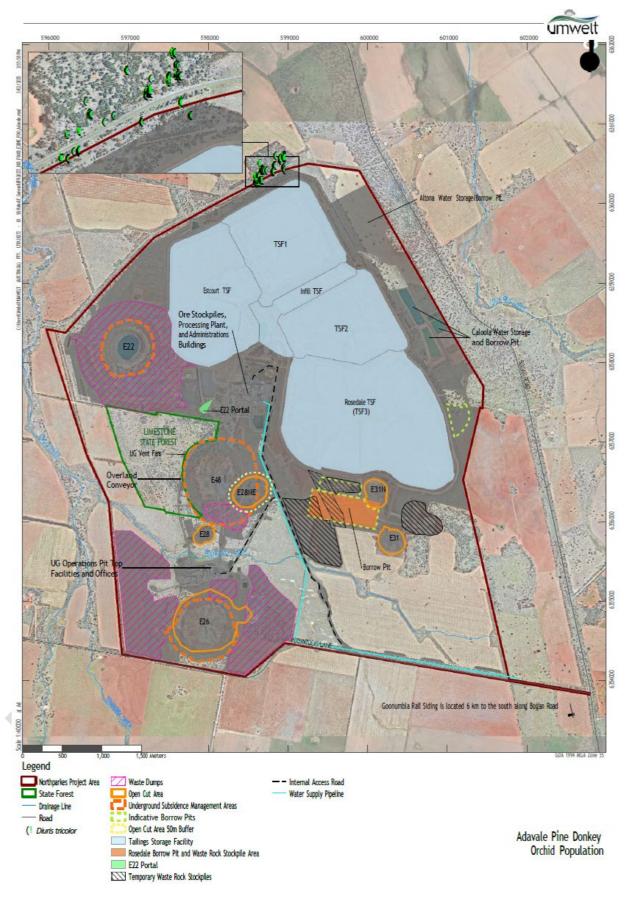
2. Except for wind speed at microphone height, the data to be used for determining meteorological conditions must be that recorded by the meteorological station located on the site.

Compliance Monitoring

- 3. Attended monitoring is to be used to evaluate compliance with the relevant conditions of this consent.
- 4. This monitoring must be carried out at least 4 times a year, unless the Secretary directs otherwise.
- 5. Unless the Secretary agrees otherwise, this monitoring is to be carried out in accordance with the relevant requirements for reviewing performance set out in the *NSW Industrial Noise Policy* (as amended from time to time), in particular the requirements relating to:
 - (a) monitoring locations for the collection of representative noise data;
 - (b) meteorological conditions during which collection of noise data is not appropriate;
 - (c) equipment used to collect noise data, and conformity with Australian Standards relevant to such equipment; and
 - (d) modifications to noise data collected, including for the exclusion of extraneous noise and/or penalties for modifying factors apart from adjustments for duration.

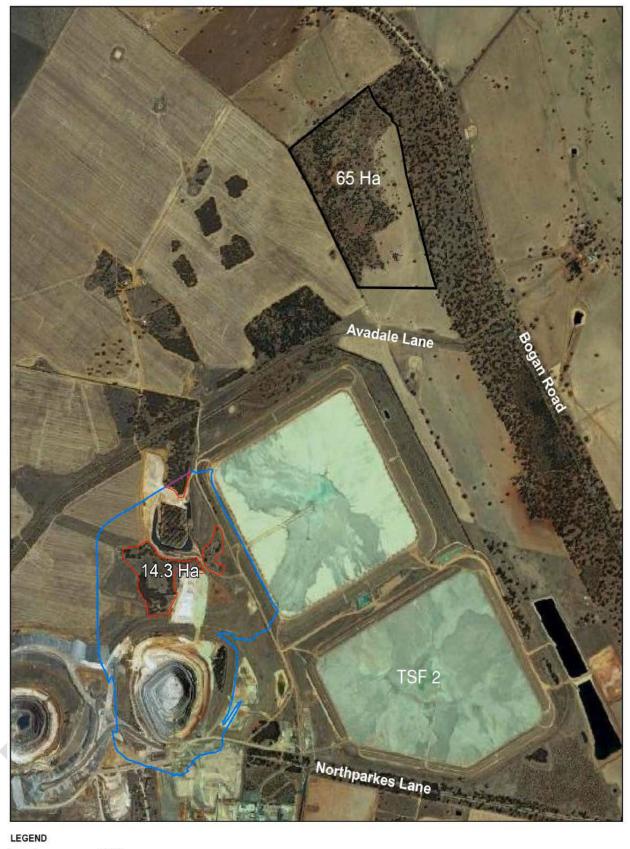
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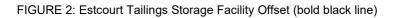
APPENDIX 6 LOCATION OF PINE DONKEY ORCHID POPULATION



APPENDIX 7 BIODIVERSITY OFFSET STRATEGIES



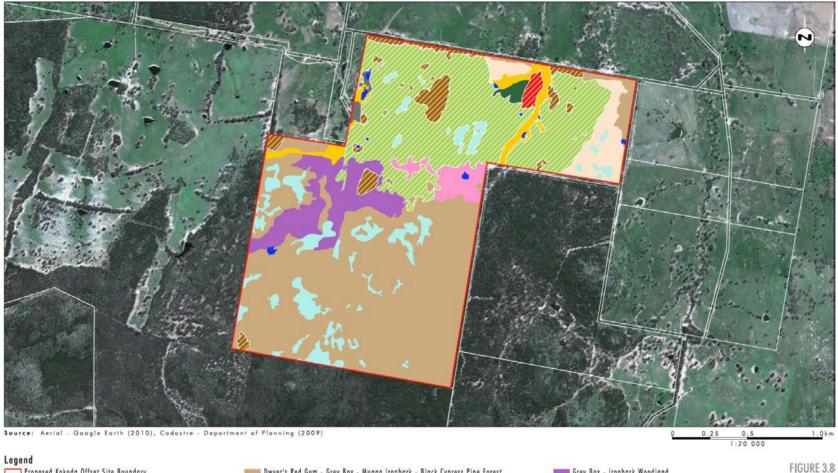




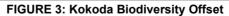
kisting, Approved Vegetation Disturbance ative Vegetation to be Removed

Estebult failings Storage Facility Offset – Vegetation Types			
Vegetation Type	Area to be Conserved (ha)		
Yellow Box tall grassy woodland on alluvial flats mainly in the	3.3		
NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion (Benson 276)			
Inland Grey Box-White Cypress Pine tall woodland on sandy loam	38.8		
soil on alluvial plains of NSW South-western Slopes and Riverina			
Bioregions (Benson 80)			
Derived tussock grasslands of the central western plains and	23		
lower slopes of NSW (Benson 250)			
Total	65.1		

Estcourt Tailings Storage Facility Offset – Vegetation Types



Proposed Kokoda Offset Site Boundary	Dwyer's Red Gum - Grey Box - Mugga Ironbark - Black Cypress Pine Forest	Grey Box - Ironbark Woodland	FIGURE 3.8
 Grey Box Grossy Woodland (EEC - TSC Act/CEEC - EPBC Act) Grey Box Grossy Woodland - DNG (EEC - TSC Act/CEEC - EPBC Act) White Box Grossy Woodland (EEC - TSC Act/CEEC - EPBC Act) Dwyor's Red Gum Creekline Woodland 	Dwyer's Red Gum - Grey Box - Mugga Ironbark - Black Cypress Pine Forest DNG Dwyer's Red Gum - Grey Box - Mugga Ironbark - Black Cypress Woodland Low Quality Farm Dam Farm Track - Disturbed Land	Mugga Ironbark Woodland Rocky Rise Shrubby Woodland	Vegetation Community Mapping Proposed Kokoda Offset Site

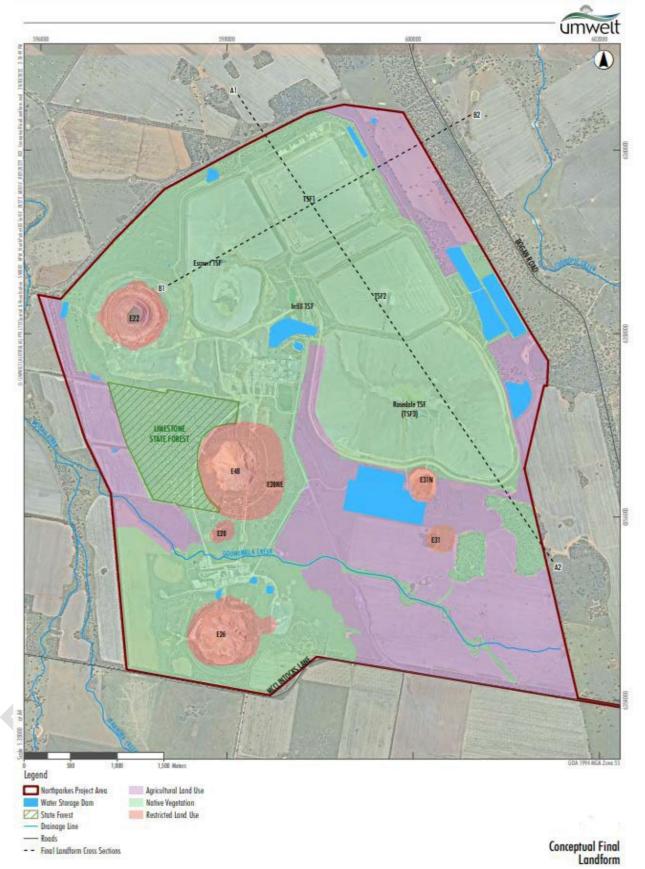


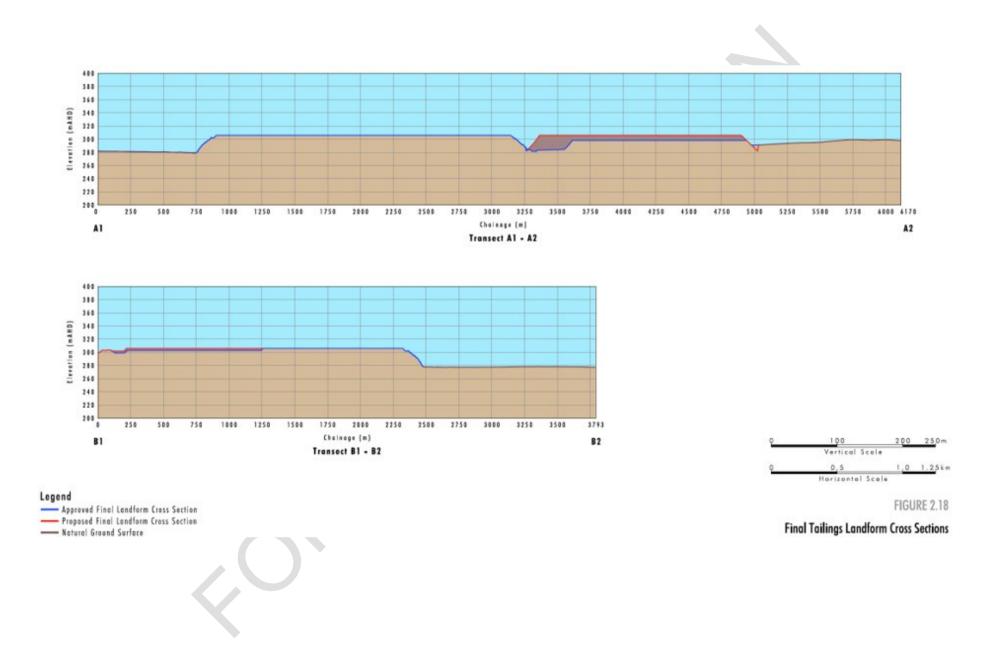
APPENDIX 8 FAUNA SPECIES RECORDED IN THE PROJECT & WIDER STUDY AREA

•		Conservation Status		
Common Name	Scientific Name			Area Recorded
	Birds			
Black falcon	Falco subniger	PV		Project Area
Brolga	Grus rubicunda	V		Project Area
Brown treecreeper (eastern subspecies)	Climacteris picumnus victoriae	V		Wider Study Area
Bush stone-curlew	Burhinus grallarius	E		Wider Study Area
Swift parrot	Lathamus discolor	E	E	Project Area and Wider Study Area
Grey-crowned babbler (eastern subspecies)	Pomatostomus temporalis temporalis	V		Project Area and Wider Study Area
Grey falcon	Falco hypoleucos	E		Project Area
Little eagle	Hieraaetus morphnoides	V		Wider Study Area
Masked owl	Tyto novaehollandiae	V		Wider Study Area
Painted honeyeater	Grantiella picta	V		Project Area
Spotted harrier	Circus assimilis	V		Project Area and Wider Study Area
Superb parrot	Polytelis swainsonii	V	V	Project Area and Wider Study Area
	Mammal			L
Eastern bentwing-bat	Miniopterus schreibersii oceanensi	V		Project Area and Wider Study Area
Little pied bat	Chalinolobus picatus	V		Project Area and Wider Study Area
	Frogs			
Sloanes froglet	Crinia sloanei	V		Wider Study Area

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APPENDIX 9 FINAL LANDUSE PLANS





APPENDIX 10 TEMPORARY HAULAGE ROUTE

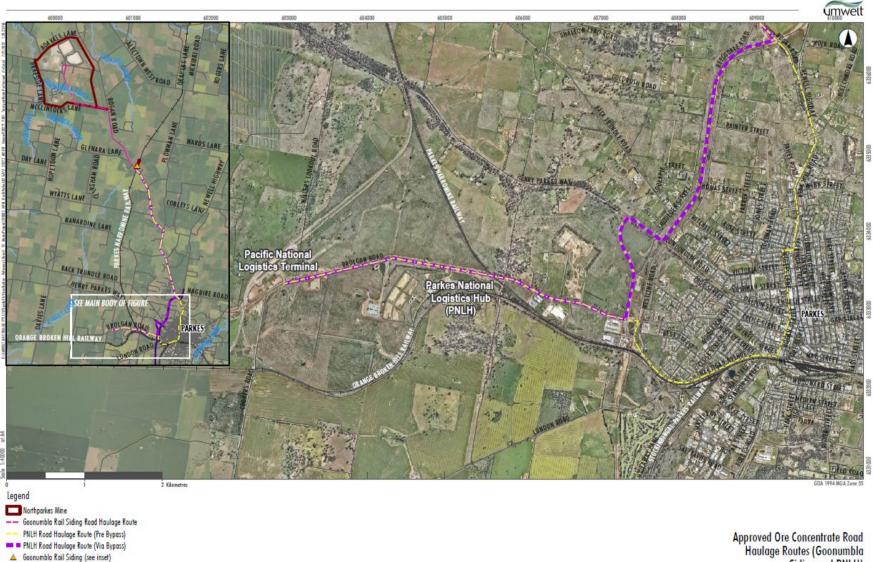


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NOTE - Bypass Route is approximate only. Based on TRNSW information from Parkes Bypass Poster, July 2019.

Approved Ore Concentrate Road Haulage Routes (Goonumbla Siding and PNLH)