

Section 10

A JOINT VENTURE WITH

Abbreviations, Acronyms and Glossary

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	10 ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS AND GLOSSARY		Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand
10.1 AE	BBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS	ANZECC & ARMCANZ	Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine
%	per cent	Guideline	Water Quality
μg/m³	micrograms per cubic metre	ARTC	Australian Rail Track Corporation
μS/cm	microSiemens per centimetre	AS	Australian Standard
0	degree	AS/NZS	Australian and New Zealand Standard
°C	degrees Celsius	AUSRIVAS	Australian River Assessment
1997 EIS	Mount Pleasant Mine Environmental Impact Statement	AUSKIVAS	System System
ACDF	Aboriginal Community	Australia ICOMOS	Australia International Council on Monuments and Sites
	Development Fund	BAM	Biodiversity Assessment Method
ACHA	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment	BC Act	NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act, 2016
ADG Code	Australian Code for Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail	BCD	Biodiversity Conservation Division
AEP	Annual Exceedance Probability	BC Regulation	NSW Biodiversity Conservation Regulation, 2017
AGE Consultants	Australasian Groundwater and Environmental Consultants Pty	BDAR	Biodiversity Development Assessment Report
AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System	BFMC	Bush Fire Management Committee
	·	Bio-Analysis	BIO-ANALYSIS Pty Ltd
AHMP	Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan	ВоМ	Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology
AHIP	Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit	BSAL	Biophysical Strategic Agricultural
AIA	Australian Institute of Architects		Land
AIP	NSW Aquifer Interference Policy	CCC	Community Consultative Committee
AnalytEcon	AnalytEcon Pty Ltd	CEEC	Critically Endangered Ecological
ANZG	Australian New Zealand Guidelines		Community
ANFO	ammonium nitrate and fuel oil	CHPP	Coal Handling and Preparation Plant
ANZECC	C Australian and New Zealand Environmental and Conservation Council	CIC	Critical Industry Cluster
		СРІ	Consumer Price Index
		Coal & Allied	Coal & Allied Operations Pty Ltd

CO ₂ -e	carbon dioxide equivalent	DPI	NSW Department of Primary Industries
Commonwealth Minister	Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Energy	DPIE	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Community Strategic Plan	Community Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027	DUAP	NSW Department of Urban Affairs
CPDP	Conceptual Project Development Plan	EC	and Planning electrical conductivity
DAWE	Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	ED3	Environmental Dam 3
		EDMIA	Environmental Dam Mine Infrastructure Area
dB	decibel		
dBL	linear decibel	EEC	Endangered Ecological Community
dBA	A-weighted decibel	EFA	Ecosystem Function Analysis
DEC	NSW Department of Environment and Conservation	EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
DECC		ELA	Eco Logical Australia
DECC	NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (now Biodiversity Conservation Division)	ENRS	Environment and Natural Resource Solutions Pty Ltd
DECCW	NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water	ENSR Australia	ENSR Australia Pty Ltd
		EnRiskS	Environmental Risk Sciences
DEE	Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy (now Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)	EP&A Regulation	NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2000
		EP&A Act	NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979
DLWC	NSW Department of Land and Water Conservation	EPA	NSW Environment Protection Authority
DNG	Derived Native Grassland	EPBC Act	Commonwealth Environment
DoP	NSW Department of Planning		Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999
DotE	Commonwealth Department of the Environment (now Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)	EPL	Environment Protection Licence
		ERA	Environmental Risk Assessment
DP&E	Department of Planning and Environment (now Department of Planning, Industry and Environment)	ESD	Ecologically Sustainable Development
		EU	European Union
DP&I	NSW Department of Planning and	Extent	Extent Heritage Pty Ltd
	Infrastructure (now Department of Planning, Industry and Environment)	FM Act	NSW Fisheries Management Act, 1994

g/m ² /month	grams per square metre per month	L _{A10}	A-weighted noise exceeded by 10% for the measurement period. Commonly referred to as the
GDE	Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem		average maximum.
GP	General Practitioner	LAeq	equivalent continuous noise level (A-weighted)
GT Environmental	GT Environmental Pty Ltd	LAFmax	maximum noise level criteria
GHG Protocol	Greenhouse Gas Protocol	LALC	Local Aboriginal Land Council
ha	hectare	Lan	noise exceedance level
HEC	Hydro Engineering & Consulting	LSC Class	Land and Soil Capability Class
HRSTS			Local Environmental Plan
	Scheme	LGA	Local Government Area
HVAS	High Volume Air Samplers	LiDAR	Light Detection and Ranging
HVCCC	Hunter Valley Coal Chain Coordinator	m	metre
HWD1	High Wall Dam 1	mm	millimetre
HWD2	High Wall Dam 2	MACH	MACH Mount Pleasant Operations Pty Ltd and the unincorporated Mount Pleasant Joint Venture
IESC	Independent Expert Scientific		
	Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development	MACH Energy	MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd
Infrastructure	State Environmental Planning	m AHD	metres Australian Height Datum
SEPP	Policy (Infrastructure) 2007	Mangoola Operations	Mangoola Coal Operations Pty Ltd (a subsidiary of Glencore plc)
IPC	Independent Planning Commission	Mbcm	million bank cubic metres
ISO	International Organization for Standardisation	MDBC	Murray – Darling Basin Commission
JAL	Just Add Lime	MEG	Department of Mining, Exploration
JBS&G	JBS&G Australia Pty Ltd		and Geoscience (within the Department of Regional NSW)(formerly Division of
kg	kilogram		Resources and Geoscience)
km	kilometre	MIA	mine infrastructure area
km ²	square kilometre	MIC	Maximum Instantaneous Charge
kt	kilotonnes	Mining SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum
kV	kilovolt		Production and Extractive Industries) 2007
L	litre	ML/day	megalitres per day

ML/year	megalitres per year	NGER Act	Commonwealth National
ML	Mining Lease		Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act, 2007
mm/s	millimetres per second	NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
Mm ³	million cubic metres	NPC	Newcastle Ports Corporation
MNES	Matters of National Environmental	NPfl	Noise Policy for Industry
Mad O	Significance	NPI	•
Mod 2	South Pit Haul Road Modification		National Pollutant Inventory
Mod 3	Mine Optimisation Modification	NPV	net present value
Mod 4	Rail Modification	NOW	NSW Office of Water
MOP	Mining Operations Plan and Rehabilitation Management Plan	NRAR	Natural Resources Access Regulator
MSC	Muswellbrook Shire Council	NSESD	National Strategy for Ecologically Sustainable Development
Mt	million tonnes	NSW	New South Wales
Mtpa	million tonnes per annum	OEH	NSW Office of Environment and
Mt CO ₂ -e	million tonnes of carbon dioxide	OLIT	Heritage
	equivalent	PAD	Potential Archaeological Deposit
Mt CO ₂ -e/ Mt ROM coal	million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per million tonnes of run-of-mine coal	PAF	Potentially Acid Forming
MWD	Mine Water Dam	PCT	Plant Community Type
MWD2	Mine Water Dam 2	PHA	Preliminary Hazard Analysis
		PM ₁₀	particulate matter with an
MWD3	Mine Water Dam 3		equivalent aerodynamic diameter of 10 μm or less
NAF	non-acid forming	PM _{2.5}	particulate matter with an
NAG	Noise Assessment Groups		equivalent aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 µm or less
NCIG	Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group	PoEA Act	NSW Protection of the
NDC	Nationally Determined		Environment Administration Act, 1991
NDO	Contribution	PoEO Act	NSW Protection of the
NEPC	National Environment Protection	TOLO ACC	Environment Operations Act, 1997
	Council	PWCS	Port Waratah Coal Services Ltd
Net Zero Plan	Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020 – 2030	RAP	Registered Aboriginal Party
NGA Factors	National Greenhouse Accounts Factors	RCE	Riparian, Channel and Environmental
		Regional Plan	The Hunter Regional Plan 2036

Regional Land Use Plan	The Upper Hunter Strategic Regional Land Use Plan	Significant Impact Guidelines for	Significant impact guidelines 1.3: Coal seam gas and large coal mining developments – impacts
RING	Rail Infrastructure Noise Guideline	Water Resources	on water resources
RLD	Rail Loop Dam	SLR	SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd
RMS	NSW Roads and Maritime Services (now Transport for NSW)	SMS	Short Messaging Service
RNP	NSW Road Noise Policy	State and Regional	State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional
ROM	run-of-mine	Development SEPP	Development) 2011
RTA	NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (now Transport for NSW)	t	tonnes
RTCA	Rio Tinto Coal Australia	t CO ₂ -e	tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent
SA3 Region	Upper Hunter Statistical Area Level 3 Region	TAS	Todoroski Air Sciences
SAII	serious and irreversible impact	TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
SD1	Sediment Dam 1	TEM Survey	Transient Electromagnetic Survey
SD3	Sediment Dam 3	TEOM	Tapered Elements Oscillating Microbalance
SD4	Sediment Dam 4	TfNSW	Transport for New South Wales
SDS	Safety Data Sheet	the Approved	Approved Methods for the
SEA	South East Archaeology	Methods	Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales
SEARs	Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements	the JORC Code	Australasian Code for Reporting Exploration Results, Mineral
SEPP 33	State Environmental Planning Policy No. 33 – Hazardous and		Resources and Ore Reserves
	Offensive Development	the Best Practice Report	NSW Coal Mining Benchmarking Study: International Best Practices
SEPP 55	State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 – Remediation of Land		Measures to Prevent and/or Minimise Emissions of Particulate Matter from Coal Mining
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy	the Project	Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project
SEWPaC	Commonwealth Department of	tph	tonnes per hour
	Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and	TSP	total suspended particulates
014	Communities	TTPP	The Transport Planning
SIA	Social Impact Assessment	11114 0848	Partnership
SIDRA	SIDRA INTERSECTION 9	UHAQMN	Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network
SIGNAL	Stream Invertebrate Grade Number Average Level	UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

US EPA United States Environmental

Protection Agency

Aquatic

Living in or on water, or concerning water.

VAHS Veritas Archaeology and Historic

Service

Aquifer

VCU visual character unit A sub-surface rock formation containing water in recoverable

VPA Visual Planning and

Assessment

quantities.

VLAMP Voluntary Land Acquisition and

Mitigation Policy For State Significant Mining, Petroleum and Extractive Industry Developments

Aquitard

A geological unit that is less permeable than an aquifer and incapable of transmitting useful

quantities of water.

WAL Water Access Licence

WBCSD World Business Council for

Sustainable Development

World Health Organisation

Wilkinson

WHO

Murray

VPA

Wilkinson Murray Pty Ltd

Average Recurrence Interval

value of the periods between exceedances of a given event magnitude. A term used in water engineering. Also known as

The expected value or average

"return period".

WM Act NSW Water Management Act,

2000

WRI World Resources Institute

WSP Water Sharing Plan Background

The condition (e.g. noise levels) already present in an area before the commencement of a specific

activity.

10.2 **GLOSSARY**

A-weighted decibel (dBA)

Unit used for most measurements of environmental noise; the scale is based upon typical responses of the human ear to sounds of

different frequencies.

Baseflow

The discharge of sub-surface

water into a stream

(i.e. groundwater seepages).

Alluvial

A general term for clay, silt, sand and gravel transported by water and deposited on the bed of a floodplain, river or stream.

Baseline Monitoring

Monitoring conducted over time to collect a body of information to define specific characteristics of an area (e.g. species occurrence

or noise levels) prior to commencement of a specific

activity.

Alluvium

Sediment (gravel, sand, silt, clay) transported by water (i.e. deposits in a stream channel or floodplain). Biodiversity

The diversity of different species

of plants, animals and micro-organisms, including the genes they contain, in the ecosystem of which they are part.

Amenity

Useful and enjoyable quality.

Bund

An earth, rock or concrete wall or mound constructed to restrict the inflow or outflow of liquids or noise.

Catchment

The entire land area from which water (e.g. rainfall) drains to a specific watercourse or water

body.

Cliff

A continuous rockface having a minimum height of 10 m, a minimum length of 20 m and minimum slope of greater than

55°.

Conveyor

Fixed mechanical apparatus consisting of a continuous moving belt used to transport coal from one place to another.

Cross-section

A two-dimensional diagram of an object presented as if the object had been cut across its length.

Cyclone

A conical vessel that uses centrifugal action to separate particulate matter of differing specific gravity.

Decibel (dB)

Unit used to express sound intensity.

Decommissioning

Removal or reuse of infrastructure.

Depressurisation

Depression in the potentiometric surface of an aquifer. Depressurisation does not necessarily result in physical drawdown within constrained aquifer units. Drawdown

The localised lowering of groundwater level.

Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD)

Development that improves the quality of life, in a way that maintains the ecological processes on which life depends.

Ecosystem

An interacting system of animals, plants, other organisms and non-living parts of the environment.

Electrical Conductivity (EC)

The ability of a substance (either solid, liquid or gas) to transmit

electricity.

Emission

The discharge of a substance (e.g. dust) into the environment.

Existing/Approved

An existing component or activity at the Mount Pleasant Operation, or a component or activity which is approved, but not yet constructed and operated.

Fault

Major fracture of the earth's crust caused by the relative movement of the rock masses on either side.

Fracturing

Fractures formed in a stream bed or rockbar which result in water diversion and reduced pool water

levels.

Greenhouse gases

Gases with potential to cause climate change (e.g. methane, carbon dioxide and non-methane volatile organic compounds).
Usually expressed in terms of carbon dioxide equivalent.

Groundwater

All waters occurring below the land surface; the upper surface of the soils saturated by groundwater in any particular area is called the watertable.

Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem (GDE)

An ecosystem that has its species composition and natural ecological processes wholly or partially determined by groundwater.

Habitat

The particular local environment occupied by an organism.

Hydraulic conductivity

A measure of the rate at which water moves through a soil/rock mass. It is the volume of water that moves within a unit of time under a unit hydraulic gradient through a unit cross-sectional area that is perpendicular to the direction of flow.

Hydraulic gradient

The change in static head (i.e. elevation and pressure) per unit of distance in a given direction (units: dimensionless).

Hydraulic properties

Parameters that measure the rate at which water moves through a soil/rock mass.

in-situ

A term used to distinguish material (e.g. soils, minerals, fossils, etc.) found in its original position of formation, deposition, or growth, as opposed to transported material.

Income

The amount of money or its equivalent received during a period of time in exchange for labour or services, from the sale of goods or property, or as profit from financial investments.

Infrastructure

The supporting installations and services that supply the needs of the Project.

Intra-generational equity

The concept that the present generation should ensure that the health, diversity and productivity of the environment is maintained or enhanced for the benefit of their own generation.

L_{A10}

A-weighted noise exceeded by 10% for the measurement period. Commonly referred to as the average maximum.

LAeq

A-weighted equivalent continuous noise level – the level of noise equivalent to the energy-average of noise levels occurring over a measurement period.

Mine water

Water that accumulates within or drains from, active mining and infrastructure areas, and any other areas where runoff may have come in contact with carbonaceous material.

Mitigation

Measures undertaken to limit the adverse impact of natural hazards, environmental degradation and technological hazards.

Overburden

Waste rock material overlying *insitu* coal that must be removed prior to mining of coal.

Permeability

The ability of a rock or soil to allow fluid to pass through it.

Permian age

The youngest geological period of the Palaeozoic era, covering a span between approximately 290-250 million years before

present.

рΗ

A measure of the degree of acidity or alkalinity of a solution; expressed numerically (logarithmically) on a scale of 1 to

(logarithmically) on a scale of 1 to 14, on which 1 is most acid, 7 is neutral, and 14 is most basic

(alkaline).

Population

A group of individuals of one species in an area.

Potable water

Water of quality suitable for human consumption.

Rating Background Level

The overall single-figure sound background level representing each assessment period (day/evening/night) over the whole monitoring period, and is the level used for assessment purposes.

Recharge

The addition of water to an aquifer, directly from the surface, indirectly from the unsaturated zone, or by discharge from overlying or underlying aquifer systems.

Rehabilitation

The restoration of a landscape and especially the vegetation following its disturbance.

Relative humidity

The ratio of actual moisture in the air to the amount the air could hold if saturated, at a given temperature.

Remnant Vegetation

Native vegetation remaining after widespread clearing has taken

place.

Riparian

Pertaining to, or situated on, the bank of a body of water, especially a watercourse such as

a river.

Runoff

A portion of precipitation (rain, hail and snow) that flows across the ground surface as water.

Salinity

The total content of dissolved solids in groundwater or surface water, commonly expressed as parts of dissolved solids per million parts of solution, or milligrams of dissolved solids per

litre of solution (mg/L).

Seepage

Liquid or fluid such as water, seeping or flowing from beneath the ground to the surface.

Slope

ranging between 18° and 35° with numerous continuous rock outcrops with lengths greater than 20 m and heights greater than 5 m or discontinuous rock outcrops or rock face features with lengths less than 20 m, heights less than 5 m and slopes greater than 55°.

Spontaneous combustion

Self-heating and ignition of a combustible material such as coal.

Stakeholder

Any individual, group or organisation that can affect, be affected by, or perceive itself to be affected by the behaviour of a company or an organisation.

Stratigraphy

The branch of geology concerned with the origin, composition, sequence, and correlation of rock strata.

Subsoil

Soils that underlie the top layer of soil, typically having lower levels of organic matter and associated micro-organisms than in topsoil.

Temperature inversion

An atmosphere phenomenon in which air temperature increases with height over a particular interval.

Terrestrial

Living or growing on the land.

Topsoil

The upper or top layer of soil, that typical has higher levels of organic matter and associated micro-organisms.

Total suspended particulate matter (TSP)

The mass of all particulate matter suspended in a solution (e.g. the air).

Tributary

A smaller watercourse, which discharges into a larger watercourse.

Value added

The difference between the value of a firm's output and the cost of the inputs of raw materials, components or services brought in to produce that output.