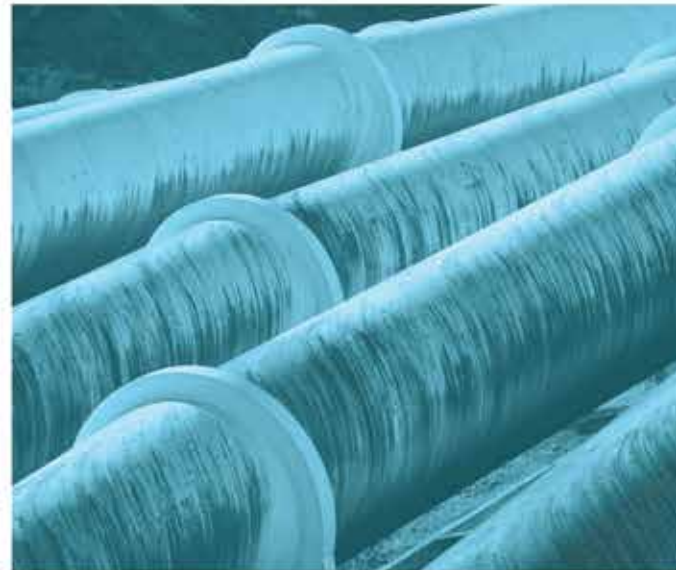




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Executive Summary

The Northern Coal Logistics Project comprises the ongoing use of the surface coal handling and processing facilities at Newstan Colliery surface site and Cooranbong Entry Site (CES), as well as the ongoing use of existing private haul roads between Newstan Colliery, Awaba Colliery, CES and Eraring Power Station. These facilities are integral to the handling, processing and transport of coal from the underground workings of Newstan Colliery (via private haul roads) and Mandalong Mine (via an underground conveyor to CES). The Northern Coal Logistics Project operates under State significant development (SSD) consent SSD-5145 and all project components are operated by Centennial Northern Coal Services Pty Limited (Centennial NCS).

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In recent months, Centennial Myuna has been experiencing fluctuations in coal quality with some product coal not meeting Eraring Power Station specifications. Centennial Myuna has assessed a number of options to ensure that it can continue to meet its contractual obligations to supply coal to Eraring Power Station. This assessment found that the best option is to blend coal from Myuna with coal from Mandalong Mine, with blending occurring at both Myuna's pit top and at CES. This will allow Centennial Myuna to continue to provide a secure supply of coal to Eraring Power Station and to secure ongoing employment for Myuna's workforce.

Centennial NCS is seeking to modify SSD-5145, pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), to allow coal to be transferred between Myuna's pit top and CES, blending of this coal at CES, and associated activities. Coal would be transported between Myuna's pit top and CES by truck.

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and key stakeholders have been consulted regarding the proposed modification to assist in identifying all of the relevant issues to be assessed. This modification report (MR) and supporting technical assessments examine the potential impacts from the proposed modification.

The proposed modification has been designed to avoid and minimise adverse biophysical, social and economic impacts where possible. The proposed modification will not result in significant environmental, social or economic impacts and this MR has identified that any residual impacts can be appropriately managed through proposed management measures and the existing environmental management strategy.

No changes to existing operation noise emissions at CES are predicted as a result of the proposed modification. Operational noise emissions from CES are predicted to be above the project noise trigger levels at seven assessment locations. Noise emissions from CES are also predicted to be above the existing noise criteria specified in SSD-5145 at all but one assessment location. Centennial NCS is engaging with affected landholders and the type of mitigation measures that could be implemented at the residences and/or the nature of any negotiated agreement between Centennial NCS and the landholders will depend on the outcomes of this engagement.

The proposed truck movements can be accommodated by the existing road network with minimal overall impact to road capacity or traffic delays. To reduce potential impacts on the local road network and existing road users: truck movements will be limited during peak hour periods; road widening works will be undertaken at the intersection of Wangi Road and Wangi Point Road; additional truck warning signage will be installed and a Code of Conduct focused on good driver behaviour will be developed and implemented for all truck drivers.

While there are some unavoidable impacts, the proposed modification and ongoing operation of Myuna, CES and other components of the Northern Coal Logistics Project will provide long-term benefits to the local community, region and State.

All aspects relating to environmental management will continue in accordance with SSD-5145, Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 365, approved management plans and other elements of the development consent.

The proposed modification of SSD-5145 is of minimal environmental impact and will remain substantially the same development for which consent was originally granted. As such it is considered the modification can be approved pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 Existing consent

The Northern Coal Logistics Project comprises the ongoing use of the surface coal handling and processing facilities at the Newstan Colliery surface site and the Cooranbong Entry Site (CES), as well as the ongoing use of existing private haul roads between Newstan Colliery, Awaba Colliery, CES and Eraring Power Station. These facilities are integral to the handling, processing and transport of coal from the underground workings of Newstan Colliery (via the private haul roads) and Mandalong Mine (via an underground conveyor to CES). The Northern Coal Logistics Project operates under State significant development (SSD) consent SSD-5145, which was granted by the Minister for Planning on 29 September 2015. All project components are operated by Centennial Northern Coal Services Pty Limited (Centennial NCS).

1.1.2 Cooranbong Entry Site

CES forms part of the Northern Coal Logistics Project and is approximately 2 kilometres (km) north of Dora Creek in the Lake Macquarie local government area (LGA) of New South Wales (NSW) (Figure 1.1). It was originally developed as part of Cooranbong Colliery in 1981 and currently comprises coal handling plant (CHP), coal stockpiles, workshop building, administration building, car park and water management infrastructure (Figure 3.1).

CES receives and processes run-of-mine (ROM) coal from Mandalong Mine (SSD-5144). Coal handled at CES is delivered to either Eraring Power Station via overland conveyor or to Newstan Colliery for further processing and transport into domestic and export markets. No coal extraction activities are approved to be undertaken at CES under SSD-5145.

1.1.3 Modification overview

Myuna Colliery (Myuna) is an existing underground coal mine owned and operated by Centennial Myuna Pty Limited (Centennial Myuna). Coal produced at Myuna is transferred from Myuna's pit top to the Eraring Power Station (about 4 km west of the pit top) by overland conveyor. Coal from Myuna that does not meet Eraring Power Station specifications, is stockpiled at Myuna's emergency coal stockpile until it can be reclaimed and blended with coal to meet these specifications. However, there is limited capacity to store coal at Myuna's pit top prior to blending and dispatch.

In recent months, Centennial Myuna has been experiencing fluctuations in coal quality with some product coal not meeting Eraring Power Station specifications. Centennial Myuna has assessed a number of options to ensure that it can continue to meet its contractual obligations to supply coal to Eraring Power Station. This assessment found that the best option is to blend coal from Myuna with coal from Mandalong Mine, with blending occurring at both Myuna's pit top and at CES. This would allow Centennial Myuna to continue to provide a secure supply of coal to Eraring Power Station and to secure ongoing employment for Myuna's workforce.

Centennial NCS is seeking to modify SSD-5145, pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), to allow coal to be transferred between Myuna's pit top and CES, blending of this coal at CES, and associated activities. Coal would be transported between Myuna's pit top and CES by truck.

A separate application is underway to modify Myuna's consent (MP 10_0080) to allow coal from CES to be received, handled and blended at Myuna's pit top (EMM 2020).

As part of the proposed modification, it is proposed to extend part of the Northern Coal Logistics Project development consent boundary, so that it includes the Awaba Private Haul Road through to Wilton Road (Figure 4.1).

EMM Consulting Pty Limited (EMM) has been engaged by Centennial NCS to prepare this modification report (MR) to accompany an application to modify the consent. This MR assesses the impacts of the proposed modification and, where required, proposes mitigation measures to minimise potential impacts.

1.2 Proponent

Centennial NCS is a wholly owned subsidiary of Centennial Coal Company Limited (Centennial). Centennial is a wholly owned subsidiary of Banpu Public Company Limited (Banpu).

Centennial NCS is the proponent for the modification. The relevant address is:

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1.3 Background

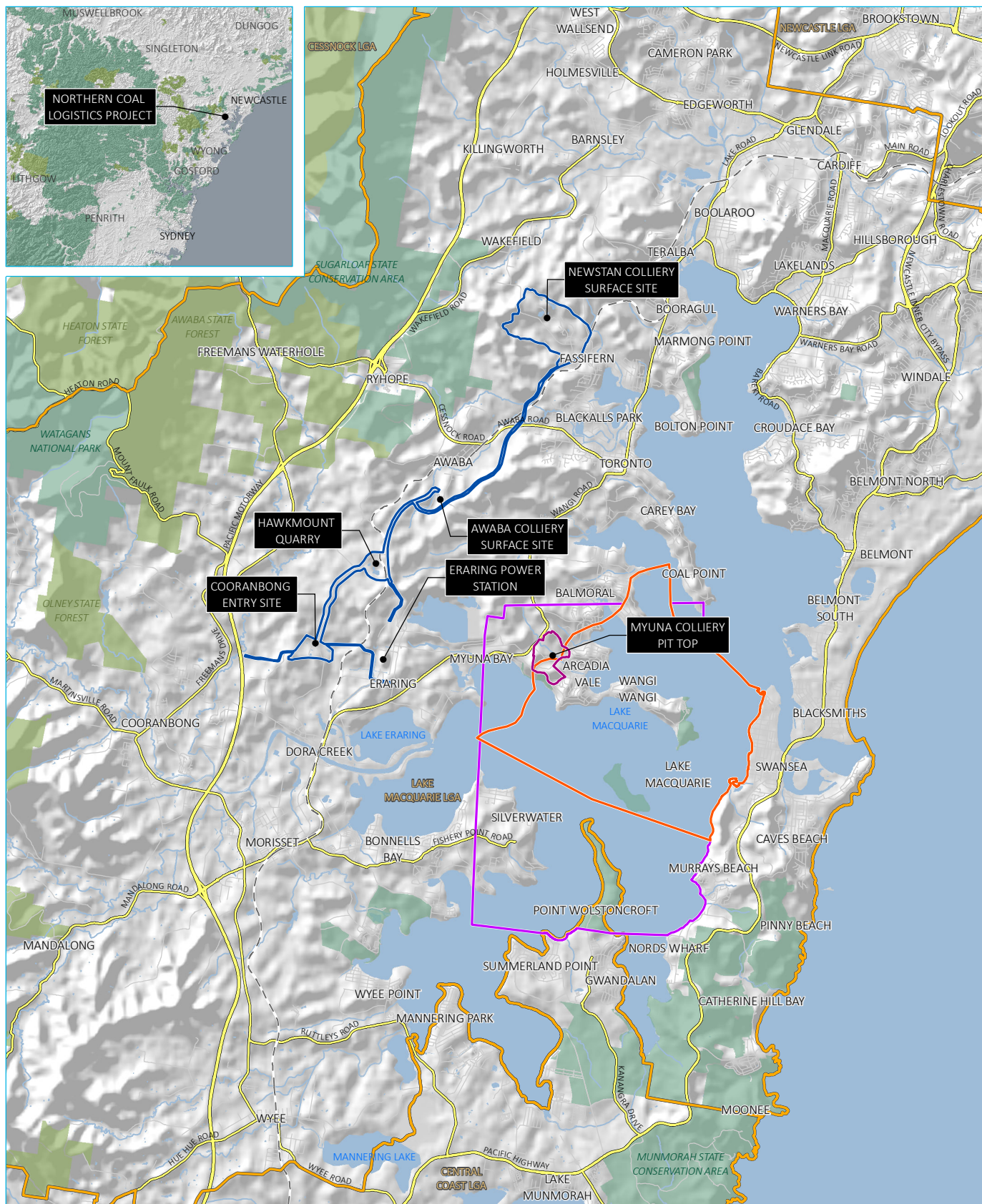
CES is approved to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days per week until 31 December 2045. Sixty full-time equivalent (FTE) personnel are approved to be based at CES. The site is approved to receive and process up to 6 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of ROM coal from Mandalong Mine and transport:

- up to 6 Mtpa of coal to Newstan Colliery via private haul roads; and
- up to 6 Mtpa of coal to Eraring Power Station via a dedicated overland conveyor.

CES and its operations are described in Chapter 3.

SSD-5145 has been modified once to allow for an increase in the number of FTE personnel approved to be based at CES and to amend the noise and air quality criteria specified by SSD-5145. The previous modification is described in Section 3.2.1.

CES operates under Mandalong Mine's Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 365.



KEY

- Rail line
- Major road
- Minor road
- Named watercourse
- NPWS reserve
- State forest
- Local government area
- Myuna Colliery surface facilities area
- Development consent boundaries
- Myuna Colliery development consent boundary (SH110_148)
- Myuna Colliery project approval boundary (MP 10_0080)
- Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)

Regional context

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Figure 1.1

1.4 Related operations

The other operations referenced in this MR are outlined below.

1.4.1 Eraring Power Station

Origin Energy Ltd (Origin) owns and operates Eraring Power Station, Australia's largest power station, with a generation capacity of 2,880 megawatts (MW). Product coal from CES and Myuna is transferred to Eraring Power Station via overland conveyors.

Eraring Power Station is approximately 1.4 km east of CES (Figure 2.1).

1.4.2 Mandalong Mine

Mandalong Mine is an underground coal mine near Morisset, approximately 35 km south-west of Newcastle. Mandalong Mine is operated by Centennial Mandalong Pty Limited (Centennial Mandalong) and produces thermal coal that is supplied to domestic and export markets. Mandalong operates under SSD-5144, which permits the delivery of ROM coal from the underground workings to CES.

As part of the proposed modification:

- coal from Mandalong Mine will be transported from CES to Myuna's pit top by truck; and
- coal from Myuna will be blended with coal from Mandalong Mine on-site at CES.

No modifications to SSD-5144 are required to allow coal to be transferred between Myuna's pit top and CES, blending of this coal at both sites, and associated activities.

1.4.3 Myuna Colliery

Myuna is an underground coal mine owned and operated by Centennial Myuna Pty Limited (Centennial Myuna). Myuna's pit top is 25 kilometres (km) south-west of Newcastle, in the Lake Macquarie local government area (LGA) (Figure 1.1). Myuna operates under two development consents:

- SH110_148, which was granted by Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) in 1977 under the provisions of the now repealed *NSW Local Government Act 1919*, for the development and operation of the Myuna and Cooranbong collieries; and
- MP 10_0080, which was granted by the Minister of Planning and Infrastructure on 18 January 2012 under Part 3A of the EP&A Act for continued mining in areas outside the area defined by SH110_148. MP 10_0080 also authorises the use of bord and pillar methods in the Wallarah, Great Northern and Fassifern coal seams and the continued use of existing on-site infrastructure until 31 December 2032.

MP 10_0080 has since been declared a State significant development (SSD) under Clause 6 of Schedule 2 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (Savings, Transitional and Other Provisions) Regulation 2017. Accordingly, Myuna now operates under an SSD approval.

Centennial Myuna is separately seeking to modify MP 10_0080, pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act, to allow for the transfer of coal between Myuna's pit top and CES, blending of this coal at Myuna, and associated activities.

1.4.4 Awaba Colliery

Awaba Colliery ceased operating as a producing mine in 2012; however, pit top infrastructure at the Awaba Colliery surface site, approximately 1 km south of Awaba (Figure 1.1), continues to be used for the nearby Newstan Colliery. Awaba Colliery is approved under Development Consent PA 10_0038.

Awaba Colliery surface site is approximately 5.3 km north of CES (Figure 1.1).

Trucks used to transport coal between CES and Myuna's pit top will access the private haul road network via Wilton Road and the Awaba Colliery surface site.

No modifications to PA 10_0038 are required to allow coal to be transferred between Myuna's pit top and CES, blending of this coal at both sites, and associated activities.

1.5 Objectives

Centennial NCS propose to blend Myuna and Mandalong Mine coal at CES and at Myuna's pit top. The proposed transport route is shown on Figure 4.1. This MR has been prepared to support the application to modify SSD-5145. It is also proposed to extend part of the Northern Coal Logistics Project development consent boundary, so that it includes the Awaba Private Haul Road through to Wilton Road (Figure 4.1).

It is not proposed to modify the approved life of coal transportation and processing operations under SSD-5145.

The proposed modification is described in Chapter 4.

1.6 Justification and alternatives

All product coal from Myuna is transferred to Eraring Power Station via Origin's overland conveyor, which connects the pit top to the power station. In addition, up to 6 Mtpa of ROM coal can be transferred from CES to Eraring Power Station.

Centennial Myuna and Centennial NCS propose to blend coal from Myuna with coal from Mandalong Mine at Myuna's pit top and at CES so that the blended coal meets Eraring Power Station specifications.

As noted in Section 1.1.2, Centennial Myuna has assessed a number of alternatives, including:

- Installing and operating a coal beneficiation plant at Myuna's pit top to improve the quality of coal before it is sent to Eraring Power Station. This option was discounted because of: the high capital costs associated with the additional infrastructure; the potential for increased noise levels at sensitive receptors close to Myuna's pit top; and the ongoing management of reject material requirements.
- Blending coal on-site at Eraring Power Station to improve the quality of Myuna coal before it is used for energy production. This option would also reduce on-site stockpile capacity at Eraring Power Station and does not align with Origin's preferred coal delivery strategy.
- Alternative coal transport routes between Myuna and CES. The proposed transport route reduces the length of time heavy vehicles will be on public roads and avoids residential areas. Preliminary feasibility investigations did not identify any issues with heavy vehicle traffic using the proposed transport route, including the right-hand turn from Wangi Point Road onto Wangi Road (Figure 4.1).

The proposed modification will allow ongoing supply of suitable coal from Myuna's pit top and CES to Eraring Power Station. This will support the ongoing and efficient operation of Eraring Power Station and continued supply of electricity to NSW. Failure to provide coal of sufficient quality to Eraring Power Station could risk the ongoing employment of Myuna's workforce.

1.7 Report contents

This MR describes the Northern Coal Logistics Project (with a focus on CES and the surrounding area), existing approved operations, details of the proposed modification, legislative framework and stakeholder consultation. It provides an environmental assessment and justification of the proposed modification. This MR is accompanied and supported by the following technical assessments:

- a noise and vibration impact assessment (NVIA) prepared by EMM (Appendix A);
- an air quality impact assessment (AQIA) prepared by EMM (Appendix B);
- a traffic impact assessment (TIA) prepared by EMM (Appendix C);
- an assessment of socio-economic effects prepared by AIGIS (Appendix D); and
- a greenhouse gas emissions assessment prepared by EMM (Appendix E).

2 Site description

2.1 Site location

SSD-5145 covers coal handling, processing and transport operations at Newstan Colliery surface site, CES and associated private haul roads, as well as the use of various surface infrastructure. The development consent boundary for SSD-5145 encompasses an area of approximately 503 hectares (ha) (Figure 1.1) and includes Newstan Colliery surface site, CES, Hawkmount Quarry, private haul roads and overland conveyors used to transport coal from CES to Eraring Power Station (see Section 3.1).

The closest suburbs to the development consent boundary (Figure 2.1) are:

- Fassifern, Fennell Bay and Blackalls Park near Newstan Colliery surface site;
- Awaba near the Awaba Colliery surface site and Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road; and
- Dora Creek near CES.

CES is accessed by public road from Gradwells Road (Figure 2.1).

2.2 Land use and ownership

Land in the immediate vicinity of CES is predominantly undeveloped bushland. Other surrounding land uses include mining, residential and rural-residential, utility easements, power generation and transport corridors. There are electricity transmission lines to the north and east of CES.

Lake Eraring and Lake Macquarie are approximately 2.1 km and 3.7 km south-east of CES, respectively (Figure 2.1). Eraring Power Station is approximately 1.4 km east of CES (Figure 2.1).

There are a number of residences off Gradwells Road in the area south of CES (Figure 2.1). The closest residence is 242 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek (sensitive receptor 23), approximately 420 m south of CES. Vegetation separates CES from the residences on Gradwells Road and the residential area of Dora Creek.

CES occupies freehold land owned by Centennial Fassifern Pty Ltd, a sister company of Centennial NCS, along with areas of Crown land (Figure 2.2).

2.3 Land zones

Land use zoning within the development consent boundary is pursuant to the Lake Macquarie Local Environmental Plan 2014 (Lake Macquarie LEP). Due to the diversity of land uses, land zones within the development consent boundary are variable.

Of relevance to this modification, CES is on land zoned SP1 Special Activities (Mining) and E2 Environmental Conservation pursuant to the Lake Macquarie LEP. Land use zoning at CES and in the immediate surrounds is shown on Figure 2.3.

2.4 Environmental setting

The development consent boundary is within a valley surrounded by diverse landforms, including the Watagan Mountain range to the west and Lake Macquarie to the east. The topography within the development consent boundary generally consists of low rolling hills with short side slopes and drainage lines. CES has been excavated into the floor of a small valley with elevations ranging between 10 and 30 metres Australian Height Datum (mAHD).

CES is in a temperate climate zone with no defined wet season, although the area can be susceptible to occasional heavy showers and thunderstorms due to easterly troughs during warmer months. The local climate is characterised by warm to hot summers and cool to mild winters.

CES is on an unnamed creek that running to Muddy Lake, which flows into Lake Eraring (part of Lake Macquarie). Muddy Lake is an estuarine coastal wetland connected to Lake Macquarie via an aqueduct that crosses the Eraring Power Station cooling water inlet canal. This allows for tidal and freshwater flows to be exchanged between Muddy Lake and Lake Macquarie.

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- KEY**
- Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
 - Myuna Colliery development consent boundary (SH110_148)
 - Myuna Colliery project approval boundary (MP 10_0080)
 - Myuna Colliery surface facilities area
 - Sensitive receiver
 - Rail line
 - Major road
 - Minor road
 - Named watercourse

Local context

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KEY

 Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)

 Cadastral boundary

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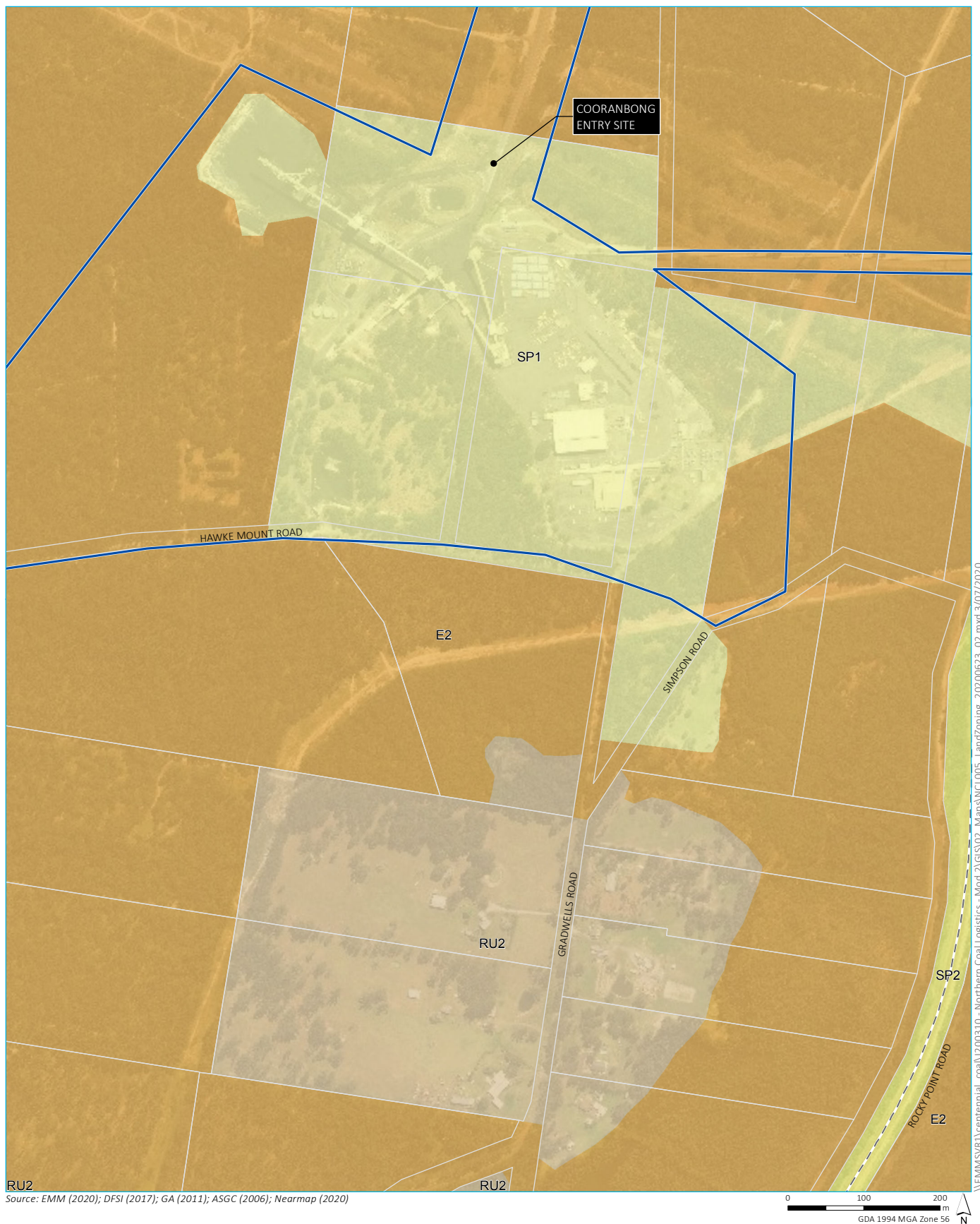
Crown

Freehold

NSW government

Land ownership

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Figure 2.2



KEY

- Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
- Cadastral
- Rail

Land use zoning (Lake Macquarie LEP)

- E2 Environmental
- RU2 Rural
- SP1 Special
- SP2

Land zones

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Figure 2.3

3 Existing operations

3.1 Overview of operations

As noted in Section 1.1.1, the Northern Coal Logistics Project comprises the ongoing use of the surface coal handling and processing facilities at the Newstan Colliery surface site and Cooranbong Entry Site (CES), as well as the ongoing use of existing private haul roads between Newstan Colliery, Awaba Colliery, CES and Eraring Power Station. These facilities are integral to the handling, processing and transport of coal from the underground workings of Newstan Colliery (via the private haul roads) and Mandalong Mine (via an underground conveyor to CES).

The development consent boundary for SSD-5145 (Figure 1.1) includes:

- Newstan Colliery surface site – including coal preparation and handling infrastructure, coal rejects emplacement areas, water management infrastructure and rail loading infrastructure;
- CES – including CHP, coal stockpiles, workshops and water management infrastructure;
- Hawkmount Quarry – a discussed quarry east of Cooranbong Private Haul Road between Newstan Colliery surface site and CES, which is used for coal rejects emplacement;
- three private haul roads (ie Newstan-Eraring, Awaba and Cooranbong) – linking the Newstan Colliery surface site, Awaba Colliery surface site, CES, Hawkmount Quarry and Eraring Power Station; and
- overland conveyors used to transport coal from CES to Eraring Power Station.

The proposed modification will result in changes to existing operations at CES and additional truck movements along the private haul road network between Awaba Colliery surface site and CES.

3.2 Existing approvals and licences

3.2.1 Development consent

The primary activities authorised under SSD-5145 are:

- receipt, handling and processing of up to 8 Mtpa of ROM coal at Newstan Colliery Surface Site;
- transport of up to 6 Mtpa of ROM coal from CES to Newstan Colliery Surface Site or Eraring Power Station;
- receipt of 4.5 Mtpa of ROM coal from Newstan Colliery at Newstan Colliery Surface Site;
- transport of 0.88 Mtpa of ROM coal from Awaba Colliery to at Newstan Colliery Surface Site;
- transport of 4.5 Mtpa of product coal from Newstan Colliery Surface Site to Eraring Power Station;
- transport of 0.5 Mtpa of product coal (a middle quality coal product referred to as ‘middlings’) from Newstan Colliery Surface Site to CES; and
- transport of 8 Mtpa of product coal from Newstan Colliery Surface Site by rail.

CES is approved to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days per week until the 31 December 2045. It is approved to receive and process up to 6 Mtpa of ROM coal from Mandalong Mine through the CHP and transport:

- up to 6 Mtpa of coal to Newstan Colliery via private haul roads; and
- up to 6 Mtpa of coal to Eraring Power Station via a dedicated overland conveyor.

No coal extraction activities are undertaken at CES under SSD-5145.

SSD-5145 was modified pursuant to Section 96(1A) of the EP&A Act on 25 January 2018 to:

- increase the number of FTE employees based at CES from 14 to 60;
- amend the noise criteria specified by Condition 2 of Schedule 3 of SSD-5145 for privately-owned residences in the vicinity of CES from 35 dB(A) to 37 dB(A) consistent with the criteria recommended in the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Report (August 2015); and
- make an administrative amendment to the notes associated with the air quality criteria specified by Condition 7 of Schedule 3 of SSD-5145.

3.2.2 Environment protection licence

CES operates under Mandalong Mine's EPL 365, which is administered by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) under Sections 43(b) and 48 of the NSW *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act).

EPL 365 covers coal mining to a scale of greater than 5 Mtpa of product, coal works to a scale greater than 5 Mtpa handled and water discharge from four licenced discharge points (LDPs), including two LDPs at CES (LDP001 and LDP002), which discharge into an unnamed drainage path that runs to Muddy Lake on the western side of Lake Macquarie.

The modification, as outlined in Chapter 4, will operate under EPL 365. No variation to EPL 365 will be required as a result of this modification.

3.2.3 Mineral authorities

Mining leases relevant to the Northern Coal Logistics Project are listed in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Mineral authorities

Reference	Title	Registered holder	Description	Expiry date
CCL 727	Consolidated Coal Lease 727	Centennial Newstan Pty Limited	Title to surface and sub-surface to varying depths.	12 August 2027
CCL 746	Consolidated Coal Lease 746	Centennial Newstan Pty Limited	Title to surface and sub-surface to varying depths.	31 December 2028
CCL 762	Consolidated Coal Lease 762	Centennial Mandalong Pty Limited	Title to surface to 5 m below Fassifern Seam floor.	13 October 2022
CCL 763	Consolidated Coal Lease 763	Centennial Newstan Pty Limited	Title generally to surface to a depth of 5 m below the surface.	9 June 2022
CCL 764	Consolidated Coal Lease 764	Centennial Newstan Pty Limited	Title to surface and sub-surface to varying depths.	18 May 2021

Table 3.1 Mineral authorities

Reference	Title	Registered holder	Description	Expiry date
ML 1480	Mining Lease 1480	Centennial Newstan Pty Limited	Title to the Newstan northern reject emplacement area (NREA) and sub-surface.	20 July 2023
ML 1587	Mining Lease 1587	Centennial Newstan Pty Limited	Title to surface land to a depth of 6.096 m.	23 October 2027
MPL 191	Mining Purposes Lease 191	Centennial Mandalong Pty Limited	Title to surface land for water tanks at CES.	24 February 2023
MPL 304	Mining Purposes Lease 304	Centennial Newstan Pty Limited	Title to fringe area of the NREA where it encroaches Fassifern Road.	25 March 2035
MPL 305	Mining Purposes Lease 305	Centennial Newstan Pty Limited	Title to Newstan Colliery surface site water tank farm.	25 March 2035
MPL 327	Mining Purposes Lease 327	Centennial Newstan Pty Limited	Title to part of the Awaba Private Haul Road.	5 August 2036
MPL 329	Mining Purposes Lease 329	Centennial Mandalong Pty Limited	Title to surface land for old water supply line from Eraring Power Station.	5 August 2015

3.3 Cooranbong Entry Site

Approved CES operations are described below and CES surface features are shown on Figure 3.1.

3.3.1 Materials handling and processing

ROM coal from underground workings at Mandalong Mine is delivered to the surface at CES via the southern drift conveyor at a rate of up to 800 t per hour. The CHP at CES has an approved capacity of 6 Mtpa and comprises of aerial conveyor systems, a rotary breaker and sizer, a crushing plant, ROM coal bin (2,000 t), product coal bin (2,000 t), a ROM coal stockpile (100,000 t), a middlings coal stockpile (3,000 t), an emergency coal stockpile (1,500 t) and an automatic truck loading facility.



Source: EMM (2020); DFSI (2017); GA (2011); Nearmap (2020)

KEY

- Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
- Existing surface facilities
- Sensitive receptors
- Rail line
- Major road
- Minor road

Existing surface facilities

1. ROM stockpile
2. ROM stockpile dam
3. Truck loading bin
4. Sediment dam 1
5. Sediment dam 2
6. Ventilation shaft & fan
7. South drift conveyor
8. 2,000 t ROM coal bin
9. Borehole dam
10. 1,500 t emergency stockpile

Existing surface facilities

11. 3,000 t middlings stockpile
12. CHP settlement tank
13. Final product bin
14. Crushing plant
15. Workshop & store
16. 5 ML dam
17. Administration building & carpark
18. Construction dam
19. Cooranbong private haul road
21. Site access from Gradwells Road
22. Existing weighbridge

Cooranbong Entry Site surface facilities area

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3.3.2 Coal transport

i Eraring Power Station

Coal from the 2,000 t ROM coal bin is discharged into the CHP rotary breaker and crusher, which reduces the size of the coal prior to being conveyed to Eraring Power Station via the 2,000 t final product bin and dedicated overland conveyor at a rate of up to 6 Mtpa. The overland conveyor is owned, operated and maintained by Origin Energy. The conveyor has a capacity of 1,000 t per hour and operates 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

Up to 0.5 Mtpa of middlings is approved to be hauled by truck via private haul road from Newstan Colliery surface site to CES for subsequent supply to the Eraring Power Station. Once at CES, the middlings are stockpiled at the 3,000 t middling stockpile before being reclaimed and transported to Eraring Power Station via the overland conveyor.

ii Newstan Colliery surface site

ROM or product coal transferred to the CES truck loading bin by conveyor is loaded into trucks for transport via private haul road to the Newstan Colliery surface site at a rate of up to 6 Mtpa for processing and subsequent transport into domestic and export markets.

When the truck loading bin is nearing capacity, coal is directed by a changeover gate arrangement on to an aerial conveyor, which discharges coal on to the 100,000 t stockpile. When required, coal is loaded from the 100,000 t ROM coal stockpile area by front-end loader directly into trucks for transport to Newstan Colliery surface site.

3.3.3 Reject emplacement

Up to 7,800 tpa of stone material ('rejects') produced at CES's CHP is approved to be transported by truck, via private haul roads, to Newstan Colliery surface site or Hawkmount Quarry for emplacement and/or rehabilitation activities. This material is stored at the CES in the 300 t rejects bin before it is loaded directly into trucks.

3.3.4 Water management

i Overview

The key functions of CES's water management system are to:

- separate clean and dirty water sources and allow for diversion, collection and treatment as appropriate;
- minimise discharges by maximising, where practicable, available water storages; and
- manage the volume and quality of water discharges, to levels that are environmentally acceptable.

CES's water management system is described in detail in the *Northern Coal Services Water Management Plan* (Centennial 2019) (WMP).

ii Clean water

Surface runoff from areas where there is no coal storage, handling, processing or transportation and no equipment servicing, is considered to be clean water. It is typically from undisturbed catchment areas and impervious areas such as sealed roads and car parks.

Clean water is diverted around CES with diversions in place around the ROM coal stockpile, through the western sector of the site and around the north-east boundary of the site. Within CES, clean water runoff from the upslope catchment to the west of the site is directed to an unnamed watercourse on the northern side of the site and upslope of Cooranbong LDP001.

iii Dirty water

Dirty water is runoff from disturbed areas and areas likely to contain coal, oils, greases and hydrocarbons, including workshop and fuel storage areas. These structures enable suspended solids to settle out of the water column and also allow dirty water to be reused by site processes (where possible) and minimise the potential for dirty water discharges into the surrounding environment. Dirty water is managed and treated to remove sediment and residual hydrocarbons prior to discharge in accordance with EPL 365.

Dirty water management storages at CES include:

- CHP settlement tank;
- 5 ML dam;
- ROM stockpile dam;
- sediment dams 1 and 2; and
- borehole dam.

To prevent dirty water entering clean water runoff areas and natural waterways at CES, all dirty water is captured and diverted through drains and/or pumped to sediment dam 1 before being decanted to the Cooranbong underground storage via the Cooranbong dewatering borehole.

iv Discharge

EPL 365 permits the discharge of water from CES via two LDPs:

- Cooranbong LDP001 – the borehole dam at CES discharges via Cooranbong LDP001 into an unnamed creek that runs to Muddy Lake. Sediment dams 1 and 2 also overflow to Cooranbong LDP001. Cooranbong LDP001 is permitted to discharge up to 5 ML/day.
- Cooranbong LDP002 – the 5 ML dam at the CES discharges via Cooranbong LDP002 into an unnamed creek that runs to Muddy Lake during times of prolonged wet weather.

3.4 Private haul roads

3.4.1 Overview

Private haul roads connect the Newstan Colliery surface site, Awaba Colliery surface site, CES, Hawkmount Quarry and Eraring Power Station (Figure 4.1):

- Newstan–Eraring Private Haul Road – approximately 13-km long, linking the Newstan Colliery surface site with Eraring Power Station;
- Cooranbong Private Haul Road – approximately 3.4-km long, linking the Newstan–Eraring Private Haul Road and CES; and

- Awaba Private Haul Road – approximately 770-m long, linking Awaba Colliery surface site to the Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road.

These private haul roads are sealed to minimise dust and noise generation. Their designs include surface water drainage and management. Any coal spilt from the haul trucks on the road is removed regularly.

These haul roads are approved to be used to haul coal, coal rejects (from Newstan Colliery surface site) and stone material.

3.4.2 Heavy vehicle movements

All coal haulage is undertaken on the existing private haul roads. Cumulatively, the road haulage activities generate, up to a maximum of 32 heavy vehicle movements per hour (16 two-way trips per hour). The relatively low number of heavy vehicle movements is primarily due to the large capacity of the trucks and the ability to backload.

3.4.3 Water management

i Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road

The water management system for the Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road comprises clean water diversions upstream of the road, along with culverts underneath the road, to minimise clean water running onto the road.

ii Cooranbong Private Haul Road

Water upslope of the Cooranbong Private Haul Road is diverted away from the road by a series of catch drains. Water from the haul road and shoulder batters is captured and diverted to six sediment basins constructed along the road in accordance with the *Managing Urban Stormwater Soils and Construction* (Landcom 2004). Flocculants are added on an as-needs basis to the sediment basins to minimise potential sediment loads in the sediment basins.

iii Awaba Private Haul Road

The water management system for the Awaba Private Haul Road comprises clean water diversions upstream of the road to minimise clean water running onto the road and one sump along the road to collect dirty water runoff prior to overflow to the pollution control dam at Awaba Colliery surface site.

3.5 Environmental management

The *Northern Coal Services Environmental Management System* (Centennial 2016) (EMS) has been developed in accordance with Centennial's EMS Framework and is generally consistent with the elements of ISO 14001. The EMS provides a framework to ensure the effective management of environmental issues and compliance with regulatory requirements for all activities and areas managed by Centennial NCS. It also provides a means for continued improvements in environmental performance.

A comprehensive set of environmental management plans have been developed and implemented across the approved components of the Northern Coal Logistics Project as part of the EMS. The implementation of these plans is a focus at each of the operations. These plans are reviewed and updated, as necessary, to reflect operational changes and incorporate additional/amended requirements.

Compliance with the environmental management plans is determined through an environmental monitoring network. Monitoring results are reported monthly on Centennial's website and in Mandalong Mine's and Newstan Colliery's annual review documents.

4 Proposed modification

4.1 Overview of modification

It is proposed to modify SSD-5145 to:

- allow up to 1 Mtpa of coal to be transported from Myuna to CES;
- allow up to 1 Mtpa of coal transported from Myuna to be handled at CES and blended with coal from Mandalong Mine before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- allow an increase in the total volume of coal that can be received at the 3,000 t middlings stockpile at CES from 0.5 Mtpa to 1.5 Mtpa;
- allow up to 0.2 Mtpa of Mandalong Mine coal to be backloaded from CES to Myuna's pit top for blending with coal from Myuna before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- allow trucks from Myuna to access CES via Awaba Colliery surface site and the private haul road network; and
- extend part of the Northern Coal Logistics Project development consent boundary, so that it includes the Awaba Private Haul Road through to Wilton Road (Figure 4.1).

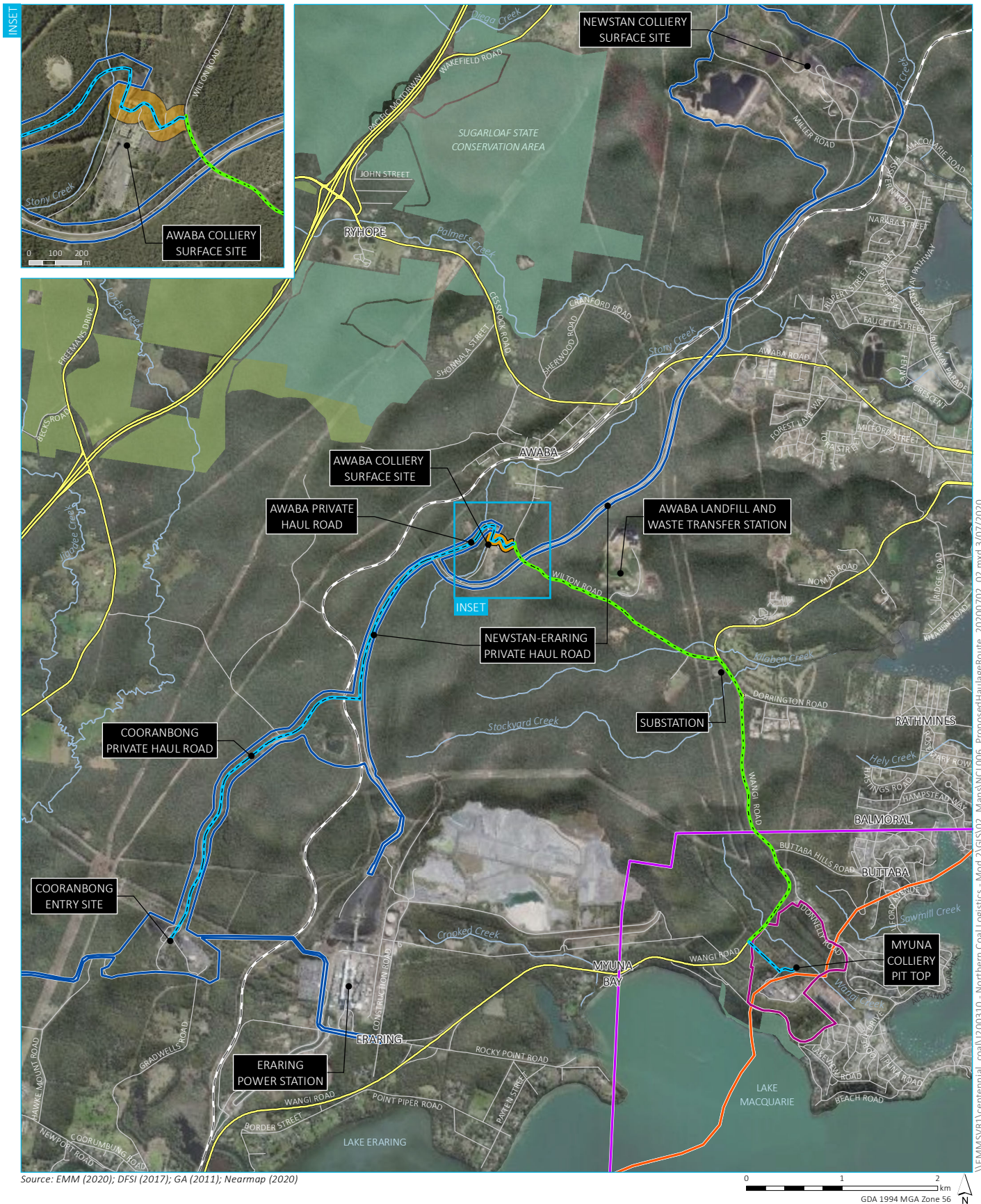
The proposed transport route consists of Wangi Point Road within Myuna's pit top area, public roads (ie Wangi Road and Wilton Road) between Myuna and the Awaba Colliery surface site and private haul roads between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES. The proposed transport route is shown on Figure 4.1.

Truck movements will be limited to 7.00 am–6.00 pm Monday to Saturday.

Truck numbers along the private haul road network between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES will be within previously assessed and approved limits under SSD-5145 (ie a maximum of 32 truck movements per hour).

It is proposed to extend the development consent boundary approximately 450 m from the Awaba Private Haul Road through to Wilton Road. This section of road has historically been used by light and heavy vehicles accessing the Awaba Colliery surface site and the private haul road network.

A comparison between approved operations and the proposed modification is provided in Table 4.1.



KEY

- Rail line
- Major road
- Minor road
- Named watercourse
- NPWS reserve
- State forest
- Proposed transport route
 - Private road
 - Public road
- Myuna Colliery surface facilities area
- Development consent boundaries
 - Myuna Colliery development consent boundary (SH110_148)
 - Myuna Colliery project approval boundary (MP 10_0080)
 - Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
 - Proposed amendment to Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)

Proposed transport route between Myuna Colliery and Cooranbong Entry Site

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Table 4.1 Comparison of existing operations (SSD-5145) and proposed modification

Aspect	Approved operation	Proposed modification
Operational life	Coal transportation and processing operations are approved until 31 December 2045.	No change.
Development consent boundary	As shown in Figure 1 of Appendix 2 to SSD-5145.	Extension to connect the Awaba Private Haul Road through to Wilton Road (Figure 4.1).
Hours of operation	Coal transportation and processing operations and maintenance activities are approved to take place 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.	No change.
Employment (CES only)	CES currently employs up to 60 FTE personnel.	No change.
Supporting surface infrastructure (CES only)	CHP, coal stockpiles, workshop building, administration building, car park and water management infrastructure.	No change.
Total volume of coal that can be received at the middlings stockpile	0.5 Mtpa.	1.5 Mtpa. The extent of the stockpile will not change as a result of the proposed modification.
Coal handling and processing (CES only)	CES is approved to receive and process up to 6 Mtpa of ROM coal from Mandalong Mine through the CHP.	In addition to approved coal handling and processing at CES: • receive up to 1 Mtpa of Myuna coal by truck; and • dispatch up to 0.2 Mtpa of Mandalong Mine coal to Myuna's pit top by truck.
Coal transport (CES only)	CES is approved to transport: • up to 6 Mtpa of coal to Newstan Colliery via private haul roads; and • up to 6 Mtpa of coal to Eraring Power Station via a dedicated overland conveyor. • 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.	In addition to approved coal transport: • transport up to 1 Mtpa of coal between Myuna and CES by truck; and • transport up to 0.2 Mtpa of coal between CES and Myuna by truck. Truck movements will be restricted to the route identified on Figure 4.1 and will be limited to 7.00 am–6.00 pm Monday to Saturday.
Rejects management	Stone material stored at CES in 300 t rejects bin before loaded directly into trucks.	No change.
Site access (CES only)	CES is accessible from Gradwells Road and the Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road.	No change.
Water management	In accordance with the approved WMP.	No change.
Environmental management	The EMS provides a framework under which environmental matters are managed.	Existing management plans will be reviewed and updated, as necessary, to reflect operational changes and incorporate additional/amended requirements.

4.2 Construction activities

No construction activities are required at CES to facilitate the proposed modification.

4.3 Material handling

Up to 1 Mtpa of ROM coal from Myuna will be transferred by truck from Myuna to the middlings coal stockpile at CES (Figure 3.1).

The proposed modification will increase the total volume of coal that can be received at the middlings coal stockpile at CES from 0.5 Mtpa to 1.5 Mtpa, consisting of up to 0.5 Mtpa of middlings (a middle quality coal product) and up to 1 Mtpa of ROM coal from Myuna.

Up to 0.2 Mtpa of Mandalong Mine coal will be backloaded from CES to Myuna. Trucks will be loaded using either a front end loader or the existing automatic truck loading bin.

Blending of Myuna coal with Mandalong Mine coal will occur within CES's CHP.

The receipt of up to 1 Mtpa of Myuna coal at CES will not exceed previously approved coal handling limits at CES (6 Mtpa). Up to 6 Mtpa of coal from CES will continue to be transported off-site by truck to the Newstan Colliery surface site or to the Eraring Power Station via the existing overland conveyor system.

Coal handling activities will continue to occur 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

4.4 Proposed truck transport

The proposed transport route (Figure 4.1) consists of:

- the private access road (Wangi Point Road) between Wangi Road and Myuna's pit top;
- public roads (Wangi Road and Wilton Road) between Myuna and Awaba Colliery surface site; and
- the private haul road between Awaba Colliery surface site and CES.

This route has been selected to avoid trucks travelling through residential areas. There are no residences immediately adjacent to, or with driveways on, the parts of Wangi Road and Wilton Road that are part of the transport route. The closest residences to the proposed transport route are residences on Donnelly Road, Arcadia Vale, which are approximately 80 m from Wangi Road at their closest point.

All trucks will arrive at, and depart from, CES via the Cooranbong Private Haul Road. Part of the Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road will also be used by trucks travelling to and from CES via the Awaba Colliery surface site.

Truck movements between CES and Myuna's pit top will be limited to 7.00 am–6.00 pm Monday to Saturday. There will be a maximum of 10 loaded trucks (20 truck movements) per hour departing from CES to travel back to Myuna. Between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday, truck movements travelling back to Myuna will be restricted to 5 loaded trucks (10 truck movements) per hour to minimise impacts during the afternoon peak hour.

Centennial will manage truck numbers along the private haul road network between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES to ensure they remain within previously assessed and approved limits under SSD-5145 (ie a maximum of 32 truck movements per hour).

All trucks leaving CES will be weighed using the site's existing vehicle weighbridge (Figure 3.1). An existing truck wheel wash will also be used by all trucks before leaving CES via the Cooranbong Private Haul Road (Figure 3.1). All trucks will be covered.

4.5 Conditions of consent

Centennial NCS is seeking to modify:

- Condition 6 of Schedule 2 of SSD-5145, which defines the coal transportation and processing limits to allow for the transportation of coal between Myuna and CES along the proposed transport route;
- the list of definitions in SSD-5145, which should be updated to include reference to this MR;
- the Schedule of Land in Appendix 1, which should be updated to include the additional lots within the extension to the development consent boundary at Awaba Colliery surface site (ie Lot 9 of DP 239629; Lot 213 of DP 755207; and Lot 216 of DP 755207); and
- Figure 1 of Appendix 2, which should include the extension to the development consent boundary.

It is acknowledged that the naming conventions for government agencies also need updating and SSD-5145 should be updated to include contemporary standards for general administrative and reporting conditions to align these conditions with DPIE's standard conditions for State significant mining developments (where relevant).

5 Legislation and policy

5.1 Introduction

This chapter describes the relevant Commonwealth and State legislation and regulatory framework under which the proposed modification will be assessed and determined.

5.2 Commonwealth legislation

The Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) is administered by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE). It provides a legal framework to protect and manage nationally and internationally important flora, fauna, ecological communities and heritage places defined as ‘matters of national environmental significance’ (MNES). If it is likely that there will be significant impacts to MNES, DAWE can deem that a project is a ‘controlled action’, requiring approval under the EPBC Act.

Based on the potential for significant impacts to threatened species listed under the EPBC Act, a referral was submitted for the Northern Coal Logistics Project to the Commonwealth Department of the Environment (now DAWE) in 2013. The proposed action was deemed to be a controlled action under the controlling provision of Section 18 and Section 18A of the EPBC Act. The Northern Coal Logistics Project was subsequently approved (subject to conditions) under the EPBC Act (Approval 2013/6906) on 2 March 2016.

Ecological and heritage impacts are discussed in detail in Table 7.11. The proposed modification will not significantly change previously assessed and approved impacts. No additional infrastructure is required at CES to facilitate the proposed modification.

The proposed modification will not have a significant impact on listed threaten species and communities or any other MNES and consequently has not been referred to DAWE.

5.3 NSW State legislation

5.3.1 NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

i Section 4.55(2) modification

Northern Coal Logistics Project operates under SSD-5145, which was granted by the Minister for Planning on 29 September 2015. SSD-5145 was most recently modified on 25 January 2018 (Modification 1).

Centennial NCS is seeking to modify SSD-5145 pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act to allow for the transfer of coal between CES and Myuna’s pit top and associated activities. Compliance of the proposed modification with the requirements of Section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act is summarised in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1 Compliance with EP&A Act Section 4.55(2) requirements

Section 4.55 (2) requirements	Comment
a) it is satisfied that the development to which the consent as modified relates is substantially the same development as the development for which consent was originally granted and before that consent as originally granted was modified (if at all), and	The proposed modification is substantially the same development for which consent was originally granted being the handling, processing, and transport of coal across multiple operations. The proposed modification is seeking to change the handling and distribution of coal at CES. No additional infrastructure is required at CES to facilitate the proposed modification. The proposed modification will allow an ongoing supply of coal to Eraring Power Station from Myuna and CES and will help support the ongoing and efficient operation of Eraring Power Station.
b) it has consulted with the relevant Minister, public authority or approval body (within the meaning of Division 4.8) in respect of a condition imposed as a requirement of a concurrence to the consent or in accordance with the general terms of an approval proposed to be granted by the approval body and that Minister, authority or body has not, within 21 days after being consulted, objected to the modification of that consent, and	Centennial NCS has consulted with NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) as part of the preparation of this MR. DPIE confirmed the approval pathway for the modification is by way of Section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act. Further consultation information is provided in Chapter 6.
c) it has notified the application in accordance with: i) the regulations, if the regulations so require, or ii) a development control plan, if the consent authority is a council that has made a development control plan that requires the notification or advertising of applications for modification of a development consent, and	Clause 118 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (EP&A Regulation) relates to the notification period associated with 4.55(2) modifications. Notice of the application must be published in a local newspaper by DPIE. DPIE must also cause notice of the proposed modification to be given to each person who made a submission in relation to the original development application. This MR will be placed on public exhibition by DPIE.
d) it has considered any submissions made concerning the proposed modification within the period prescribed by the regulations or provided by the development control plan, as the case may be.	Any submissions made concerning the proposed modification will be reviewed by DPIE and forwarded to Centennial NCS to consider and respond to (via a response to submissions (RTS) report).

ii Matters for consideration

Modification applications under Section 4.55(2) of Division 4.9 are required to take into consideration the relevant matters referred to in Section 4.15 of the EP&A Act which include:

- (a) the provisions of:
 - (i) any environmental planning instrument, and
 - (ii) any proposed instrument that is or has been the subject of public consultation under this Act and that has been notified to the consent authority (unless the Planning Secretary has notified the consent authority that the making of the proposed instrument has been deferred indefinitely or has not been approved), and
 - (iii) any development control plan, and
 - (iiia) any planning agreement that has been entered into under section 7.4, or any draft planning agreement that a developer has offered to enter into under section 7.4, and

- (iv) the regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters for the purposes of this paragraph), and
 - (v) (Repealed)
- that apply to the land to which the development application relates,
- (b) the likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environment, and social and economic impacts in the locality,
 - (c) the suitability of the site for the development,
 - (d) any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations,
 - (e) the public interest.

Matters (a) (i), (iii) and (iv) have been addressed in the following sections of this chapter. Matters (b) to (e) are addressed in Chapters 6, 7 and 8.

5.3.2 NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000

Clause 115 of the EP&A Regulation lists the information required in an application made under Section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act. Table 5.2 provides an outline of where this information is provided.

The proposed modification is not considered designated development under the EP&A Regulation.

Table 5.2 EP&A Regulation Clause 115 information requirements

Clause 115 information requirement	Where addressed
a) the name and address of application	Section 1.2 of this MR.
b) a description of the development to be carried out under the consent (as previously modified)	Chapter 3 of this MR.
c) the address, and formal particulars of title, of the land on which the development is to be carried out,	Sections 2.1 and 4.3 of this MR and Appendix 1 of SSD-5145.
d) a description of the proposed modification to the development consent,	Chapter 4 of this MR.
e) a statement that indicates either:	Section 4.1 of this MR.
iii) that the modification is merely intended to correct a minor error, misdescription or miscalculation, or	
iv) that the modification is intended to have some other effect, as specified in the statement,	
f) a description of the expected impacts of the modification,	Chapter 7 of this MR.
g) an undertaking to the effect that the development (as to be modified) will remain substantially the same as the development that was originally approved,	Table 5.1 of this MR.

Table 5.2 EP&A Regulation Clause 115 information requirements

Clause 115 information requirement	Where addressed
h) in the case of an application that is accompanied by a biodiversity development assessment report, the reasonable steps taken to obtain the like-for-like biodiversity credits required to be retired under the report to offset the residual impacts on biodiversity values if different biodiversity credits are proposed to be used as offsets in accordance with the variation rules under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016,	No additional infrastructure is required at CES to facilitate the proposed modification. There will be no increase in impacts to biodiversity values (Table 7.11). The proposed modification will not significantly change previously assessed and approved impacts.
i) if the applicant is not the owner of the land, a statement signed by the owner of the land to the effect that the owner consents to the making of the application (except where the application for the consent the subject of the modification was made, or could have been made, without the consent of the owner),	Landowner's consent is not required for a development application for public notification development if the applicant instead gives notice of the application: - to the owner of the land in writing before the application is made; or - by publishing a notice no later than 14 days after the application is made in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the development is to be carried out.
j) a statement as to whether the application is being made to the Court (under Section 4.55) or to the consent authority (under Section 4.56)	The proposed modification application is not being made to the NSW Land and Environment Court.
and, if the consent authority so requires, must be in the form approved by that authority.	The form of this application is consistent with DPIE's requirements.

5.3.3 Other relevant NSW State legislation and planning instruments

An outline of other relevant NSW State legislation and planning instruments is provided in Table 5.3.

Table 5.3 Other relevant NSW State legislation

NSW legislation	Comment
POEO Act	CES operates under Mandalong Mine's EPL 365. Mandalong Mine is a 'premises-based scheduled activity' under Schedule 1 (10) and (28) of the POEO Act. EPL 365 is administered by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) under Sections 43(b) and 48 of the POEO Act. No changes to EPL 365 are proposed as part of this modification. The modification, as outlined in Chapter 4, will operate under EPL 365.
NSW <i>Mining Act 1992</i>	Centennial (and its subsidiaries) currently holds mining leases over the development consent boundary. No new mining leases are required as a result of the proposed modification.
NSW <i>Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Act 2013</i>	The NSW <i>Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Act 2013</i> aims to assist in securing and promoting the health, safety and welfare of people at work at coal operations. Centennial NCS hold all necessary approvals under the Act and operations will continue to be regulated under the provisions of the Act.
NSW <i>Water Act 1912</i> (Water Act)	The Water Act governs access, trading and allocation of licences associated with surface water and groundwater sources where a water sharing plan is not in place. The Water Act applies to groundwater interference, bore installation and extraction of groundwater. No further licenses or allocation are required as part of the Northern Coal Logistics Project as a result of the proposed modification.

Table 5.3 **Other relevant NSW State legislation**

NSW legislation	Comment
NSW <i>Water Management Act 2000</i> (WM Act)	The WM Act is intended to ensure that water resources are conserved and properly managed for sustainable use benefitting both present and future generations. Water sharing plans prepared in accordance with the WM Act include rules for protecting the environment and administering water licencing and trading. By the operation of Section 89J of the EP&A Act, the Northern Coal Logistics Project does not require water use approvals under Section 89, water management approvals under Section 90 or a controlled activity approval under Section 91 of the WM Act.

5.4 State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007

The Mining SEPP aims to provide for the proper management and development of mineral, petroleum and extractive material resources for the social and economic welfare of NSW.

Sub-clause 7(1)(a) of the Mining SEPP states that development for the purpose of underground mining may be carried out on any land with development consent. In relation to any inconsistency between the Mining SEPP and an environmental planning instrument, sub-clause 5(3) provides that the Mining SEPP prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

On this basis, any provision in the Lake Macquarie LEP that would otherwise operate to prohibit the proposed modification has no effect. The proposed modification is therefore permissible with development consent.

5.5 Local environmental plans

As noted in Section 2.3, CES is on land zoned SP1 Special Activities (Mining) and E2 Environmental Conservation under the Lake Macquarie LEP (Figure 2.3). Development for the purposes of mining and related activities is permissible with consent on land zoned SP1 Special Activities (Mining) under the Lake Macquarie LEP.

6 Stakeholder consultation

6.1 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Centennial NCS wrote to DPIE on 14 May 2020 to introduce the proposed modification and seek advice with regard to the assessment pathway and scope of this MR. DPIE responded on 1 June 2020 to confirm the assessment scope and nominated application under Section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act as the appropriate approval pathway. A copy of this correspondence is provided in Appendix F. Feedback provided by DPIE and how this has been addressed is summarised in Table 6.1.

Table 6.1 Feedback from DPIE and how it has been addressed

Matter raised	Response
DPIE agreed that the application will be assessed as a Section 4.55(2) application under the EP&A Act.	The approval pathway for the modification is nominated and described in Section 5.3.1 of this MR.
DPIE acknowledged that a detailed TIA of the proposed coal transport route between Myuna Colliery and Awaba Colliery would be a key component of the MR.	EMM has undertaken a TIA to assess the potential impacts of the proposed coal transport on the local road network (Section 7.3 and Appendix C).
DPIE requested that the MR include consideration of:	-
Extension of the boundaries of SSD-5145 to include the haulage route connecting the Centennial private haul road at Awaba Colliery surface site to Wilton Road;	The development consent boundary will be extended to connect the Awaba Private Haul Road through to Wilton Road (Figure 4.1).
Noise and air quality impacts for residents adjacent to Gradwells Road.	EMM has undertaken a NVIA (Section 7.1 and Appendix A) and an AQIA (Section 7.2 and Appendix B) to assess the potential noise and vibration and air quality impacts of the proposed modification, respectively.
Ensuring public roads are kept free of materials tracked by trucks.	A truck wheel wash will be used by all trucks before leaving site at Myuna and CES.
For any areas of ground disturbance, consideration of Aboriginal cultural heritage and surface water management.	No additional ground disturbance is proposed. The potential impacts of the proposed modification on Aboriginal cultural heritage and water resources are considered in Table 7.11.

6.2 Lake Macquarie City Council

A letter was sent to LMCC on 22 May 2020 to introduce the proposed modification and notify LMCC that a MR will be submitted to DPIE (Appendix F). LMCC responded to the letter on 11 June 2020 and acknowledged that the proposed modification has potential to impact the public road network (namely Wangi Road and Wilton Road). EMM has undertaken a TIA to assess the potential impacts of the proposed coal transport on the local road network (Section 7.3 and Appendix C).

6.3 Transport for NSW

A letter was sent to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) on 22 May 2020 to introduce the proposed modification and notify TfNSW that a MR will be submitted to DPIE (Appendix F). TfNSW responded to the letter on 20 June 2020 and provided commentary on the content of the TIA. The TIA prepared by EMM considered the input from TfNSW (Section 7.3 and Appendix C).

6.4 Private landholders

As described in Section 7.1, Centennial NCS is engaging with landholders identified as experiencing operational noise emissions above the project noise trigger levels (PNTLs) (sensitive receptors 22, 23, 26, 28, 31, 32 and 35 on Figure 3.1). The mitigation measures that could be implemented at the residences and/or the nature of any negotiated agreement between Centennial NCS and the landholders will depend on the outcomes of this engagement. DPIE will be provided a copy of the negotiated agreements (where required).

6.5 Myuna Colliery Community Consultative Committee

The Myuna Colliery Community Consultative Committee (CCC) comprises of representatives from the local community and LMCC and is independently chaired. The CCC meets on a quarterly basis and provides a forum for open discussion between Centennial Myuna, the community, LMCC and other stakeholders on issues directly relating to Myuna's operation, environmental performance and community relations.

Correspondence was sent to the members of the CCC on 22 June 2020 to introduce the proposed modification and notify them that a MR will be submitted to DPIE (Appendix F). No feedback regarding the proposed modification has been received to date. The proposed modification will also be discussed at the CCC meeting on 7 October 2020. Minutes from CCC meetings are available on the Centennial Myuna website:

<https://www.centennialcoal.com.au/Operations/OperationsList/Myuna>

6.6 Newstan/Awaba Community Consultative Committee

The Newstan/Awaba CCC comprises of representatives from the local community and LMCC and is independently chaired. The CCC meets on a quarterly basis and provides a forum for open discussion between Centennial Newstan, the community, LMCC and other stakeholders on issues directly relating to Newstan and Awaba collieries operations, environmental performance and community relations.

Correspondence was sent to the members of the CCC on 30 June 2020 to introduce the proposed modification and notify them that a MR will be submitted to DPIE (Appendix F). No feedback regarding the proposed modification has been received to date. The proposed modification will also be discussed at the CCC meeting on 27 August 2020. Minutes from CCC meetings are available on the Centennial Newstan website:

<https://www.centennialcoal.com.au/Operations/OperationsList/Newstan>

6.7 Mandalong Community Consultative Committee

The Mandalong Mine CCC comprises of representatives from the local community and LMCC and is independently chaired. The CCC meets on a quarterly basis and provides a forum for open discussion between Centennial Mandalong, the community, LMCC and other stakeholders on issues directly relating to Mandalong Mine's operation, environmental performance and community relations.

A presentation on the proposed modification was provided to the members of the CCC on 23 June 2020 to introduce the proposed modification and notify them that a MR will be submitted to DPIE. A copy of the presentation slides presented to the CCC is provided in Appendix F. No feedback regarding the proposed modification was received. Minutes from CCC meetings are available on the Centennial Mandalong website:

<https://www.centennialcoal.com.au/Operations/OperationsList/Mandalong>

7 Assessment of impacts

This section addresses the potential impacts of the proposed modification.

7.1 Noise

7.1.1 Overview

A noise and vibration impact assessment (NVIA) was prepared by EMM (Appendix A) for the proposed modification. The assessment was prepared with reference to the methods outlined in the *Noise Policy for Industry* (NPfI) (EPA 2017).

7.1.2 Existing environment

i Ambient noise

Unattended noise monitoring was undertaken in March 2020 by EMM at two locations near CES to establish the existing ambient noise levels. The noise loggers were in place from 6 to 17 March and were programmed to record statistical noise level indices in 15-minute intervals.

The main contributors to overall ambient noise levels were distant traffic (M1 motorway), some local traffic, insects and birdsong. CES's operations were only occasionally audible at one location, 214 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek (NM2 on Figure 2.2 of Appendix A). CES's operations were inaudible at the other monitoring location, 102 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek (NM1 on Figure 2.2 of Appendix A).

Eraring Power Station is a contributor to ambient noise levels in the area.

ii Assessment locations

The closest noise and vibration sensitive receptors are residences (Figure 3.1). Representative assessment locations (sensitive receptors) are shown in Figure 3.1. The numbering of these receptors is consistent with that utilised in previous noise assessments for CES and SSD-5145.

iii Existing noise emissions

The NVIA considered data collected as part of quarterly noise compliance reporting between 2017 and 2019. Results of quarterly noise monitoring surveys indicate that evening and night noise emissions from CES have been above the existing noise criteria (Table 7.1) at the nearest assessment location.

Centennial NCS has received two complaints in relation to noise emissions from CES in the last five years (July 2016 and March 2020). The complaint in March 2020 from a resident of Gradwells Road related to truck loading at the 100,000 t stockpile. Truck loading was stopped on receipt of the complaint. During consultation with neighbouring residents along Gradwells Road, noise has been raised as a concern.

Centennial NCS provided additional data in relation to low frequency noise emissions from CES (Appendix A of Appendix A). This data showed that measured levels of low frequency noise at NM1 (102 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek) are below the NPfI threshold levels and, as such, modifying factors are not applicable to noise emissions from CES. Hence, low frequency noise modifying factors have not been applied to noise emissions from CES.

iv Existing noise criteria

Noise criteria for CES are provided in Schedule 3 Condition 2 and 3 of SSD-5145 and Condition L5 of EPL 365. Noise limits are consistent between these two documents and are summarised in Table 7.1.

Table 7.1 Cooranbong Entry Site noise criteria

Location	Day	Evening	Night	
	L _{Aeq,15min} (dB)	L _{Aeq,15min} (dB)	L _{Aeq,15min} (dB)	L _{A1,1min} (dB)
242 Gradwells Road (23)	37	37	37	45
232 Gradwells Road (26)	36	36	36	45
All other privately owned land	35	35	35	45

7.1.3 Assessment of impacts

i Noise criteria

The NPfI provides a methodology for the assessment of noise from existing industrial sites. As per the NPfI, project noise trigger levels (PNTLs) are the more stringent of either the project intrusive or amenity noise levels. The project intrusive noise levels, recommended amenity noise levels and PNTLs are provided in Table 7.2.

Table 7.2 Project noise trigger levels, L_{Aeq,15min}

Assessment location	Intrusive noise level			Amenity noise level			PNTL		
	L _{Aeq,15min} , dB			L _{Aeq,15min} , dB			L _{Aeq,15min} , dB		
	Day ¹	Evening ¹	Night ¹	Day ¹	Evening ¹	Night ¹	Day ¹	Evening ¹	Night ¹
22, 23, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35	40	40	40	53	43	38	40	40	38

1. Day: 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday; 8 am to 6 pm Sundays and public holidays; evening: 6 pm to 10 pm; night: all remaining periods.

As specified in Section 6.1 of the NPfI, PNTLs should not be applied as mandatory noise limits.

ii Construction

No construction activities are required at CES to facilitate the proposed modification.

iii Operational noise assessment

Predicted noise levels for operation of CES inclusive of the proposed modification are presented in Table 7.3 for all assessment locations. Those predicted to be above the PNTLs are shown in bold text. Noise-enhancing weather conditions have been considered and the highest predicted noise level is presented for each period. Cells are shaded as follows:

- green cells – CES noise levels predicted to be less than or equal to 2 dB above PNTL;
- yellow cells – CES noise levels predicted to be 3–5 dB above PNTL; and

- red cells – CES noise levels predicted to be more than 5 dB above PNTL.

Table 7.3 Predicted $L_{Aeq,15min}$ operational noise levels

Assessment location	Period ¹	Predicted noise level (including proposed modification) (dB)	PNTL $L_{Aeq,15min}$ (dB)
		Noise-enhancing	
22	Day	40	40
	Evening	41	40
	Night	41	38
23	Day	46	40
	Evening	46	40
	Night	46	38
26	Day	44	40
	Evening	44	40
	Night	44	38
28	Day	42	40
	Evening	42	40
	Night	42	38
30	Day	35	40
	Evening	35	40
	Night	35	38
31	Day	39	40
	Evening	39	40
	Night	39	38
32	Day	41	40
	Evening	42	40
	Night	42	38
33	Day	35	40
	Evening	36	40
	Night	36	38
35	Day	38	40
	Evening	39	40
	Night	39	38

1. Day: 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday; 8 am to 6 pm Sundays and public holidays; evening: 6 pm to 10 pm; night: all remaining periods.

The PNTLs are predicted to be exceeded at seven assessment locations (22, 23, 26, 28, 31, 32 and 35 – Figure 3.1). Noise emissions from CES are predicted to be above the existing noise criteria specified in SSD-5145 at all but one assessment location (30 – Figure 3.1). Therefore, an assessment of reasonable and feasible mitigation has been undertaken (Chapter 8 of Appendix A).

iv Sleep disturbance assessment

CES is approved to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including coal handling activities). CES's operations will not significantly change as a result of the proposed modification when compared to currently approved operations and, hence, maximum noise levels are expected to remain the same as those currently experienced.

The likely maximum noise level events at the nearest residential assessment locations have been assessed as part of the NVIA. Typical maximum noise level events at CES include trucks being loaded, dozer operations or bangs from the CHP. A typical maximum sound power level of L_{Amax} 126 dB has been adopted for all such events and is based on EMM's measurements of similar activities. These events represent the likely highest maximum noise level events from CES.

Predicted maximum noise levels at M1 (close to assessment location 23) from CES are comparable to those measured during historical noise compliance surveys. It is noted that the $L_{Aeq,15min}$ screening level is predicted to be exceeded at several residences. Therefore, an assessment of feasible and reasonable noise mitigation was undertaken, see Chapter 8 of Appendix A. It is predicted that maximum noise levels (Table 7.4 of Appendix A) will be below the relevant L_{Amax} sleep disturbance screening level. Hence, sleep disturbance at nearby residences is unlikely.

v Road traffic noise assessment

Noise from vehicles on private roads are assessed as part of on-site industrial noise, while that from public roads are assessed using the *Road Noise Policy* (RNP) (DECCW 2011).

As described in Section 4.4, total truck numbers using the private haul road network between Awaba Colliery surface site and CES will be within previously assessed and approved limits under SSD-5145 (ie a maximum of 32 truck movements per hour). Therefore, noise levels will not be increased as a result of the proposed modification.

The proposed transport route has been selected to avoid trucks travelling through residential areas. There are no residences immediately adjacent to, or with driveways on, the parts of Wangi Road and Wilton Road that form part of the transport route. The closest residences to the proposed transport route are residences on Donnelly Road, Arcadia Vale, which are approximately 80 m from Wangi Road at their closest point.

Results of traffic tube counts conducted in November 2019 indicate annual average daily traffic on this section of road is 6,979. Traffic generated by the proposed modification (ie up to 20 truck movements per hour) represents a negligible increase (less than 7%) in total traffic on Wangi Road.

Therefore, road traffic noise impacts are not expected as a result of the proposed modification and a detailed assessment of road traffic noise has not been prepared.

7.1.4 Mitigation and management

i Existing noise mitigation and management measures

Centennial NCS will continue to implement the existing noise mitigation and management measures as provided in the Centennial *Northern Region Noise Management Plan* (NMP).

The NMP outlines the noise mitigation and management measures common to all of Centennial's operations within the northern region, where applicable, as well as those specific to CES. The NMP also describes the short-term and long-term monitoring program for CES including both attended and real-time, unattended noise monitoring.

ii Feasible and reasonable assessment of additional mitigation

Consideration of the feasibility and reasonableness of additional noise mitigation measures has been undertaken with reference to the guidance provided in Section 3.4 of the NPfI (Table 8.1 of Appendix A). Mitigation strategies have been considered based on the following hierarchy:

1. Control of noise at the source.
2. Once feasible and reasonable controls at the source are exhausted, controlling transmission of noise.
3. Once source and transmission feasible and reasonable controls are exhausted, considering mitigation measures at the noise sensitive receivers (including negotiated agreements).

The main operational noise sources at CES contributing to off-site noise levels are the rotary breaker, CHP, front-end loaders, overland conveyor and haul trucks. Mitigation options targeting these noise sources have previously been considered (Appendix E of Appendix A). Implementation of at-source controls would likely be extremely costly and there is still uncertainty of the potential effectiveness of some mitigation measures.

Centennial NCS is engaging with landholders identified as experiencing operational noise emissions above PNTLs (assessment locations 22, 23, 26, 28, 31, 32 and 35). The type of mitigation measures that could be implemented at the residences and/or the nature of any negotiated agreement between Centennial NCS and the landholders will depend on the outcomes of this engagement. DPIE will be provided a copy of the negotiated agreements (where required).

7.1.5 Conclusion

The proposed modification is not predicted to change existing operational noise emissions.

Operational noise emissions from CES are predicted to be above the PNTLs at seven assessment locations. Noise emissions from CES are also predicted to be above the existing noise criteria specified in SSD-5145 at all but one assessment location. An assessment of feasible and reasonable noise mitigation options concluded that negotiated agreements will be pursued with potentially affected residents.

Predicted maximum noise levels are below the maximum screening criteria and generally consistent with the results of previous noise compliance monitoring at CES. Hence, sleep disturbance is unlikely.

Noise emissions from CES will continue to be managed in accordance with the existing NMP.

7.2 Air quality

7.2.1 Overview

An air quality impact assessment (AQIA) was prepared by EMM (Appendix B) to assess potential air quality impacts associated with Myuna's existing and proposed operations on the surrounding environment. The AQIA has been prepared in general accordance with the guidelines specified by the *Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales* (EPA 2016). Emissions of total suspended particulates (TSP), particulate matter less than 10 micrometres (μm) in aerodynamic diameter (PM_{10}), particulate matter less than 2.5 μm in aerodynamic diameter ($\text{PM}_{2.5}$) were estimated and the dispersion of these potential pollutants modelled.

The AQIA only includes dispersion modelling of CES and the proposed modification to operations at this site. It does not include dispersion modelling of other approved operations associated with the Northern Coal Logistics Project (eg Newstan Colliery surface site). Other remote sources of dust are accounted for in the monitoring data analysed as part of the AQIA.

7.2.2 Existing environment

The local airshed is likely to be influenced by:

- emissions from existing industrial operations, including the Eraring Power station, Myuna, Awaba Colliery surface site and Awaba Landfill and Waste Transfer Station;
- wind generated dust from exposed areas;
- dust entrainment and tailpipe emissions from vehicle movements along unsealed and sealed roads;
- seasonal emissions from household wood heaters;
- sea salts contained in sea breezes; and
- long-range transport of fine particles into the region.

More remote sources contributing episodically to suspended particulate concentrations include dust storms and bushfires.

Centennial NCS maintains an air quality monitoring network for its operations at CES, which consists of a tapered element oscillating microbalance (TEOM) (measuring continuous hourly PM₁₀ and TSP concentrations) and a dust deposition gauge (recording monthly dust deposition rates). Data from this equipment was used to establish background air quality concentrations for the AQIA.

No monitoring of PM_{2.5} is conducted by the existing air quality monitoring network at Myuna or CES. Therefore, DPIE's air quality monitoring station (AQMS) at Wyong was used to establish average PM_{2.5} concentrations.

The background air quality values adopted for the AQIA were:

- 24-hour PM₁₀ concentration – daily varying;
- annual average PM₁₀ concentration – 17.5 µg/m³;
- 24-hour PM_{2.5} concentration – daily varying;
- annual average PM_{2.5} concentration – 6.5 µg/m³;
- annual average TSP concentration – 43.7 µg/m³; and
- annual average dust deposition – 1.5 g/m²/month.

7.2.3 Assessment of impacts

i Assessment criteria

The EPA's impact assessment criteria for particulate matter, as documented in Section 7 of the *Approved Methods for Modelling*, are presented in Table 7.4. These are designed to maintain ambient air quality for the protection of human health and well-being.

Table 7.4 **Impact assessment criteria for particulate matter**

PM metric	Averaging period	Impact assessment criterion
TSP	Annual	90 µg/m ³
PM ₁₀	24 hours	50 µg/m ³
	Annual	25 µg/m ³
PM _{2.5}	24 hours	25 µg/m ³
	Annual	8 µg/m ³
Dust deposition	Annual	2 g/m ² /month (increment only)
		4 g/m ² /month (cumulative)

Notes: µg/m³: micrograms per cubic metre; g/m²/month: gram per square metre per month.
Source: EPA (2016).

ii Construction

No construction activities are required at CES to facilitate the proposed modification.

iii Operations

Emissions estimation and dispersion modelling was completed for an existing operational scenario, which included the receipt and handling of up to 6 Mtpa of coal at CES. The proposed modification scenario included:

- the receipt and handling of up to 6 Mtpa of coal at CES (including up to 1 Mtpa of coal from Myuna); and
- distribution of up to 0.2 Mtpa of coal from CES to Myuna.

A range of best practice dust mitigation measures are currently, and will continue to be, employed at CES. These include the use of water carts and sprays, paved roads, enclosed conveyors, enclosed processing plant and watering of coal stockpiles (Section 5.3 of Appendix B). These measures have been taken into account in the emissions estimation and dispersion modelling of each scenario.

a Emissions estimates

A graphical summary of the contribution to annual dust emissions, by source type, is provided in Figure 7.1 for the existing scenario and Figure 7.2 for the proposed scenario. The most significant source of particulate matter emissions from CES's operations is associated with material handling activities (eg loading and unloading of coal), with a less significant contribution from the operation of the upcast ventilation shaft.

As shown in Section 5.2 of Appendix B, there will be an increase in emissions under the proposed scenario. This primarily relates to the receipt of up to 1 Mtpa of coal from Myuna at the middlings coal stockpile.

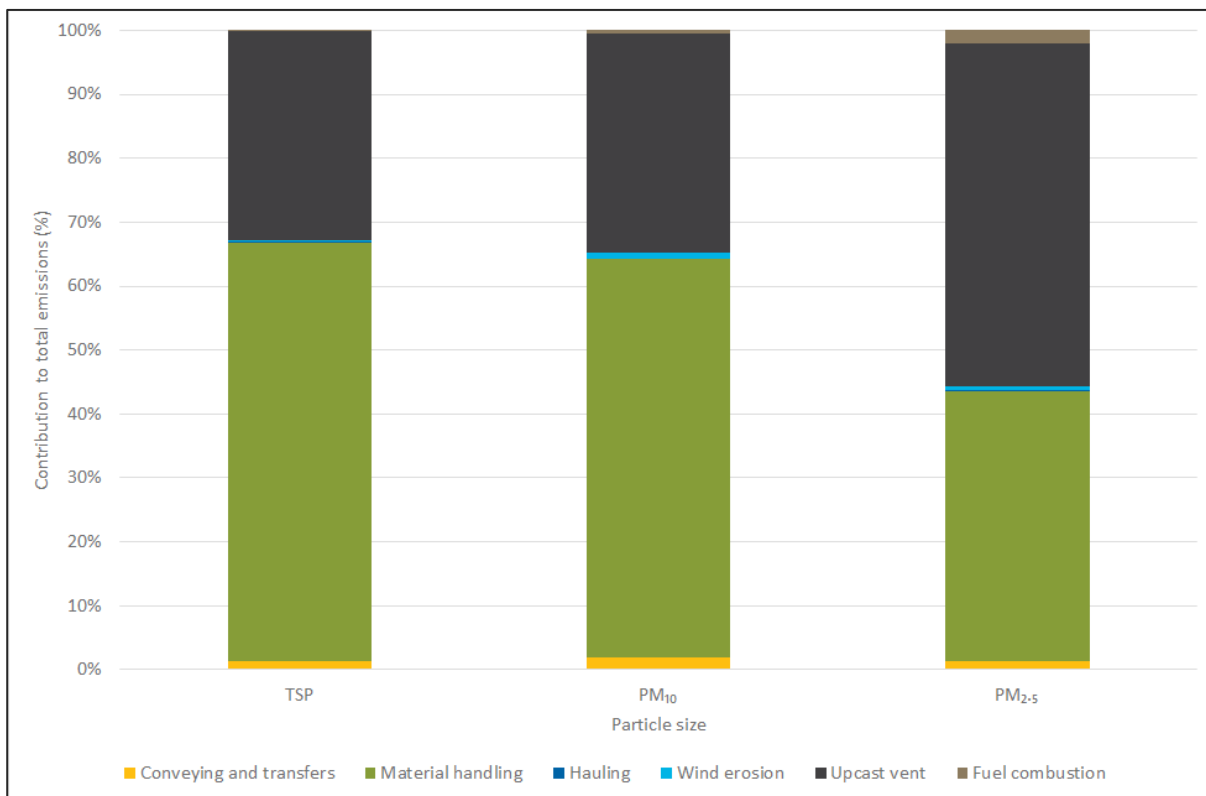


Figure 7.1 Contribution to annual emissions by emissions type and source – existing scenario

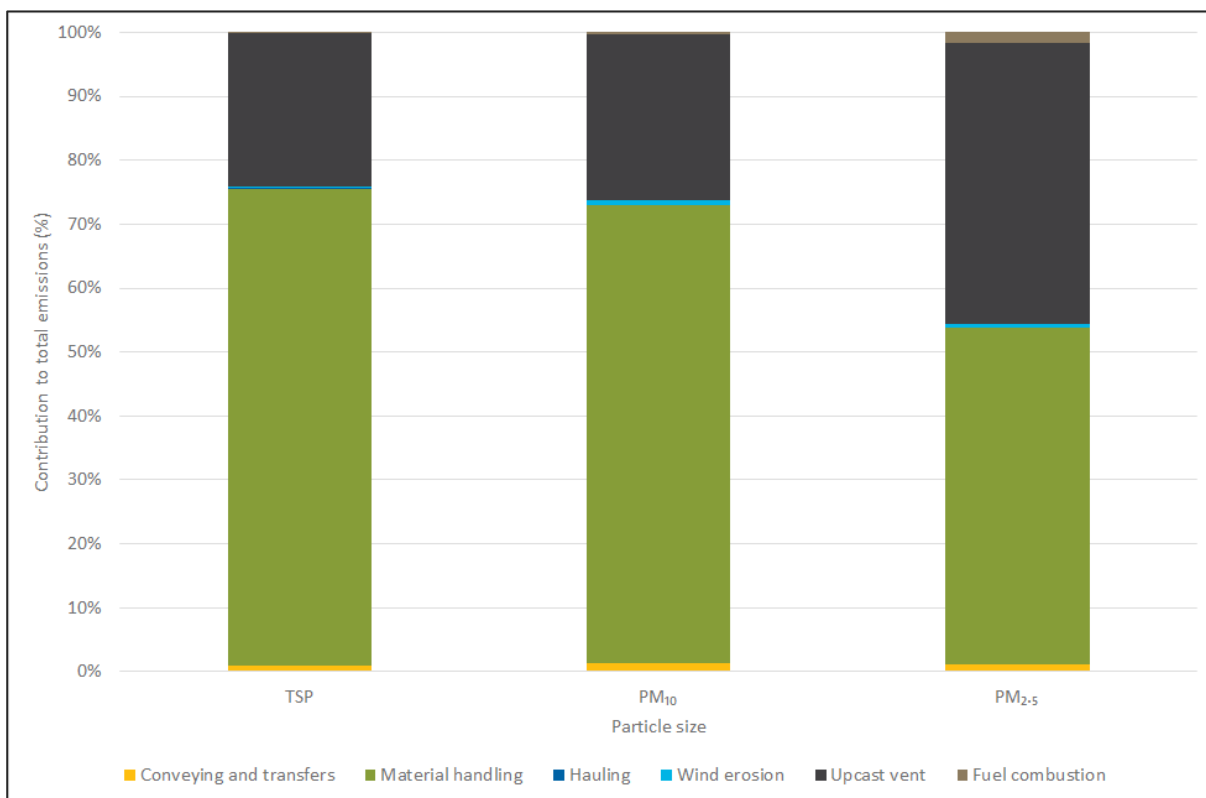


Figure 7.2 Contribution to annual emissions by emissions type and source – proposed scenario

b Air dispersion modelling

Atmospheric dispersion modelling was completed using the CALPUFF model system. Hourly meteorological observations from 2018, collected at a range of Centennial or other mine-owned stations, and one BoM-operated monitoring station, were used as input to the dispersion modelling.

The results of the modelling show that the predicted concentrations and deposition rates for incremental particulate matter (TSP, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and dust deposition) are below the applicable impact assessment criteria at all assessment locations for both the existing (Table 7.5) and proposed modification (Table 7.6) scenarios.

Table 7.5 Incremental (existing scenario only) concentration and deposition results

Assessment location ID	Predicted incremental concentration (µg/m ³) and deposition rate (g/m ² /month)					
	TSP	PM ₁₀		PM _{2.5}		Dust deposition
	Annual	24-hour maximum	Annual	24-hour maximum	Annual	Annual
Criterion	90	50	25	25	8	2
22	0.9	5.4	0.6	1.8	0.3	0.1
23	0.8	4.3	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.1
26	0.7	4.0	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.1
28	0.4	2.8	0.4	1.0	0.2	<0.1
30	0.3	1.8	0.3	0.7	0.2	<0.1
31	0.4	3.0	0.4	1.2	0.2	<0.1
32	0.3	2.1	0.3	0.8	0.2	<0.1
33	0.3	1.8	0.4	0.7	0.2	<0.1
35	0.3	2.1	0.3	0.9	0.2	<0.1

Note: Criteria for TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} are applicable to cumulative (increment + background). Criteria is provided for comparison purposes only.

Table 7.6 Incremental (proposed scenario only) concentration and deposition results

Assessment location ID	Predicted incremental concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and deposition rate ($\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{month}$)					
	TSP	PM ₁₀		PM _{2.5}		Dust deposition
	Annual	24-hour maximum	Annual	24-hour maximum	Annual	Annual
Criterion	90	50	25	25	8	2
22	1.9	10.5	1.2	3.0	0.4	0.2
23	1.6	8.5	1.0	2.4	0.3	0.2
26	1.3	7.7	0.9	2.3	0.3	0.1
28	0.8	5.5	0.6	1.8	0.3	0.1
30	0.6	3.1	0.5	1.1	0.2	<0.1
31	0.7	5.6	0.7	1.8	0.3	<0.1
32	0.6	4.0	0.5	1.3	0.2	<0.1
33	0.6	3.2	0.6	1.1	0.3	<0.1
35	0.5	3.9	0.5	1.4	0.2	<0.1

Note: Criteria for TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} are applicable to cumulative (increment + background). Criteria is provided for comparison purposes only.

Cumulative impacts were assessed by combining modelled impacts with recorded ambient background levels. The cumulative results showed that compliance with applicable EPA impact assessment criteria is predicted at all assessment locations for all pollutants and averaging periods under both the existing (Table 7.7) and proposed modification (Table 7.8) scenarios.

Table 7.7 Cumulative (existing scenario plus background) concentration and deposition results

Assessment location ID	Predicted cumulative concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and deposition rate ($\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{month}$)					
	TSP	PM ₁₀		PM _{2.5}		Dust deposition
	Annual	6 th highest 24-hour ¹	Annual	3 rd highest 24-hour ²	Annual	Annual
Criterion	90	50	25	25	8	4
22	44.6	48.3	18.1	23.0	6.7	1.7
23	44.5	48.6	18.0	23.1	6.6	1.7
26	44.4	48.2	17.9	23.1	6.6	1.7
28	44.1	48.0	17.8	23.0	6.6	1.6
30	44.0	48.0	17.8	23.0	6.6	1.6
31	44.1	48.0	17.8	23.0	6.6	1.6
32	44.0	48.0	17.7	23.0	6.6	1.6
33	44.0	48.0	17.8	23.0	6.6	1.6
35	43.9	48.0	17.7	23.0	6.5	1.6

1. Due to five exceedances and exceptional events in the background dataset, the 6th highest cumulative PM₁₀ concentration is presented.

2. Due to two exceedances and exceptional events in the background dataset, the 3rd highest cumulative PM_{2.5} concentration is presented.

Table 7.8 Cumulative (proposed scenario plus background) concentration and deposition results

Assessment location ID	Predicted cumulative concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and deposition rate ($\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{month}$)					
	TSP	PM ₁₀		PM _{2.5}		Dust deposition
	Annual	6 th highest 24-hour ¹	Annual	3 rd highest 24-hour ²	Annual	Annual
Criterion	90	50	25	25	8	4
22	45.5	49.7	18.6	23.0	6.8	1.7
23	45.3	50.0	18.4	23.1	6.7	1.7
26	45.0	49.3	18.3	23.1	6.7	1.6
28	44.4	48.2	18.0	23.0	6.6	1.6
30	44.3	48.2	18.0	23.0	6.6	1.5
31	44.4	48.8	18.1	23.0	6.7	1.5
32	44.3	48.0	17.9	23.0	6.6	1.5
33	44.3	48.0	18.0	23.0	6.6	1.5
35	44.2	48.0	17.9	23.0	6.6	1.5

3. Due to five exceedances and exceptional events in the background dataset, the 6th highest cumulative PM₁₀ concentration is presented.

4. Due to two exceedances and exceptional events in the background dataset, the 3rd highest cumulative PM_{2.5} concentration is presented.

7.2.4 Mitigation and management

Centennial NCS will continue to implement the existing air quality mitigation and management measures as provided in the *Northern Region Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan* (AQGHGMP). This includes the use of water carts and sprays, paved roads, enclosed conveyors, enclosed processing plant and watering of coal stockpiles.

7.2.5 Conclusion

The proposed modification will result in an increase in operational air quality emissions at CES; however, the results of the AQIA show that the predicted concentrations and deposition rates for incremental particulate matter (TSP, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and dust deposition) will remain below the applicable impact assessment criteria at all assessment locations. Similarly, the cumulative results show that compliance with applicable EPA impact assessment criteria is still predicted at all assessment locations for all pollutants and averaging periods.

Air quality impacts from CES will continue to be managed in accordance with the existing AQGHGMP.

7.3 Traffic

7.3.1 Overview

A traffic impact assessment (TIA) was prepared by EMM (Appendix C) in accordance with the requirements of the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority's (RTA's) *Guide to Traffic Generating Developments* (RTA 2002). The assessment:

- identified the surrounding road network potentially affected by the modification;
- identified the existing daily and peak hourly traffic volumes using the road network, including intersection capacity assessments;

- identified the accident history record and any road safety issues for these roads;
- assessed the vehicular ingress and egress at Myuna and the Awaba Colliery surface site;
- identified additional future daily and peak hourly traffic movements generated by the proposed modification; and
- assessed the future effects of this traffic on traffic capacity and safety of the road network and intersections and any need for mitigation measures to address these impacts.

Site inspections and traffic surveys (including tube and intersection counts) were performed in 2019 and 2020.

The TIA included consideration of vehicle movements both to and from Myuna and CES.

7.3.2 Existing environment

i Roads

The proposed transport route is shown on Figure 4.1 and includes part of Wangi Point Road, Wangi Road, Wilton Road and the private haul road network between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES. This route has been selected to avoid trucks travelling through residential areas. There are no residences immediately adjacent to, or with driveways on, the parts of Wangi Road and Wilton Road that are part of the transport route.

Wangi Road is a State road managed by TfNSW. Wilton Road is a local road managed by LMCC. Wangi Point Road is a private road controlled by Centennial Myuna, which provides access from Myuna directly onto Wangi Road. A description of Wangi Road, Wilton Road and Wangi Point Road is provided in Table 2.1, Table 2.2 and Table 2.3 of Appendix C, respectively.

The following private haul roads connect the Newstan Colliery surface site, Awaba Colliery surface site, CES, Hawkmount Quarry and Eraring Power Station (as approved under SSD-5145):

- Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road – approximately 13-km long, linking the Newstan Colliery surface site with the Eraring Power Station;
- Cooranbong Private Haul Road – approximately 3.4-km long, linking the Newstan Colliery surface site and CES via the Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road; and
- Awaba Private Haul Road – approximately 770-m long, linking Awaba Colliery surface site to the Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road.

These roads are approved under SSD-5145 to be used to haul coal, coal rejects and stone material. These private haul roads are sealed to minimise dust and noise generation and have been constructed to include surface water drainage and management. Any coal spilt on the road is removed regularly.

ii Intersections

Three key intersections were considered as part of the TIA:

- Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road – a T-junction;
- Wangi Road/Wilton Road – a seagull type T-junction; and
- Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road – a T-junction.

The identified peak hours at each of these three intersections were determined as follows:

- Wangi Road/Wilton Road:
 - morning (AM) peak: 7–8 am; and
 - afternoon (PM) peak: 3–4pm;
- Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site:
 - morning (AM) peak: 7.30–8.30 am; and
 - afternoon (PM) peak: 3.30–4.30 pm;
- Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road:
 - morning (AM) peak: 7–8 am; and
 - afternoon (PM) peak: 3–4 pm.

Safety at these three intersections and all significant T-intersections along the proposed transport route between Myuna and Awaba Colliery surface site was assessed:

- Wangi Road/Donnelly Road;
- Wangi Road/Buttaba Hills Road;
- Wangi Road/Dorrington Road;
- Wangi Road/substation access; and
- Wilton Road/Awaba Landfill and Waste Transfer Station access.

These five intersections will not experience any additional truck turning movements as a result of the proposed modification. Therefore, no intersection capacity modelling has been undertaken at these five locations.

iii Traffic safety

The TfNSW Centre of Road Safety traffic accident data for Wangi Road and Wilton Road has been analysed for the years between 2014 and 2018 inclusive.

A total of 10 traffic accidents were recorded on Wangi Road, primarily at intersections. The majority of accidents occurred in 2014 and 2015. In more recent years, the magnitude of accidents decreased noticeably. This is evidently a benefit from the various road safety improvements including guard rails and jersey kerbs that have been installed at various locations along Wangi Road over the past five years.

A total of three accidents were recorded along the relevant section of Wilton Road.

None of the recorded accidents involved heavy vehicles.

The annual traffic accident volumes for the assessed road network indicate that safety concerns are relatively minor and do not generally warrant further road safety upgrades along the assessed road network.

Sight distances and other potential safety issues at intersections along the route between Myuna and Awaba Colliery surface site have been inspected and assessed (Section 4.3.2 of Appendix C).

All minor road T-intersections have adequate sight distance and there are generally low minor road traffic volumes (with the exception of the intersection with Dorrington Road, which features a roundabout) such that the existing intersection designs are acceptable and do not warrant any intersection turning lane or other capacity upgrades.

7.3.3 Impact assessment

i Proposed daily traffic volumes

The TIA assumed that all trucks will originate at Myuna and there will be no additional traffic generated by the backloading of coal from CES to Myuna. All trucks delivering coal to CES will return to Myuna (with or without a load).

Traffic generation for the proposed transport of coal between Myuna and CES was calculated based on an average truck capacity of 32 t and 300 active days per annum (excludes Sundays and public holidays). Transportation of 1 Mtpa of coal requires 31,250 trucks per annum or approximately 104 truck trips (208 movements) per active day.

Assuming inbound and outbound truck movements occur within the same hour, there will be 10 trips (20 movements) in the morning peak hour, 5 trips (10 movements) in the afternoon peak hour and 10 trips/hour (20 movements/hour) at other times during the day.

Between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday, truck movements will be restricted to 5 trips (10 movements) per hour to avoid potential impacts during the local road network's busiest peak hour period.

No construction activities are required at CES to facilitate the proposed modification.

ii Traffic safety

The accident volumes along the assessed road network are minor and do not warrant any immediate upgrades based on either the existing or proposed traffic volumes. Sight distances and other safety concerns at intersections along the route between Myuna and Awaba Colliery surface site have been inspected and assessed (Section 4.3 of Appendix C).

All minor road T-intersections have adequate sight distance and, with the exception of Dorrington Road (which features a roundabout), experience low minor road traffic volumes such that the existing intersection designs are acceptable and do not warrant any intersection turning lane or other capacity upgrades as a result of the proposed modification.

iii Intersection performance

The TIA assessed the morning and afternoon peak hour intersection and daily road traffic flow impacts of the proposed modification.

The SIDRA intersection analysis results for the three key intersections are shown in Table 7.9.

Table 7.9 Summary of existing and predicted intersection operations

Intersection	Assessment period	Period	Level of service (LoS)*	Average delay (seconds)*	Degree of saturation (DoS)	95% queue length (m)
Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road	Morning peak	Existing	A	7.0	0.155	0.0
	7-8am	Proposed coal transport	A	9.9	0.164	0.9
	Afternoon peak	Existing	A	7.0	0.189	0.0
	3-4pm	Proposed coal transport	A	11.8	0.192	0.6
Wangi Road/Wilton Road	Morning peak	Existing	B	17.5	0.473	4.6
	7-8am	Proposed coal transport	B	20.6	0.473	7.2
	Afternoon peak	Existing	A	13.3	0.455	6.4
	3-4pm	Proposed coal transport	A	13.8	0.455	7.3
Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site	Morning peak	Existing	A	6.9	0.080	0.1
	7.30-8.30am	Proposed coal transport	A	7.7	0.089	0.7
	Afternoon peak	Existing	A	6.9	0.087	0.1
	3.30-4.30pm	Proposed coal transport	A	7.8	0.087	0.4

* The table presents the maximum average delay and worst LoS of any particular movement (usually the longest delay occurs for the right-turning movement from the minor road).

The Wangi Road/Wilton Road intersection will continue to operate at acceptable LoS (A or B) with no reduction as a result of the proposed modification and only slightly higher average vehicle delays as a result of the proposed modification.

Minimal additional traffic delays are anticipated at the intersection of Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road and Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site.

iv Mid-block capacity of Wangi Road and Wilton Road

The existing and forecast peak hour mid-block LoS for Wangi Road and Wilton Road are provided in Table 7.10.

Table 7.10 Comparison of mid-block peak hourly level of service (existing and proposed modification)

Road	Peak hour	Existing			Proposed modification		
		Volume (HV)	HV%	LoS	Volume (HV)	HV%	LoS
Wangi Road	Morning	1,467 (40)	3	E	1,487 (60)	4	E
	Afternoon	1,716 (28)	2	E	1,726 (38)	3	E
Wilton Road	Morning	248 (21)	9	A	268 (41)	16	B
	Afternoon	287 (16)	6	B	297 (26)	9	B

On the busiest section of Wangi Road, near the Wilton Road intersection, the peak hour LoS will be E, which is defined as 'unstable flow with no freedom for traffic to select a desired travel speed', with or without the proposed additional heavy vehicle traffic.

On Wilton Road, there will be a transition from LoS A to LoS B with the proposed heavy vehicle traffic in the morning peak hour but the afternoon peak hour traffic will remain at LoS B. Both these levels of service provide either excellent or generally good traffic flow conditions.

v Swept path assessment

A swept path assessment was undertaken for a 19 m semi-trailer to determine if the Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road and Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site intersections can adequately accommodate the proposed truck turning movements. The results are presented in Appendix D of Appendix C and indicate:

- Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road intersection – no widening or improvement works are required on Wangi Road to facilitate the efficient entry/exit of heavy vehicles proposed to be used to transport coal from Myuna to Awaba Colliery surface site. Road widening works (to a minimum sealed width of 7 m) are required along the private Wangi Point Road, within Myuna's pit top, for a distance of approximately 50 m from the nearest traffic lane on Wangi Road. These works are subject to the approval of the application to modify Myuna's consent (MP 10_0080).
- Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road intersection – no widening works are likely to be required at this intersection due to the low likelihood of simultaneous truck turning movements in both directions occurring at this intersection. Widening of the existing access gate may help to provide more room for inbound/outbound trucks, reducing the potential overlap identified in the swept path analysis (Appendix D of Appendix C).

The Wangi Road/Wilton Road intersection has recently been widened and upgraded by RMS (now TfNSW). These intersection improvements are considered to have been constructed to the required design standard to accommodate turning movements by heavy vehicles (such as semi-trailers) and further assessment of the intersection design by swept path analysis was not considered necessary for this intersection.

vi Cumulative impacts

LMCC's website does not show any current major development applications within proximity of the assessed roads. Therefore, no analysis of potential cumulative traffic impacts has been undertaken.

As part of the Newstan Mine Extension Project (SSD-10333), Centennial Newstan Pty Ltd (Centennial Newstan) is seeking approval for the construction of a new gas flaring facility and two new ventilation fans within the existing disturbance footprint of the Awaba Colliery surface site. Within the TIA prepared by EMM (2019) as part of the Newstan Mine Extension Project, it was assumed that up to 50 personnel will be required during the proposed construction activities. All personnel will likely access the Awaba Colliery surface site via Wilton Road using their own car, representing up to 100 daily light vehicle movements.

Should the Newstan Mine Extension Project (SSD-10333) be approved, no coal transport will take place between CES and Myuna for the duration of the proposed construction activities. This will eliminate the potential for cumulative traffic impacts on the local road network.

7.3.4 Mitigation and management

i Truck volumes

a Public roads

It is proposed that truck movements associated with the proposed modification will be restricted to 5 trips (10 movements) per hour between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday, to avoid potential impacts during the local road network's busiest peak hour period.

b Private roads

Truck numbers along the private haul road network between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES will be within previously assessed and approved limits under SSD-5145 (ie a maximum of 32 truck movements per hour).

ii Road upgrades

No upgrades to public roads will be required.

iii Additional signage

To facilitate the safe transport of coal on the public road network, signage will be installed approximately 100 m from the intersection of Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road and Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site to warn motorists of turning trucks. Approval under Section 138 of the *NSW Roads Act 1993* will be obtained prior to the installation of any signage along the public road network.

iv Driver awareness and training

A Code of Conduct will be developed and implemented for all truck drivers operating on the public road network as part of the proposed modification. It will focus on good driver behaviour.

7.3.5 Conclusion

The proposed modification will generate up to 10 loaded trucks per hour Monday to Saturday (ie 20 truck movements), with the exception of 3–4 pm Monday to Friday where truck movements will be restricted to 5 loaded trucks per hour (ie 10 truck movements).

The proposed truck movements can be accommodated by the existing road network with minimal overall impact to road capacity or traffic delays and no intersection improvements are warranted.

The swept path analysis for the intersection of Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road indicates that minor widening works are required along Wangi Point Road within the Myuna pit top. Warning signs will also be installed on Wilton Road and Wangi Road to warn motorists of turning trucks.

7.4 Socio-economic

7.4.1 Overview

An assessment of socio-economic effects was prepared by AIGIS (Appendix D) to address the potential social and economic effects of the proposed modification. The assessment also considered potential social and economic effects from the proposed modification to Northern Coal Logistics' SSD-5145. The assessment was undertaken in accordance with the *Social Impact Assessment Guidelines for State Significant Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industry Development* (DPE 2017) and the *Guidelines for the Economic Assessment of Mining and Coal Seam Gas Proposals* (DPE 2015) and supporting technical notes.

Given the scale of the proposed modifications to MP 10_0080 and SSD-5145, a standalone social impact assessment (SIA) and economic assessment (EA) were not required (see DPIE correspondence in Appendix F). The SIA scoping tool was used to determine the extent of reporting required for potential effects.

7.4.2 Impact assessment

i Potential social impacts

a Truck movements on public roads

The proposed modification will generate up to 10 loaded trucks per hour Monday to Saturday (ie 20 truck movements), with the exception of 3–4 pm Monday to Friday where truck movements will be restricted to 5 loaded trucks per hour (ie 10 truck movements). The TIA (Appendix C) concludes that the proposed truck movements can be accommodated by the existing road network with minimal overall impact to road capacity or traffic delays and no intersection improvements are warranted.

b Air quality

The AQIA (Appendix B) concludes that the proposed modification will result in an increase in operational air quality emissions at CES. However, the predicted incremental TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations and dust deposition rates will remain below the applicable impact assessment criteria at all assessment locations. Similarly, the cumulative concentrations and dust deposition rates will continue to comply with EPA impact assessment criteria at all assessment locations for all pollutants and averaging periods.

c Noise effects

No changes to existing operation noise emissions at CES are predicted as a result of the proposed modification. Operational noise emissions from CES are predicted to be above the PNTLs at seven assessment locations. Noise emissions from CES are also predicted to be above the existing noise criteria specified in SSD-5145 at all but one assessment location. An assessment of feasible and reasonable noise mitigation options concluded that negotiated agreements will be pursued with potentially affected residents (Section 7.1.4).

ii Potential economic impacts

The potential economic impacts of the proposed modification are likely to be positive and include:

- continued employment of Myuna's existing workforce with derived economic effects of employees' households maintaining normal levels of activity in the local and regional economy; and
- additional work for transport contractors associated with proposed transport of coal between Myuna and CES.

Without the proposed modification, Myuna’s ability to supply coal to Eraring Power Station may be jeopardised and consequently, Myuna may not be able to sustain its workforce at the approved operational level. The economic stimulus provided by Myuna’s employees in the regional economy is estimated to range between approximately \$1.52 million and \$2.13 million per annum (Appendix D). Scaling back or interrupting mining due to coal not meeting Eraring Power Station specifications would reduce these benefits.

Production issues at Myuna could also affect other contractors and suppliers in Myuna’s supply chain, as well as community organisations that receive sponsorship and/or support from Myuna. A decline in profitability resulting from a disruption to production would likely affect Myuna’s capacity to provide continuing employment and/or support to contractors, suppliers, local organisations and initiatives.

7.4.3 Mitigation and management

A number of mitigation and management measures have been proposed to reduce the potential impact of the proposed modification on the local road network (Section 7.3.4).

To ensure public roads are kept free of materials tracked by trucks and reduce dust generation, all trucks leaving Myuna and CES will use a truck wheel wash before leaving each site and all loads will be covered.

Noise emissions from CES will continue to be managed in accordance with the existing NMP.

As described in Section 7.1, Centennial NCS is engaging with landholders identified as experiencing operational noise emissions above the PNTLs (22, 23, 26, 28, 31, 32 and 35 on Figure 3.1). The type of mitigation measures that could be implemented at the residences and/or the nature of any negotiated agreement between Centennial NCS and the landholders will depend on the outcomes of this engagement. DPIE will be provided a copy of the negotiated agreements (where required).

7.4.4 Conclusion

The proposed modification is an operational contingency provision designed to support the continued supply of coal from Myuna to Eraring Power Station. The potential social and economic impacts of the proposed modification will be limited.

The proposed modification will help secure continued employment for Myuna’s existing workforce with derived economic effects of employees’ households maintaining normal levels of activity in the local and regional economy.

7.5 Other environmental aspects

An assessment of other environmental aspects as a result of the proposed modification is provided in Table 7.11.

Table 7.11 Potential impacts of the proposed modification

Environmental consideration	Impact assessment
Biodiversity	No areas of native vegetation will be cleared for the proposed modification. No additional mitigation measures for potential impacts to biodiversity are considered warranted. Ecology monitoring, assessment and reporting are currently managed through the EMS and the <i>Northern Region Biodiversity Management Plan</i> (BMP). The EMS and BMP will continue to operate under the proposed modification.

Table 7.11 **Potential impacts of the proposed modification**

Environmental consideration	Impact assessment
Land and agricultural resources	There are no proposed changes to existing and approved infrastructure and no new surface infrastructure is being constructed as part of the proposed modification. No areas of biophysical strategic agricultural land (BSAL) will be impacted by the proposed modification. No additional mitigation measures for potential impacts to land and agricultural resources are considered warranted.
Aboriginal cultural/historical heritage	The proposed modification does not require any clearing or excavation. Therefore, there is negligible potential for the proposed modification to impact heritage sites. Heritage will continue to be managed in accordance with the <i>Northern Region Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan</i> (ACHMP) and <i>Northern Region Historic Heritage Management Plan</i> (HHMP).
Visual amenity	There are no proposed changes to existing and approved site infrastructure and, subsequently, the proposed modification will not result in additional visual amenity impacts. No additional mitigation measures for potential visual amenity impacts are considered warranted.
Waste	No waste product is predicted to increase as a result of the proposed modification. The proposed modification does not require any additional construction activities. Waste will continue to be managed in accordance with the EMS with all waste disposed of at a licenced waste management facility.
Water resources	There are no proposed changes to existing and approved infrastructure and no new surface infrastructure is being constructed as part of the proposed modification. No surface water or groundwater impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposed modification. The water management systems for the private haul road network are described in Section 3.4.3. The entire length of the private haul road is sealed and any coal spilt from the haul trucks on the road will be removed regularly. Surface water and groundwater will continue to be managed in accordance with the WMP.
Greenhouse gas emissions	An updated summary of GHG emissions from the Northern Coal Logistics Project was completed by EMM (Appendix E). The GHG emissions sources considered in the assessment are listed in Table 2.1 of Appendix E and include scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions. The additional diesel used to transport coal to and from Myuna and CES as part of the proposed modification has been accounted for in a separate GHG assessment for Myuna under Myuna's Scope 1 emissions. Given that there will be no other changes to fuel or electricity use, coal stockpiled or coal transport as a result of the proposed modification, GHG emissions are not anticipated to change between existing and proposed operations. Annual average GHG emissions (Scope 1 and 2) generated by the Northern Coal Logistics Project represent approximately 0.251% of total GHG emissions for NSW and 0.062% of total GHG emissions for Australia, based on the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory for 2018 (DoISER 2020). Scope 3 emissions will be approximately 2 Mtpa. Mitigation of GHG emissions will continue to be conducted in accordance with the AQGHGMP.

8 Evaluation of merits

8.1 Modification impacts

This MR examines the potential impacts that may result from the proposed modification. The assessment of environmental issues has been multi-disciplinary and involved consultation with DPIE and other key stakeholders (including LMCC, TfNSW and Centennial's CCCs).

The proposed modification will not result in significant environmental, social or economic impacts and the MR has identified that any residual impacts can be appropriately managed through proposed management measures and existing EMS.

8.2 Modification benefits

The proposed modification will allow an ongoing supply of coal to Eraring Power Station from Myuna's pit top and CES. The continued supply of coal of suitable quality from both of these operations will help support the ongoing and efficient operation of Eraring Power Station and continued supply of electricity to NSW. Failure to provide coal of sufficient quality to Eraring Power Station could risk the ongoing employment of Myuna's workforce.

The proposed modification is a minor alteration to the handling and distribution of coal at an approved operation which represents an orderly and economic use of a resource approved for extraction for use in domestic power generation. No additional infrastructure is required to facilitate the proposed modification.

All aspects relating to environmental management will continue in accordance with SSD-5145, EPL 365, the approved management plans and other elements of the development consent. The proposed modification will enable continued operations at Myuna.

8.3 Ecologically sustainable development

Under Section 516A of the EPBC Act, Commonwealth organisations have a statutory requirement to report on their environmental performance and how they accord with, and advance, the principles of ESD.

Australia's *National Strategy for Ecologically Sustainable Development* (AGESDSC 1992), defines ESD as "using, conserving and enhancing the community's resources so that ecological processes, on which life depends, are maintained, and the total quality of life, now and in the future, can be increased".

The principles of ESD, for the purposes of the EP&A Act, are provided in Clause 7(4) of Schedule 2 of the EP&A Regulation. The four principles of ESD are:

- precautionary principle – the precautionary principle states that if there are threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation;
- inter-generational equity – the principle of inter-generational equity is that the present generation should ensure that the health, diversity and productivity of the environment is maintained or enhanced for the benefit of future generations;
- conservation of biological diversity and maintenance of ecological integrity – the conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity should be a fundamental consideration in decision-making; and
- improved valuation and pricing of environmental resources – improved valuation, pricing and incentive mechanisms should be promoted.

The overall objectives of ESD are to use, conserve and enhance natural resources. This ensures that ecological processes are maintained facilitating improved quality of life, now and into the future. Centennial NCS is committed to the principles of ESD and understands that biophysical, social and economic objectives are interdependent. Centennial NCS acknowledges that a well-designed and effectively managed operation will avoid significant and/or costly environmental impacts or degradation.

The proposed transport route has been selected to avoid trucks travelling through residential areas. In addition, between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday, truck movements will be restricted to ten truck movements (ie five loaded trucks) per hour to avoid potential impacts on the local road network's existing peak hour period.

Where impacts are unavoidable, the proposed works have been designed to reduce the impacts to a level which is as low as is reasonably practicable. Appropriate management measures have been identified to mitigate any residual impacts from the proposed modification.

Consideration has been given to appropriately identifying, avoiding, mitigating and managing environmental risks. This demonstrates environmental due diligence and will provide for ongoing and adaptive monitoring and management of operations at each component of the Northern Coal Logistics Project in line with the principles of ESD outlined in the following sections.

8.3.1 Precautionary principle

This MR has enabled an understanding of the potential impacts of the proposed modification on biophysical, social and economic factors. The proposed truck movements can be accommodated by the existing road network with minimal overall impact to road capacity or traffic delays and no intersection improvements are warranted.

No changes to existing operation noise emissions at CES are predicted as a result of the proposed modification. Nonetheless, operational noise emissions from CES are predicted to be above the PNTLs at seven assessment locations. Noise emissions from CES are also predicted to be above the existing noise criteria specified in SSD-5145 at all but one assessment location. Centennial NCS is engaging with affected landholders and the type of mitigation measures that could be implemented at the residences and/or the nature of any negotiated agreement between Centennial NCS and the landholders will depend on the outcomes of this engagement.

The proposed modification will result in an increase in operational air quality emissions at CES. However, the predicted incremental TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations and dust deposition rates will remain below the applicable impact assessment criteria at all assessment locations. Similarly, the cumulative concentrations and dust deposition rates will continue to comply with EPA impact assessment criteria at all assessment locations for all pollutants and averaging periods.

Where existing management controls and mitigation strategies are not already in place to monitor, mitigate and/or manage the potential impacts of the proposed modification, additional safeguards have been proposed.

8.3.2 Inter-generational equity

Centennial NCS undertakes ongoing environmental monitoring with mitigation measures to provide effective environmental management across its existing operations. This management is provided through planning, communication, documentation, review and feedback. These environmental management measures ensure that the health, diversity and productivity of the environment is maintained or enhanced for future generations.

8.3.3 Conservation of biological diversity and maintenance of ecological integrity

The potential environmental impacts of the proposed modification and the existing and/or additional measures to ameliorate these potential impacts are detailed in this MR. The proposed modification is unlikely to cause any impacts to threatened species or endangered ecological communities within or adjacent to the development consent boundary.

8.3.4 Improved valuation and pricing of environmental resources

The proposed modification will allow Centennial Myuna to optimise the valuation and pricing of the coal resource within the development consent boundary at Myuna by continuing to efficiently extract coal resources utilising existing approved infrastructure.

The proposed modification promotes the objectives of SSD-5145, being the handling and transportation of coal for delivery to Eraring Power Station for domestic power generation. The proposed modification will support the ongoing, efficient operation of Eraring Power Station and the supply of electricity to NSW.

8.4 Conclusion

The proposed modification has been designed to avoid and minimise adverse biophysical, social and economic impacts. The proposed truck movements can be accommodated by the existing road network with minimal overall impact to road capacity or traffic delays and no intersection improvements are warranted. While there are some minor unavoidable impacts, the proposed modification and ongoing operation of Myuna, CES and other components of the Northern Coal Logistics Project will provide long-term benefits to the local community, region and State.

The proposed modification is considered to be consistent with the relevant objects of the EP&A Act, including the principles of ESD, and will not change the nature of the development originally approved. There will be ongoing economic investment and employment benefits both locally and regionally, while minimising potential environmental and social impacts. All aspects relating to environmental management will continue in accordance with SSD-5145, EPL 365, the various approved plans and other elements of the consent.

Abbreviations

ACHMP	Northern Region Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan
AHD	Australian height datum
AQGHGMP	Northern Region Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan
Banpu	Banpu Public Company Limited
BMP	<i>Northern Region Biodiversity Management Plan</i>
BoM	Bureau of Meteorology
BSAL	biophysical strategic agricultural land
CCC	community consultative committee
Centennial	Centennial Coal Company Limited
Centennial Myuna	Centennial Myuna Pty Limited
Centennial NCS	Centennial Northern Coal Services Pty Limited
CES	Cooranbong entry site
CHP	coal handling plant
DAWE	Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
DPIE	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
EIS	environmental impact statement
EL	exploration licence
EMM	EMM Consulting Pty Limited
EMS	environmental management strategy
EPBC Act	Commonwealth <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
EPL	environment protection licence
EP&A Act	NSW <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>
EP&A Regulation	NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000
ESD	ecologically sustainable development
FTE	full-time equivalent
GHG	greenhouse gas
ha	hectares
HHMP	Northern Region Historic Heritage Management Plan
km	kilometres

Lake Macquarie LEP	Lake Macquarie Local Environmental Plan 2014
LDP	licenced discharge point
LGA	local government area
LMCC	Lake Macquarie City Council
LoS	level of service
Mining SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007
ML	mining lease
mm	millimetres
MNES	matters of national environmental significance
MOP	mining operations plan
Mtpa	million tonnes per annum
MR	modification report
MW	megawatts
NMP	Northern Region Noise Management Plan
NPfi	<i>Noise Policy for Industry</i>
NSW	New South Wales
POEO Act	<i>NSW Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997</i>
RNP	<i>Road Noise Policy</i>
ROM	run-of-mine
RTS	response to submissions
SEPP	State Environment Planning Policy
SSD	State significant development
t	tonnes
WAL	water access licence
Water Act	<i>NSW Water Act 1912</i>
WM Act	<i>NSW Water Management Act 2000</i>
WMP	Northern Coal Services Water Management Plan

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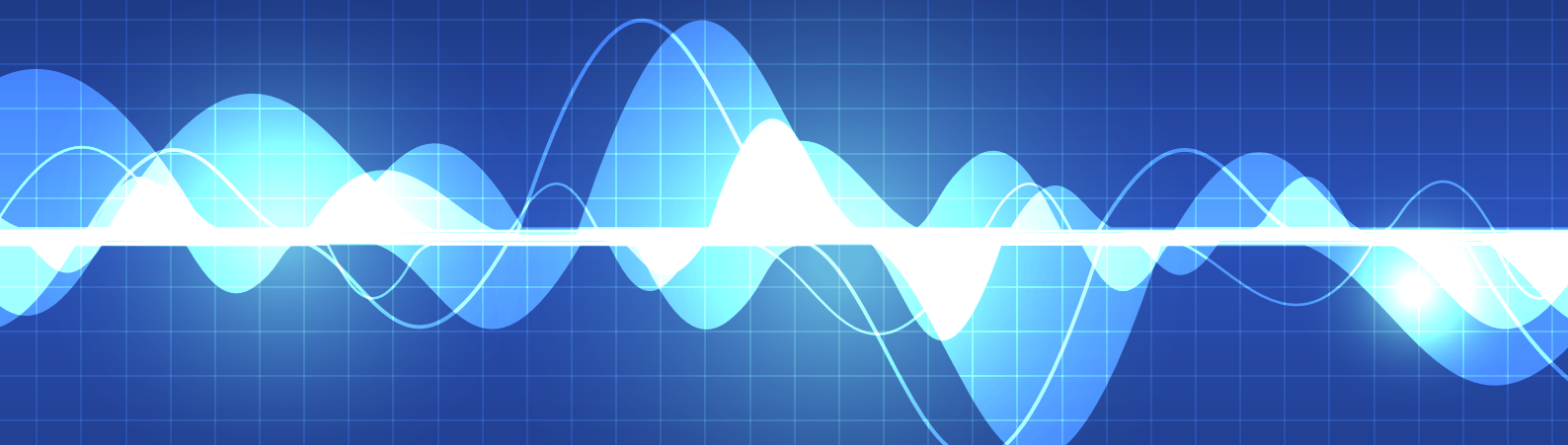
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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

The Northern Coal Logistics Project regulates coal handling, processing, and transport operations at the Newstan Colliery surface site, Cooranbong Entry Site (CES) and associated private haul roads, as well as the use of various other surface infrastructure items. The Northern Coal Logistics Project operates under State significant development (SSD) consent SSD-5145, which was granted by the Minister for Planning on 29 September 2015. Each component of the project is operated by Centennial Northern Coal Services Pty Limited (Centennial NCS).

CES forms part of the Northern Coal Logistics Project and is approximately 2 kilometres (km) north of Dora Creek in the Lake Macquarie local government area (LGA) of New South Wales (NSW) (Figure 1.1). It was originally developed as part of Cooranbong Colliery. CES comprises a coal handling plant (CHP), coal stockpiles, workshop building, administration building, car park and water management infrastructure.

CES is currently approved to receive and process run-of-mine (ROM) coal from Mandalong Mine (SSD-5144). Coal handled at CES is delivered to either Eraring Power Station via overland conveyor or to Newstan Colliery for further processing and transfer into the export market.

Myuna Colliery (Myuna) is an existing underground coal mine owned and operated by Centennial Myuna Pty Limited (Centennial Myuna). Myuna's pit top is 25 km south-west of Newcastle, NSW, in the Lake Macquarie LGA (Figure 1.1). Myuna operates under two development consents:

- SH110_148, which was granted by Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) in 1977 under the provisions of the now repealed NSW *Local Government Act 1919*; and
- MP 10_0080, which was granted by the Minister of Planning and Infrastructure on 18 January 2012 under Part 3A of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

MP 10_0080 has since been declared SSD under Clause 6 of Schedule 2 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (Savings, Transitional and Other Provisions) Regulation 2017. Accordingly, Myuna operates as an SSD.

Coal produced at Myuna is transferred from Myuna's pit top to the Eraring Power Station (about 4 km west of the pit top) by overland conveyor. Coal from Myuna that does not meet Eraring Power Station specifications, is stockpiled at Myuna's emergency coal stockpile until it can be reclaimed and blended with coal to meet these specifications. However, there is limited capacity to store coal at Myuna's pit top prior to blending and dispatch.

In recent months, Centennial Myuna has been experiencing fluctuations in coal quality with some product coal not meeting Eraring Power Station specifications. Centennial Myuna has assessed a number of options to ensure that it can continue to meet its contractual obligations to supply coal to Eraring Power Station. This assessment found that the best option is to blend coal from Myuna with coal from Mandalong Mine, with blending occurring at both Myuna's pit top and at CES. This would allow Centennial Myuna to continue to provide a secure supply of coal to Eraring Power Station and to secure ongoing employment for Myuna's workforce.

Centennial NCS is seeking to modify SSD-5145, pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act, to allow coal to be transferred between Myuna's pit top and CES, blending of this coal at CES, and associated activities. Coal would be transported between Myuna's pit top and CES by truck.

At the same time Centennial NCS is seeking to modify SSD-5145, Centennial Myuna will submit a modification application for MP 10_0080 to allow for the transfer of coal between Myuna's pit top and CES, blending of this coal at Myuna's pit top, and associated activities.

1.2 Site description

As noted in Section 1.1, SSD-5145 covers coal handling, processing and transport operations at Newstan Colliery surface site, CES and associated private haul roads, as well as the use of various other surface infrastructure items. The development consent boundary for SSD-5145 encompasses an area of approximately 503 hectares (ha) (Figure 1.1) and includes:

- Newstan Colliery surface site – including coal preparation and handling infrastructure, coal rejects emplacement areas, water management infrastructure and rail loading infrastructure;
- CES – including CHP, coal stockpiles, workshops and water management infrastructure;
- Hawkmount Quarry – a disused quarry east of Cooranbong Private Haul Road between Newstan Colliery surface site and CES, which is used for coal rejects emplacement;
- three private haul roads (ie Newstan-Eraring, Awaba and Cooranbong) – linking the Newstan Colliery surface site, Awaba Colliery surface site, CES, Hawkmount Quarry and Eraring Power Station; and
- overland conveyors used to transport coal from CES to Eraring Power Station.

The closest suburbs to the development consent boundary are:

- Fassifern, Fennell Bay and Blackalls Park near Newstan Colliery surface site;
- Awaba near the Awaba Colliery surface site and Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road; and
- Dora Creek near CES.

Land in the immediate vicinity of CES is predominantly undeveloped bushland. Surrounding land uses include a mix of mining, residential and rural-residential, utility easements, power generation and transport corridors.

CES can be accessed directly from Gradwells Road (Figure 1.2). It occupies freehold land owned by Centennial Fassifern Pty Ltd, a sister company of Centennial NCS, along with areas of Crown land. Eraring Power Station is approximately 1.5 km east of CES (Figure 1.2). Lake Eraring and Lake Macquarie are approximately 2.1 km and 3.7 km south-east of CES, respectively.

There are a number of residences off Gradwells Road in the area south of CES (Figure 1.2). The closest residence is 242 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek (assessment location 23), approximately 420 m south of CES. Vegetation separates CES from the residences off Gradwells Road and the residential area of Dora Creek.

1.3 Assessment guidelines and requirements

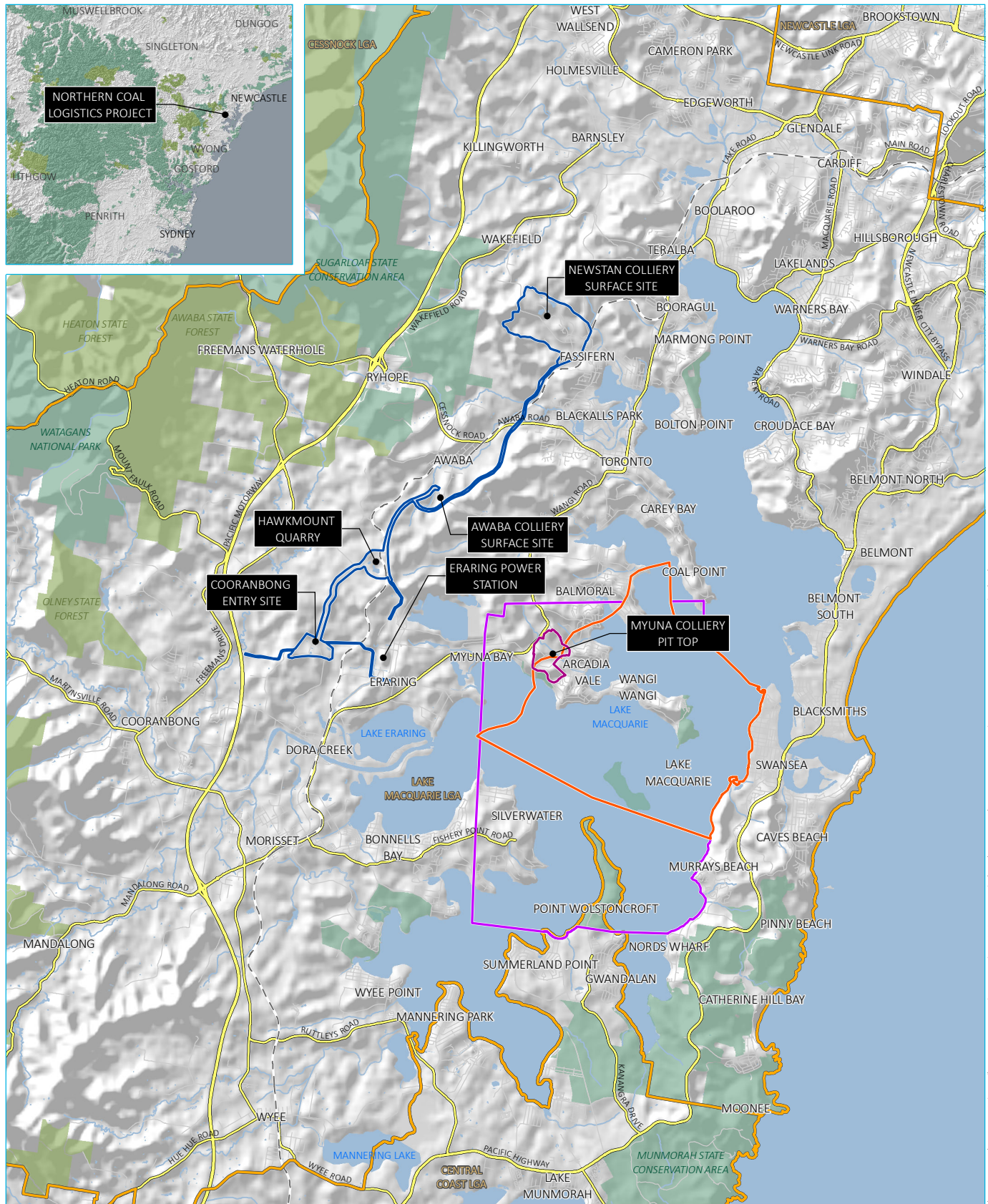
This noise and vibration impact assessment (NVIA) has been prepared to accompany the modification report and assesses the noise and vibration impacts of the proposed modification on existing noise-sensitive receptors in the surrounding area.

This NVIA has been completed with reference to the following guidelines and policies:

- NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) 2017, *Noise Policy for Industry* (NPfI);
- NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) 2011, *Road Noise Policy* (RNP); and
- NSW Department of Environment and Conservation 2006, *Assessing Vibration: A Technical Guideline*.

A number of technical terms have been utilised throughout this report for the discussion of noise and vibration. These are explained in the Glossary.

A separate NVIA will assess the noise and vibration impacts associated with the proposed modifications to existing operations at Myuna.



KEY

- Rail line
- Major road
- Minor road
- Named watercourse
- NPWS reserve
- State forest
- Local government area
- Myuna Colliery surface facilities area
- Development consent boundaries
- Myuna Colliery development consent boundary (SH110_148)
- Myuna Colliery project approval boundary (MP 10_0080)
- Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)

Regional context

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Figure 1.1

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- KEY**
- Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
 - Myuna Colliery development consent boundary (SH110_148)
 - Myuna Colliery project approval boundary (MP 10_0080)
 - Sensitive receiver
 - Rail line
 - Major road
 - Minor road
 - Named watercourse

Local context

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Figure 1.2



Source: EMM (2020); DFSI (2017); GA (2011); Nearmap (2020)



2 Proposed modification

2.1 Overview

To ensure that Myuna can continue to meet its contractual obligations to supply coal to Eraring Power Station and secure ongoing employment for Myuna's workforce, Centennial Myuna propose to blend coal from Myuna with coal from Mandalong Mine both on-site at Myuna's pit top and at CES.

It is proposed to modify SSD-5145 to allow:

- up to 1 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of coal to be transported from Myuna to CES;
- up to 1 Mtpa of coal transported from Myuna to be handled at CES and blended with coal from Mandalong Mine before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- an increase in the total volume of coal that can be received at the 3,000 tonne (t) middlings stockpile at CES from 0.5 Mtpa to 1.5 Mtpa;
- up to 0.2 Mtpa of Mandalong Mine coal to be backloaded from CES to Myuna's pit top for blending with coal from Myuna before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- trucks from Myuna to access CES via Awaba Colliery surface site and the private haul road network; and
- to extend part of the Northern Coal Logistics Project development consent boundary, so that it includes the Awaba Private Haul Road through to Wilton Road (Figure 2.1).

The proposed transport route consists of Wangi Point Road within Myuna's pit top area, public roads (ie Wangi Road and Wilton Road) between Myuna and the Awaba Colliery surface site and private haul roads between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES. The proposed transport route is shown on Figure 2.1.

Truck movements will be limited to 7.00 am–6.00 pm Monday to Saturday.

Truck numbers along the private haul road network between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES will be within previously assessed and approved limits under SSD-5145 (ie a maximum of 32 truck movements per hour).

It is proposed to extend the development consent boundary approximately 450 m from the Awaba Private Haul Road through to Wilton Road. This section of road has historically been used by light and heavy vehicles accessing the Awaba Colliery surface site and the private haul road network.

The proposed modification will not result in any more than the previously assessed and approved 6 Mtpa of coal being received and handled at CES or change the volume of coal that can be transferred to either Newstan Colliery or Eraring Power Station.

2.1.1 Construction activities

No construction activities are required at CES to facilitate the proposed modification.

2.1.2 Material handling

Up to 1 Mtpa of ROM coal from Myuna will be transferred by truck from Myuna to the middlings coal stockpile at CES (Figure 2.2).

The proposed modification will increase the total volume of coal that can be received at the middlings coal stockpile at CES from 0.5 Mtpa to 1.5 Mtpa, consisting of up to 0.5 Mtpa of middlings (a middle quality coal product) and up to 1 Mtpa of ROM coal from Myuna.

Up to 0.2 Mtpa of Mandalong Mine coal will be backloaded from CES to Myuna. Trucks will be loaded using either a front end loader or the existing automatic truck loading bin.

Blending of Myuna coal with Mandalong Mine coal will occur within CES's CHP.

The receipt of up to 1 Mtpa of Myuna coal at CES will not exceed previously approved coal handling limits at CES (6 Mtpa). Up to 6 Mtpa of coal from CES will continue to be transported off-site by truck to the Newstan Colliery surface site or to the Eraring Power Station via the existing overland conveyor system.

Coal handling activities will continue to occur 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

2.1.3 Proposed truck transport

The proposed transport route (Figure 2.1) consists of:

- the private access road (Wangi Point Road) between Wangi Road and Myuna's pit top;
- public roads (Wangi Road and Wilton Road) between Myuna and Awaba Colliery surface site; and
- the private haul road between Awaba Colliery surface site and CES.

This route has been selected to avoid trucks travelling through residential areas. There are no residences immediately adjacent to, or with driveways on, the parts of Wangi Road and Wilton Road that are part of the transport route. The closest residences to the proposed transport route are residences on Donnelly Road, Arcadia Vale, which are approximately 80 m from Wangi Road at their closest point.

All trucks will arrive at, and depart from, CES via the Cooranbong Private Haul Road. Part of the Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road will also be used by trucks travelling to and from CES via the Awaba Colliery surface site.

Truck movements between CES and Myuna's pit top will be limited to 7.00 am–6.00 pm Monday to Saturday. There will be a maximum of 10 loaded trucks (20 truck movements) per hour departing from CES to travel back to Myuna. Between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday, truck movements travelling back to Myuna will be restricted to 5 loaded trucks (10 truck movements) per hour to minimise impacts during the afternoon peak hour.

Centennial will manage truck numbers along the private haul road network between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES to ensure they remain within previously assessed and approved limits under SSD-5145 (ie a maximum of 32 truck movements per hour).

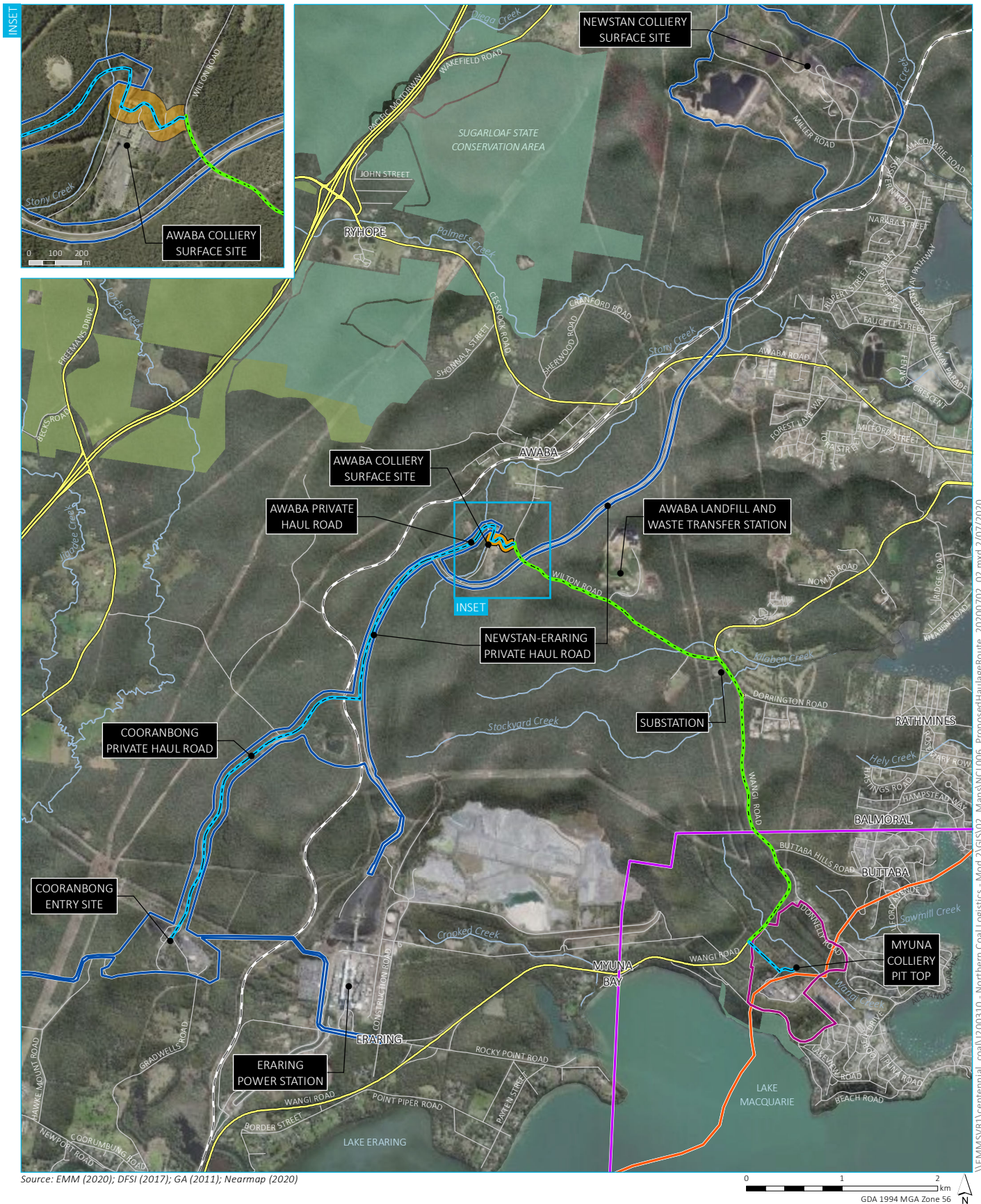
All trucks leaving CES will be weighed using the site's existing vehicle weighbridge (Figure 2.2). An existing truck wheel wash will also be used by all trucks before leaving CES via the Cooranbong Private Haul Road (Figure 2.1). All trucks will be covered.

2.2 Assessment locations

The nearest noise and vibration sensitive receptors (herein referred to as assessment locations) are shown in Figure 2.2 and described in Table 2.1. The numbering of these assessment locations is consistent with that utilised in SSD-5145.

Table 2.1 Assessment locations

Assessment location	Address	Type
22	233 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek	Residence
23	242 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek	Residence
26	232 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek	Residence
28	213 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek	Residence
30	113 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek	Residence
31	153 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek	Residence
32	210 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek	Residence
33	109 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek	Residence
35	170 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek	Residence

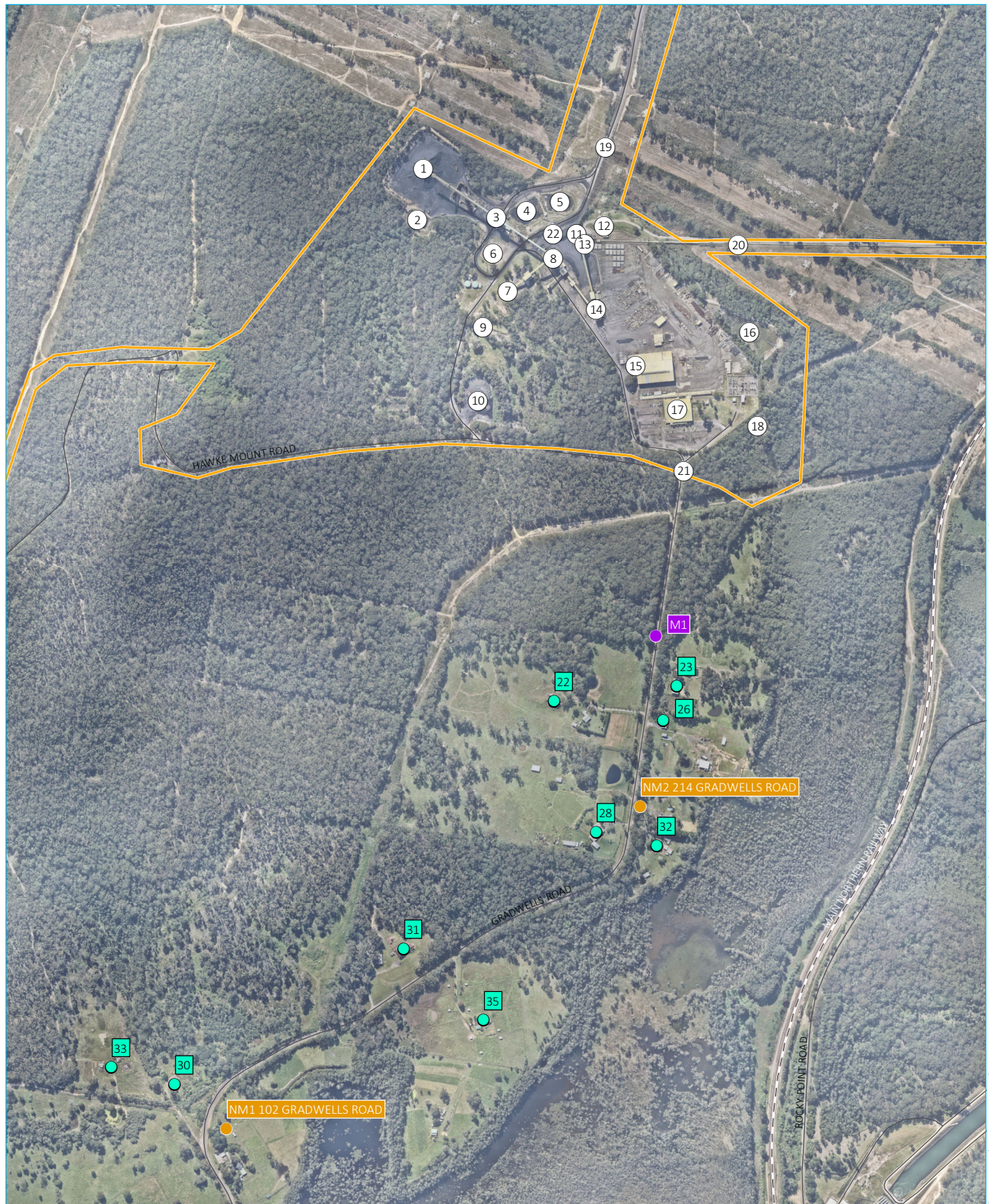


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- Proposed transport route
 - Private road
 - Public road
- Myuna Colliery surface facilities area
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 - Myuna Colliery project approval boundary (MP 10_0080)
 - Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
 - Proposed amendment to Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)

Proposed transport route between Myuna Colliery and Cooranbong Entry Site

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Figure 2.1



Source: EMM (2020); DFSI (2017); GA (2011); Nearmap (2020)

KEY

— Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)

● Assessment location

● Unattended noise monitoring

● Noise compliance monitoring location

○ Existing surface facilities

— Rail line

— Major road

— Minor road

Existing surface facilities

1. ROM stockpile
2. ROM stockpile dam
3. Truck loading bin
4. Sediment dam 1
5. Sediment dam 2
6. Ventilation shaft & fan
7. South drift conveyor
8. 2,000 t ROM coal bin
9. Borehole dam
10. 1,500 t emergency stockpile

Existing surface facilities

11. 3,000 t middlings stockpile
12. CHP settlement tank
13. Final product bin
14. Crushing plant
15. Workshop & store
16. 5 ML dam
17. Administration building & carpark
18. Construction dam
19. Cooranbong private haul road
20. Eraring energy overland conveyor
21. Site access from Gradwells Road
22. Existing weighbridge

Cooranbong entry site surface facilities and noise monitoring and assessment locations

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Figure 2.2

3 Assessment methodology

3.1 Applying the NPfI to existing sites

The NPfI provides a methodology for the assessment of noise from existing industrial sites. The NPfI acknowledges that some industrial sites were designed for higher allowable noise emissions than those outlined in current NSW noise policy and may have been in existence before neighbouring noise-sensitive developments. The range of mitigation options available for such sites can be limited or costly.

Section 6.1 of the NPfI states that:

The project noise trigger levels should not be applied as mandatory noise limits. The project noise trigger level is the level used to assess noise impact and drive the process of assessing all feasible and reasonable control measures.

Where noise emissions from the existing site exceed the project noise trigger levels (PNTLs) as defined in the NPfI, the relevant regulatory authorities and proponent will determine achievable noise limits for the site through negotiation and discussion with relevant stakeholders as required.

The process for applying the NPfI to existing sites is outlined in Section 6.1.1 of the NPfI and is summarised as follows as applicable to the amended project:

1. Undertake an initial evaluation, including whether approvals/licences include noise limits and whether they are being met.
2. Establish relevant PNTLs, in accordance with the NPfI, to establish a benchmark level to assess the need to consider noise mitigation.
3. Measure/predict the noise levels produced by the source in question, having regard to meteorological effects such as wind and temperature inversions.
4. Compare the measured/predicted noise level with the PNTLs.
5. Where the PNTLs are exceeded, assess feasible and reasonable noise mitigation strategies.
6. Develop and refine achievable noise limits that will become long-term noise goals for the site. This may involve interaction between the regulator and proponent as well as consultation with the community. Regulators and operators need to consider the technical practicalities and cost of noise reduction measures, and how long it will take to implement these measures, along with the environmental consequences of exceeding the PNTLs.
7. Monitor compliance with the agreed noise limits, and review and amend the noise performance of the site as required.

3.2 Operational noise limits - NPfI

Noise from industrial sites or processes in NSW is regulated by the local council, NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and/or the EPA and usually have a licence and/or development consent conditions stipulating noise limits. These limits are normally derived from operational noise levels applied at assessment locations. They are based on EPA guidelines (ie NPfI) or noise levels that can be achieved at a specific site following the application of all reasonable and feasible noise mitigation measures.

The reaction to noise is highly subjective. Hence, it is not possible to adopt noise levels that will guarantee that no one will experience an impact. Adherence with the PNTLs should not be interpreted to mean that industrial noise will be inaudible, or that all members of the community will find the noise acceptable. The PNTLs for industry provide a benchmark for assessing a proposed or existing industrial development.

Both the increase in noise level above background levels (ie the intrusiveness of a source) as well as the absolute level of noise are important factors in how a community will respond to noise from industrial sources. To ensure both of these factors are considered, the EPA provides two separate noise trigger levels: intrusiveness and amenity. The fundamental difference being intrusiveness noise levels apply over 15 minutes in any period (day, evening or night), whereas the amenity noise levels apply to the entire assessment period (day, evening or night).

3.2.1 Assessing intrusiveness

The intrusive noise trigger levels require that $L_{Aeq,15\text{ minute}}$ noise levels from the site during the relevant operational periods (ie day, evening and night) do not exceed the rating background level (RBL) by more than 5 dB. The NPfI recommends that the intrusive noise trigger level for evening be set at no greater than the intrusive noise level for daytime and that the intrusive noise level for night-time should be no greater than the intrusive noise level for day or evening. Intrusive noise trigger levels are applicable at residential assessment locations only.

A long-term, unattended ambient noise survey was undertaken during March 2020 to establish background noise levels at neighbouring noise sensitive receptors.

3.2.2 Assessing amenity

The amenity assessment is based on noise targets specific to land use and associated activities. The targets relate only to industrial-type noise and do not include road, rail and/or community noise. Where the measured existing industrial noise approaches the recommended amenity noise level, it needs to be demonstrated that noise levels from new industry will not contribute to existing industrial noise such that amenity noise levels are exceeded.

To ensure that total industrial noise levels remain within the recommended amenity noise levels for an area, the project amenity noise level for the subject development is the recommended amenity noise level (outlined in Table 2.2 of the NPfI) minus 5 dB.

Residences have been categorised in the NPfI suburban amenity category as per the definition provided in the NPfI:

An area that has local traffic with characteristically intermittent traffic flows or with some limited commerce or industry.

An extract from the NPfI that relates to the amenity noise levels relevant to the proposed modification is given in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 **Amenity noise levels - Recommended L_{Aeq} noise levels from all industrial noise sources**

Type of receptor	Noise amenity area	Time of day ¹	Recommended $L_{Aeq(Period)}$ noise level, dB
Residence	Suburban	Day	55
		Evening	45
		Night	40

Daytime 7 am to 6 pm; Evening 6 pm to 10 pm; Night-time 10 pm to 7 am. On Sundays and Public Holidays, Daytime 8 am - 6 pm; Evening 6 pm - 10 pm; Night-time 10 pm - 8 am. The L_{Aeq} index corresponds to the level of noise equivalent to the energy average of noise levels occurring over a measurement period.

3.2.3 Project noise trigger levels

PNTLs are the lower of the derived intrusiveness and amenity levels.

It is commonly acknowledged and accepted amongst regulators and industry that average noise levels are typically 3 dB higher over a 15-minute worst case assessment period when compared to an entire day (11 hour), evening (4 hour) and night (9 hour) assessment period. This is outlined in the NPfI and has been used in this assessment to standardise the time periods for the intrusive and amenity noise levels.

3.2.4 Low frequency noise

Fact sheet C of the NPfI (EPA 2017) provides guidelines for applying modifying factor corrections to account for low frequency noise emissions. The NPfI specifies that a difference of 15 dB or more between site 'C-weighted' and site 'A-weighted' noise emission levels identifies the potential for an unbalanced spectrum and potential increased annoyance.

Where a difference of 15 dB or more between site 'C-weighted' and site 'A-weighted' noise emission levels is identified, the one-third octave noise levels recorded should be compared to the values in Table C2 of the NPfI (EPA 2017), which has been reproduced in Table 3.2 below.

Table 3.2 One-third octave low-frequency noise thresholds ($L_{Zeq,15 \text{ minute}}$)

Frequency (Hz)	10	12.5	16	20	25	31.5	40	50	63	80	100	125	160
dB (Z)	92	89	86	77	69	61	54	50	50	48	48	46	44

The following modifying factor correction is to be applied where the site 'C-weighted' and site 'A-weighted' noise emission level is 15 dB or more and:

- where any of the one-third octave noise levels in Table 3.2 are exceeded by up to and including 5 dB and cannot be mitigated, a 2 dB positive adjustment to measured/predicted A-weighted levels applies for the evening/night period; or
- where any of the one-third octave noise levels in Table 3.2 are exceeded by more than 5 dB and cannot be mitigated, a 5 dB positive adjustment to measured/predicted A-weighted levels applies for the evening/night period and a 2 dB positive adjustment applies for the daytime period.

3.2.5 Sleep disturbance

The difficulty in establishing an absolute noise level criterion that would correlate to an acceptable level of sleep disturbance is acknowledged by relevant governing authorities.

The NPfI suggests that a detailed maximum noise level event assessment should be undertaken where night-time noise levels at a residential location exceed:

- $L_{Aeq,15 \text{ minute}}$ 40 dB or the prevailing RBL plus 5 dB (whichever is the greater); and/or
- L_{Amax} 52 dB or the prevailing RBL plus 15 dB (whichever is the greater).

The NPfI also references guidance regarding potential for sleep disturbance provided in the RNP. The RNP calls upon a number of studies that have been conducted into the effect of maximum noise levels on sleep. The RNP provides the following conclusions from the research on sleep disturbance:

- maximum internal noise levels (L_{Amax}) below 50 to 55 dB are unlikely to awaken people from sleep; and
- one or two noise events per night, with maximum internal noise levels (L_{Amax}) of 65 to 70 dB, are not likely to affect health and wellbeing significantly.

It is commonly accepted by acoustic practitioners and regulatory bodies that a facade including a partially open window will reduce external noise levels by 10 dB. Therefore, external noise levels in the order of 60–65 dB calculated at the facade of a residence is unlikely to awaken people according to the RNP.

If noise levels over the NPfI screening levels are identified, then additional analysis would consider factors such as the maximum noise level, the extent to which the maximum noise level exceeds the rating background noise level, and the number of times this happens during the night-time period.

Other factors that may be important in assessing the extent of impacts on sleep include:

- how often high noise events will occur;
- the distribution of likely events across the night-time period and the existing ambient maximum events in the absence of the subject development;
- whether there are times of day when there is a clear change in the noise environment (such as during early-morning shoulder periods); and
- current scientific literature available at the time of the assessment regarding the impact of maximum noise level events at night.

3.3 Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy

Consent authorities are required to consider the Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy (VLAMP) (DPE 2018) when assessing and determining development applications and modification applications for SSD mining developments. Page 17 of the VLAMP states the following regarding the application of voluntary mitigation and voluntary land acquisition:

A consent authority can apply voluntary mitigation and voluntary land acquisition rights to reduce:

- operational noise impacts of a development on privately owned land; and
- rail noise impacts of a development on privately owned land near a non-network rail line (private rail line), that is on, or exclusively servicing and industrial site (see Appendix 3 of the RING);

But not:

- construction noise impacts, as these impacts are shorter term and can be controlled;
- noise impacts on the public road or rail network; or
- modifications of existing developments with legacy noise issues, where the modification would have beneficial or negligible noise impacts¹³.

¹³Noise issues for existing premises may be addressed through site-specific pollution reduction programs under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

Of most interest is the last point above relating to the relative noise impact of the proposed operation compared to the existing development. As this report shows, the noise emissions from the proposed modification are predicted to be the same compared to existing CES operational noise emissions at all assessment locations.

3.4 Road traffic noise

To transport coal between Myuna's pit top and CES, trucks will need to access the public road network (including Wangi Road and Wilton Road) between Myuna and the Awaba Colliery surface site. A private haul road connecting the Awaba Colliery surface site to CES will then be used by trucks to transport the coal from Myuna on to CES (and vice versa). Noise from vehicles on private roads are assessed as part of on-site industrial noise, while that from public roads are assessed using the RNP.

Truck numbers along the private haul road network between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES will be within previously assessed and approved limits under SSD-5145 (ie 32 truck movements per hour). Therefore, noise levels will not be increased as a result of the proposed modification.

Truck movements between CES and Myuna's pit top will be limited to 7.00 am–6.00 pm Monday to Saturday. There will be a maximum of 10 loaded trucks (20 truck movements) per hour departing from CES to travel back to Myuna. Between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday, truck movements travelling back to Myuna will be restricted to 5 loaded trucks (10 truck movements) per hour to minimise impacts during the afternoon peak hour.

The proposed transport route (Figure 2.1) has been selected to avoid the need for trucks to travel through residential areas. There are no residences immediately adjacent to, or with driveways on, the parts of Wangi Road and Wilton Road that form part of the transport route. The closest residences to the proposed transport route are residences on Donnelly Road, Arcadia Vale, which are approximately 80 m from Wangi Road at their closest point.

Results of traffic tube counts conducted in November 2019 indicate annual average daily traffic on this section of road is 6,979 (EMM 2020). Traffic generated by the proposed modification (ie up to 20 truck movements per hour) represents a negligible increase (less than 7%) in total traffic on Wangi Road.

Given the preceding, road traffic noise impacts are not expected as a result of the proposed modification and a detailed assessment of road traffic noise has not been included in this NVIA.

3.5 Operational vibration

Vibration from operational activity is not expected to change as a result of the proposed modification when compared to that currently approved. Thus, a detailed assessment of vibration impacts has not been included in this NVIA.

4 Existing noise

4.1 Existing noise criteria

The Northern Coal Logistics Project, which includes CES, operates under SSD-5145. CES operates under Mandalong Mine's Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 365.

Noise criteria for CES are provided in Schedule 3 Conditions 2 and 3 of SSD-5145 and Condition L5 of EPL 365. Noise limits are consistent between these two documents and are summarised in Table 4.1. These limits have been established based on the results of previous noise modelling undertaken for CES.

Table 4.1 Cooranbong Entry Site noise criteria

Location	Day	Evening	Night	
	L _{Aeq,15min} (dB)	L _{Aeq,15min} (dB)	L _{Aeq,15min} (dB)	L _{A1,1min} (dB)
242 Gradwells Road (23)	37	37	37	45
232 Gradwells Road (26)	36	36	36	45
All other privately owned land	35	35	35	45

4.2 Existing noise emissions

Noise compliance monitoring occurs on an annual basis with some additional noise monitoring also undertaken at a location on Gradwells Road just north of assessment location 23 (M1 on Figure 2.2).

A summary of the annual and additional noise monitoring results, as provided in noise compliance reports, for the period between 2017 and 2019 (ie six rounds of monitoring) is shown in Table 4.2 together with the current noise limit for this location.

Table 4.2 Summary of annual compliance and additional noise monitoring results – Location M1

Period	Estimated CES noise level, L _{Aeq,15min} (dB)						Highest	Log average	Existing criteria
	2017	2017 Additional	2018	2018 Additional	2019	2019 Additional			
Day	33	-	<30	-	34	-	34	34	37
Evening	43	IA	44	43	35	-	44	42	37
Night	33	-	47	42	35	41	47	40	37
					36	34			
					40	35			
						37			
Period	Estimated CES noise level, L _{A1,1min} (dB)						Highest	Log average	Existing criteria
	2017	2017 Additional	2018	2018 Additional	2019	2019 Additional			
Night	33	IA	47	42	42	59*	59*	50	45
					43	33			
					49	34			
						36			

IA = inaudible, dash indicates no measurement was undertaken during that period.

*A modifying factor to account for intermittent noise was applied to this measurement.

Results of quarterly noise monitoring surveys indicate that evening and night noise emissions from CES have been above the existing noise criteria at the nearest assessment location. The source of the exceedance that was measured during the 2019 additional monitoring was identified to be coal loading activities. The likely cause was determined to be very noise enhancing weather conditions at the time of the survey. An investigation report was prepared and submitted to DPIE dated 20 January 2020.

Centennial NCS provided additional data in relation to low frequency noise emissions from CES (Appendix A). This data shows that measured levels of low frequency noise at M1 are below the NPfI threshold levels (provided in Table 3.2) and, as such, modifying factors are not applicable to noise emissions from CES. Hence, low frequency noise modifying factors have not been applied to predicted noise emissions from CES for the purpose of this NVIA.

4.3 Noise and vibration complaints history

EMM understands that within the last five years there has only been two complaints received in relation to noise emissions from CES:

1. July 2016 – related to night-time noise from CES; and
2. March 2020 – related to night-time noise from truck loading at CES which was stopped on receipt of the complaint.

Notwithstanding the preceding, noise from CES has been raised as a concern by residents along Gradwells Road during consultation undertaken by Centennial NCS.

5 Existing acoustic environment

To establish ambient and background noise levels unattended noise monitoring was completed by EMM at two locations surrounding the site in March 2020 in accordance with the NPfl (Figure 2.2).

The noise loggers were in place from 6 to 17 March 2020 and were programmed to record statistical noise level indices continuously in 15-minute intervals. Calibration of each noise logger was checked prior to and following unattended noise monitoring. The equipment carried appropriate and current NATA calibration certificates. Weather data for the unattended noise monitoring period was obtained from the on-site automatic weather station at Myuna. The wind speed and rainfall data were used to exclude noise data during periods of any rainfall and/or wind speeds in excess of 5 m/s (approximately 9 knots) in accordance with the methodology provided in the NPfl.

The locations of the two long-term noise loggers are shown on Figure 2.2. A summary of the background and ambient noise monitoring results is provided in Table 5.1. Detailed graphs of the data obtained by EMM are provided in Appendix B. It is noted that due to a battery failure of the noise logger at NM2 there was insufficient data captured to determine RBL in accordance with NPfl methodology. RBL and average noise level values have been provided for NM2 for information purposes only and have not been used to establish relevant noise goals.

Table 5.1 Summary of existing measured background and ambient noise levels (March 2020)

Monitoring location	Period ¹	RBL ² , dB	L _{Aeq, period} noise level ³ , dB
NM1 – 102 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek	Day	35	50
	Evening	43	54
	Night	44	54
NM2 – 214 Gradwells Road, Dora Creek	Day	35 ⁴	50 ⁴
	Evening	38 ⁴	50 ⁴
	Night	35 ⁴	46 ⁴

Notes: 1. Day: 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday; 8 am to 6 pm Sundays and public holidays; Evening: 6 pm to 10 pm; Night: 10 pm to 7 am.
 2. The RBL is an NPfl term and is used represent the background noise level.
 3. The energy averaged noise level over the measurement period and representative of general ambient noise.
 4. These values are for information only due to inadequate data obtained.

Based on observations whilst on-site, the main contributors to overall ambient noise levels are as follows:

- NM1 – distant traffic (M1 motorway), some local traffic, insects and birdsong (CES operations inaudible); and
- NM2 – distant traffic (M1 motorway), some local traffic, insects and birdsong with CES operations occasionally audible.

Based on our experience in the area, and due to its proximity, Eraring Power Station is also a contributor to ambient noise levels in this area.

6 Operational noise targets

6.1 Project noise trigger levels

6.1.1 Intrusiveness

The intrusiveness targets require that $L_{Aeq,15min}$ noise levels from sites during the relevant operational periods (ie day, evening and night) do not exceed the relevant RBL by more than 5 dB. It is noted that where the RBL for the evening or night period is higher than the day period RBL, the lower RBL for the day period has been adopted as the evening and night period RBLs in accordance with the NPfI.

The RBLs utilised for determination of the intrusiveness target are based on the background noise monitoring results presented in Chapter 5. Since the noise logger at NM2 did not capture an adequate quantity of noise data, the background noise levels measured at NM1 have been used to establish project intrusive noise level at all residential assessment locations. The project intrusive noise levels are presented in Table 6.1.

Table 6.1 Intrusive noise levels

Assessment location	Adopted RBL (dB) ²			Project intrusive noise level, $L_{Aeq,15min}$ (dB)		
	Day ¹	Evening ¹	Night ¹	Day	Evening	Night
22, 23, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35	35	35 ²	35 ²	40	40	40

1. Day: 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday; 8 am to 6 pm Sundays and public holidays; Evening: 6 pm to 10 pm; Night: all remaining periods.
2. Where the RBL for the night period is higher than the day or evening period RBL, the lower RBL has been adopted as the night period RBL in accordance with the NPfI methodology.

6.1.2 Amenity

The assessment of amenity is based on noise targets specific to the land use. Assessment locations have been categorised in the NPfI (EPA 2017) suburban amenity category in accordance with the NPfI definition of a suburban receiver type (ie an area that has local traffic with characteristically intermittent traffic flows or with some limited commerce or industry).

To ensure that total industrial noise levels remain within the recommended amenity noise levels for an area, the project amenity noise levels for CES are the recommended amenity noise level (outlined in Table 2.2 of the NPfI) minus 5 dB. This accounts for the potential cumulative industrial noise levels in the area.

As described earlier, a 3 dB adjustment is adopted for 15-minute worst case period noise levels from CES for the entire day (11 hour), evening (4 hour) and night (9 hour) assessment periods. This assumption is outlined in the NPfI and has been used in this assessment to standardise the time periods for the intrusive and amenity noise levels.

The corresponding recommended amenity noise levels for all assessment locations are given in Table 6.2.

Table 6.2 Project amenity noise levels

Assessment location	Indicative area	Project amenity noise level ($L_{Aeq,15min}$) (dB)		
		Day	Evening	Night
22, 23, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35	Suburban	53	43	38

1. Day: 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday; 8 am to 6 pm Sundays and public holidays; evening: 6 pm to 10 pm; night: all remaining periods.

6.1.3 Project noise trigger levels

The PNTLs are the more stringent of either the project intrusive or amenity noise levels and are shown in Table 6.3.

Table 6.3 Project noise trigger levels, $L_{Aeq,15min}$

Assessment location	Intrusive noise level, $L_{Aeq,15min}$, dB			Amenity noise level, $L_{Aeq,15min}$, dB			PNTL, $L_{Aeq,15min}$, dB		
	Day ¹	Evening ¹	Night ¹	Day ¹	Evening ¹	Night ¹	Day ¹	Evening ¹	Night ¹
22, 23, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35	40	40	40	53	43	38	40	40	38

1. Day: 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday; 8 am to 6 pm Sundays and public holidays; evening: 6 pm to 10 pm; night: all remaining periods.

6.2 Sleep disturbance

Based on the guidance provided in the NPfI, Table 6.4 provides the sleep disturbance screening levels for the residential assessment locations.

Table 6.4 Sleep disturbance screening levels for residential assessment locations

Assessment location	Adopted RBL (dB)	Sleep disturbance screening levels (dB)	
		$L_{Aeq,15min}$	L_{Amax}
22, 23, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35	35	40	52

Reference has also been made to the conclusions presented in the RNP regarding assessment of the potential for sleep disturbance.

7 Operational noise assessment

7.1 Overview

This section presents the methods and base parameters used to model noise emissions from CES's existing operations including the effects of noise-enhancing meteorological conditions. It is noted that the proposed modification will not introduce any new sources of noise at CES and, as such, noise emissions from existing CES operations are expected to be the same as those associated with the proposed modification.

Noise modelling was based on three-dimensional digitised ground contours of the surrounding land and surface infrastructure. The operational noise model represents a snapshot of typical operations, with equipment placed at various locations and heights, representing a realistic operational scenario.

Noise predictions were carried out using the iNoise software, created by the same developers responsible for B&K's Predictor software. iNoise calculates total noise levels at assessment locations from concurrent operation of multiple noise sources. The model considers factors such as the lateral and vertical location of plant, source-to-receptor distances, ground effects, atmospheric absorption, topography of the surface facilities area and surrounds and applicable meteorological conditions.

7.2 Meteorology

During certain weather conditions, noise emissions from CES at the assessment locations may increase or decrease compared with noise during calm conditions. This is due to refraction caused by the varying speed of sound with increasing height above the ground that occurs during winds or where air temperature changes with height.

A simple yet conservative approach has been selected for the consideration of potentially noise-enhancing weather conditions with reference to Fact Sheet D of the NPfI. Noise emissions from CES have been predicted for noise-enhancing conditions. This provides a conservative approach since the noise emissions predicted under noise-enhancing conditions are expected to represent the upper range of noise emissions from CES.

7.3 Plant and equipment

The operational noise model considered a representative snapshot of surface operations at CES with equipment placed at locations representing a realistic operational scenario. Adopted locations of plant and equipment are shown in Appendix C.

Acoustically significant fixed and mobile equipment items considered in the noise model are provided for expected day, evening and night operations in Table 7.1. Most of the sound power data were obtained from noise measurements of existing activities at CES. Where this was not possible, sound power data has been obtained from previous noise studies undertaken at CES or an EMM database of similar plant and equipment.

Table 7.1 Acoustically significant plant and equipment for noise modelling

Item (Quantity)	Sound power level per item (dBA)	Operating during this period		
		Day	Evening	Night
Existing operations at CES				
Compressors ¹	105	✓	✓	✓
CHP ¹	109	✓	✓	✓
Bradford breaker ¹	113	✓	✓	✓
Breaker drive ¹	105	✓	✓	✓
Drift drive ²	105	✓	✓	✓
Product drive ²	110	✓	✓	✓
Vent fan ¹	95	✓	✓	✓
Conveyors (various) ²	98	✓	✓	✓
FEL (2) ¹	108	✓	✓	✓
Dozer ²	107	✓	✓	✓
Haul truck (2) ³	105	✓	✓	✓
Product bin ²	95	✓	✓	✓
Sweeper ³	105	✓	✓	✓
Exhaust fan ³	92	✓	✓	✓
Franna crane ³	106	✓	✓	✓
Elevated work platform (EWP) ³	105	✓	✓	✓
Forklift ³	105	✓	✓	✓
Grader ³	104	✓	✓	✓
ROM stacker ²	88	✓	✓	✓
Fuel truck ³	105	✓	✓	✓
Water cart ³	105	✓	✓	✓
Bobcat ³	100	✓	✓	✓

1. Measured at CES by EMM in March 2020.

2. Sourced from previous study measurements at CES.

3. Sourced from EMM database.

7.4 Noise model validation

Noise from existing operations at CES was modelled and compared to the results of historical operator-attended noise surveys as reported in the annual and additional noise monitoring reports. This comparison is summarised in Table 7.2.

Table 7.2 Predicted $L_{Aeq,15min}$ night-time noise levels compared to results of historic noise monitoring

Location	Measured range of noise emissions (dB)	Log average of measured noise emissions (dB)	Predicted (including noise enhancing weather conditions) (dB)
M1	33–47	40	46

The predicted noise levels, with the adoption of noise-enhancing weather conditions, are approximately at the top end of the measured range; within 1 dB of the highest measured level over the last three years. The operational noise model is therefore considered appropriate for the purpose of determining noise impacts from CES.

The results of historical operator-attended noise compliance surveys have identified that modifying factors are typically not applicable to noise emissions from CES. Hence, modifying factors have not been applied here to noise predictions.

7.5 Operational noise assessment

Predicted noise levels for the operation of CES inclusive of the proposed modification are presented in Table 7.3 for all assessment locations (those predicted to be above the PNTLs are shown in **bold** text). Noise-enhancing weather conditions have been considered and the highest predicted noise level is presented for each period. Cells are shaded within Table 7.3 to indicate the predicted level compared to PNTL as follows:

- Green cells: CES noise levels predicted to be less than or equal to 2 dB above PNTL;
- Yellow cells: CES noise levels predicted to be 3–5 dB above PNTL; and
- Red cells: CES noise levels predicted to be >5 dB above PNTL.

Indicative night-time noise contours for the proposed modification under noise-enhancing weather conditions are provided in Appendix D.

Table 7.3 Predicted $L_{Aeq,15min}$ operational noise levels

Assessment location	Period ¹	Predicted noise level (including proposed modification) (dB)	PNTL $L_{Aeq,15min}$ (dB)
		Noise-enhancing	
22	Day	40	40
	Evening	41	40
	Night	41	38
23	Day	46	40
	Evening	46	40
	Night	46	38
26	Day	44	40
	Evening	44	40
	Night	44	38
28	Day	42	40
	Evening	42	40
	Night	42	38
30	Day	35	40
	Evening	35	40
	Night	35	38
31	Day	39	40
	Evening	39	40
	Night	39	38
32	Day	41	40
	Evening	42	40
	Night	42	38
33	Day	35	40
	Evening	36	40
	Night	36	38
35	Day	38	40
	Evening	39	40
	Night	39	38

1. Day: 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday; 8 am to 6 pm Sundays and public holidays; evening: 6 pm to 10 pm; night: all remaining periods.

Since PNTLs are predicted to be exceeded, an assessment of reasonable and feasible mitigation has been undertaken (Chapter 8). Further, Centennial NCS will continue to implement the existing noise mitigation and management measures as provided in the *Northern Region Noise Management Plan* (NMP) (Centennial 2019).

7.6 Sleep disturbance

Consideration has been given to likely maximum noise level events at the nearest residential assessment locations. It is noted that CES operations will not significantly change as a result of the proposed modification when compared to currently approved operations and, hence, maximum noise levels are expected to remain the same as those currently experienced. As summarised in Table 4.2, L_{Amax} noise levels up to 54 dB (59 dB including modifying factor for intermittent noise) have been measured at M1 although this did appear to be an exceptional event due to very noise enhancing weather conditions at the time of measurement. The next highest measured L_{Amax} noise level recorded at M1 was 47 dB.

Typical maximum noise level events at CES include trucks being loaded, dozer operations or bangs from the CHP. A typical maximum sound power level of L_{Amax} 126 dB has been adopted for all such events and is based on EMM's measurements of similar activities. These events represent the likely highest maximum noise level events from CES.

Predicted maximum noise levels for operation of CES are presented in Table 7.4 for all assessment locations.

Table 7.4 Predicted L_{Amax} noise levels and sleep disturbance assessment

Assessment location	Night predicted CES noise level (noise enhancing)		Sleep disturbance screening levels	
	$L_{Aeq,15min}$	L_{Amax}	$L_{Aeq,15min}$	L_{Amax}
22	41	41	40	52
23	46	49	40	52
26	44	44	40	52
28	42	43	40	52
30	35	37	40	52
31	39	43	40	52
32	42	43	40	52
33	36	39	40	52
35	39	41	40	52

Predicted maximum noise levels at M1 (~23) from CES are comparable to those measured during historical noise compliance surveys. It is noted that the $L_{Aeq,15min}$ screening level is predicted to be exceeded at several residences. subsequently, an assessment of feasible and reasonable noise mitigation has been provided in Chapter 8.

Predicted maximum noise levels (Table 7.4) are below the relevant L_{Amax} sleep disturbance screening level. Hence, as per the NPfI requirements the likelihood of sleep disturbance at nearby residences is predicted to be unlikely.

8 Noise mitigation, management and monitoring

8.1 Existing noise mitigation and management measures

Noise emissions from CES will continue to be managed in accordance with the existing NMP.

The NMP outlines the noise mitigation and management measures common to all of Centennial's operations within the northern region, where applicable, as well as those specific to CES. Relevant measures include:

- Northern Region:
 - a region-wide monitoring rationalisation to make better use of real-time noise monitoring data to provide more informative data and enable more timely responses to elevated noise levels from mining, coal handling and transport operations;
 - procurement of quieter equipment whenever new items or maintenance work is required;
 - regular (annual) reviews of monitoring and management measures; and
 - impact assessments undertaken of future changes/expansions to operations (eg this assessment).
- CES:
 - acoustic cladding of the rotary breaker and CHP building;
 - acoustic barrier installed on the eastern side (in the direction of sensitive receivers) of the truck loading bin; and
 - a real-time noise monitor is used with the capability of sending an alert to relevant personnel in the event that a pre-set noise level (representative of a potential exceedance at a noise sensitive receiver) is exceeded.

The NMP also describes the short-term and long-term monitoring program for CES including both attended and real-time, unattended noise monitoring. Where required, the NMP will be updated following determination of the proposed modification.

Implementation of additional mitigation measures is triggered by a range of methods including, but not limited to, the following:

- results of operator-attended noise compliance surveys indicating an exceedance of noise criteria;
- on-site noise levels continuously monitored by a real-time noise monitor indicating the potential for an exceedance of noise criteria;
- site inspections and/or observation of unusually noisy equipment; or
- a complaint relating to noise from mining operations.

CES operates in accordance with the trigger action response plan (TARP) provided in Section 5.2 of the NMP.

8.2 Feasible and reasonable assessment of additional mitigation

Chapter 3.1 of the NPfI describes the approach to be adopted in determining feasible and reasonable mitigation measures:

A noise mitigation measure is feasible if it can be engineered and is practical to build and implement, given project constraints such as safety and maintenance requirements.

Selecting reasonable measures from those that are feasible involves judging whether the overall noise benefits outweigh the overall adverse social, economic and environmental effects, including the cost of the mitigation measure.

Consideration of the feasibility and reasonableness of additional noise mitigation measures has been undertaken with reference to the guidance provided in Section 3.4 of the NPfI. The NPfI also provides the following guidance on the application of noise mitigation to existing premises:

The range of noise reduction strategies for existing situations is generally more limited than those available for new development at the planning stage. For example, spatial separation between the source and receiver is not an option for existing situations. The initial focus for existing sites should be operational procedures and prioritising noise-control measures that provide the greatest benefits to residents at least cost.

The main operational noise sources at CES contributing to off-site noise levels are the rotary breaker, CHP, front-end loaders, overland conveyor and haul trucks. Mitigation options targeting these noise sources have previously been considered (refer *Briefing Note* prepared by Global Acoustics dated 30 June 2017 - Appendix E).

A summary of the mitigation options considered is provided in Table 8.1.

Mitigation strategies have been considered in the following hierarchical approach:

1. Control of noise at the source.
2. Once feasible and reasonable controls at the source are exhausted, controlling transmission of noise.
3. Once source and transmission feasible and reasonable controls are exhausted, considering mitigation measures at the noise sensitive receivers.

Table 8.1 Mitigation decision-making matrix

Mitigation option	Feasible?	Reasonable?	Justification for adopting / disregarding and expected noise benefit
At-source controls			
Improved cladding around the rotary breaker and coal handling plant.	Yes	No	Modelling of these measures in combination has indicated, at best, a reduction in off-site noise levels of up to 3 dB. Implementation of all these measures would be extremely costly and, in the case of improved cladding, there is still a great deal of uncertainty in the potential effectiveness of such a measure.
Low noise idlers for the entire length of the overland conveyor connecting CES to Eraring Power Station.	Yes	No	
Attenuation package fitted to front-end loaders.	Yes	No	
Attenuation package to reduce sound power level of haul trucks.	No	No	Sound power levels of haul trucks were already considered to be consistent with industry best practice.
Control transmission of noise			
Barrier to shield noise from haul trucks.	No	No	Haul trucks travel extensively around CES and, due to the location of the nearest sensitive receptors, barriers would not be effective at reducing noise emissions from haul trucks, particularly during adverse weather.
Limit loading of haul trucks to certain areas.	No	No	This measure would unduly restrict operations at CES.
Mitigation at the receptor			
Receptor mitigation/negotiated agreements.	Yes	Yes	There have been only two complaints regarding noise at CES within the last five years. The proposed modification will result in no changes to noise emissions compared to existing emissions for approved operations at all assessment locations. Centennial NCS will consult with those receptors identified as experiencing mine noise emissions above PNTLs. Residences will be invited to meet with Centennial NCS representatives to discuss the scope of the proposed modification and provide the findings of this NVIA. The type of mitigation measures that could be implemented at the residences and/or the nature of any agreement between Centennial NCS and the landowner will depend on the outcomes of relevant negotiations. Once finalised, a copy of any negotiated agreement will be provided to the DPIE (where required).

Based on the information provided in Table 8.1, it is understood that Centennial NCS will pursue consultation and negotiated agreements with landowners identified as experiencing mine noise emissions above PNTLs namely 22, 23, 26, 28, 31, 32 and 35.

9 Conclusion

EMM has prepared this NVIA to accompany a modification report for a proposed modification to SSD-5145. A quantitative assessment of noise emissions associated with the operation of CES has been undertaken. The assessment included ambient noise monitoring, establishment of PNTLs and computer noise modelling which has shown that the proposed modification is predicted to result in no changes to existing operational noise emissions.

Operational noise emissions from CES are predicted to be above the PNTLs at seven of the nine assessment locations and above the existing noise criteria at all but one assessment location. An assessment of feasible and reasonable noise mitigation options concluded that negotiated agreements will be pursued with potentially affected residents.

Predicted maximum noise levels are below the maximum screening criteria and generally consistent with the results of previous noise compliance monitoring at CES. Hence, as per the NPfI requirements, the likelihood of sleep disturbance is predicted to be unlikely.

Noise emissions from CES will continue to be managed in accordance with the existing NMP, which describes the monitoring program for CES including both attended and real-time, unattended noise monitoring. All feasible and reasonable mitigation measures will be considered. The NMP will be updated following determination of the proposed modification (as required).

Glossary

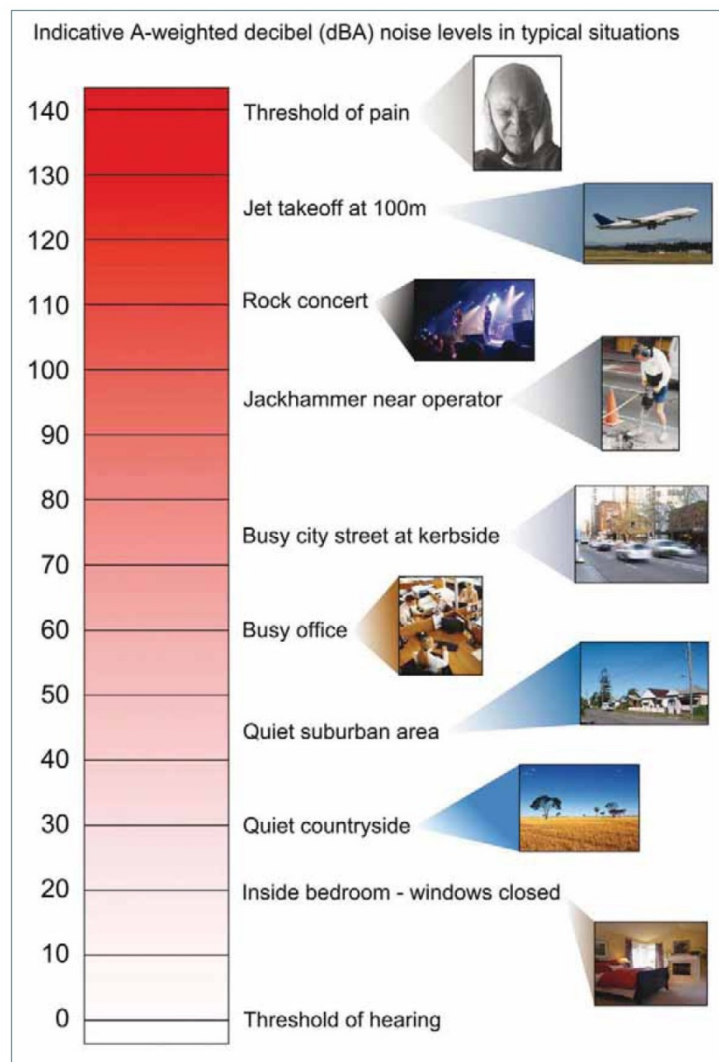
Table G.9.1 **Glossary of acoustic terms and abbreviations**

Abbreviation or term	Definition
ABL	The assessment background level (ABL) is defined in the INP as a single figure background level for each assessment period (day, evening and night). It is the tenth percentile of the measured L_{A90} statistical noise levels.
Amenity noise level	The amenity noise levels relate to the overall level of industrial noise subject to land zoning or use
A-weighting	There are several different weightings utilised for describing noise, the most common being the ‘A-weighting’. This attempts to closely approximate the frequency response of the human ear.
Day period	Monday–Saturday: 7.00 am to 6.00 pm, on Sundays and public holidays: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm.
dB	Noise is measured in units called decibels (dB).
DPIE	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
EMM	EMM Consulting Pty Limited
EP&A Act	NSW <i>Environmental and Planning Assessment Act 1979</i> (NSW)
EPA	NSW Environment Protection Authority (formerly the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water).
Evening period	Monday–Saturday: 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm, on Sundays and public holidays
ICNG	Interim Construction Noise Guideline
Intrusive noise level	The intrusive noise level refers to noise that intrudes above the background level by more than 5 dB.
L_{A1}	The A-weighted noise level exceeded for 1% of the time.
L_{A10}	The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded 10% of the time. It is roughly equivalent to the average of maximum noise level.
L_{A90}	The A-weighted noise level that is exceeded 90% of the time. Commonly referred to as the background noise level.
L_{Aeq}	The A-weighted energy average noise level. This is the equivalent continuous sound pressure level over a given period. The $L_{Aeq(15\text{-minute})}$ descriptor refers to an L_{Aeq} noise level measured over a 15 minute period.
L_{Zeq}	The unweighted energy average noise level. This is the equivalent continuous sound pressure level over a given period without any frequency weighting applied.
L_{Amax}	The maximum A-weighted sound pressure level received during a measurement interval.
Night period	Monday–Saturday: 10.00 pm to 7.00 am, on Sundays and public holidays: 10.00 pm to 8.00 am.
NMP	Noise management plan
PNTL	The project noise trigger levels are targets for a particular industrial noise source or industry. The PNTLs are the lower of either the project intrusive noise level or project amenity noise level.
POEO Act	NSW <i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997</i> (NSW)
RBL	The rating background level (RBL) is an overall single value background level representing each assessment period over the whole monitoring period. The RBL is used to determine the intrusiveness criteria for noise assessment purposes and is the median of the average background levels.
RNP	Road Noise Policy
Sound power level (L_w)	A measure of the total power radiated by a source. The sound power of a source is a fundamental property of the source and is independent of the surrounding environment.
Temperature inversion	A meteorological condition where the atmospheric temperature increases with altitude.

It is useful to have an appreciation of decibels (dB), the unit of noise measurement. Table G.9.2 gives an indication as to what an average person perceives about changes in noise levels. Examples of common noise levels are provided in Figure G.9.1.

Table G.9.2 Perceived change in noise

Change in sound level (dB)	Perceived change in noise
3	just perceptible
5	noticeable difference
10	twice (or half) as loud
15	large change
20	four times (or quarter) as loud



Source: Road Noise Policy (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water 2011)

Figure G.9.1 Common noise levels

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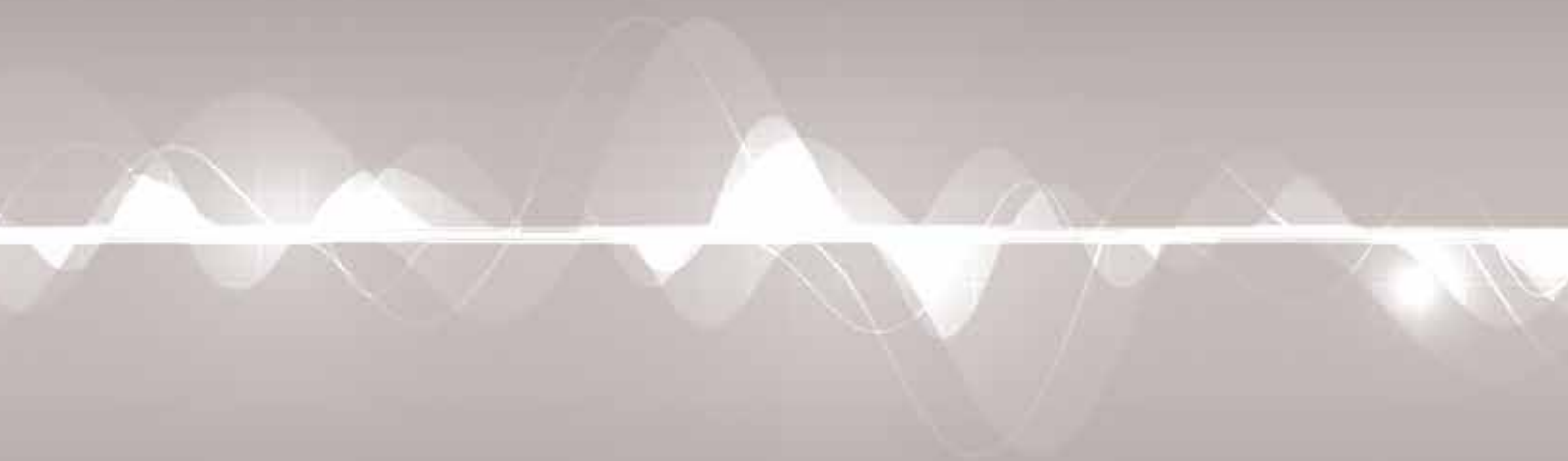
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Appendix A

Noise compliance monitoring results - low frequency noise

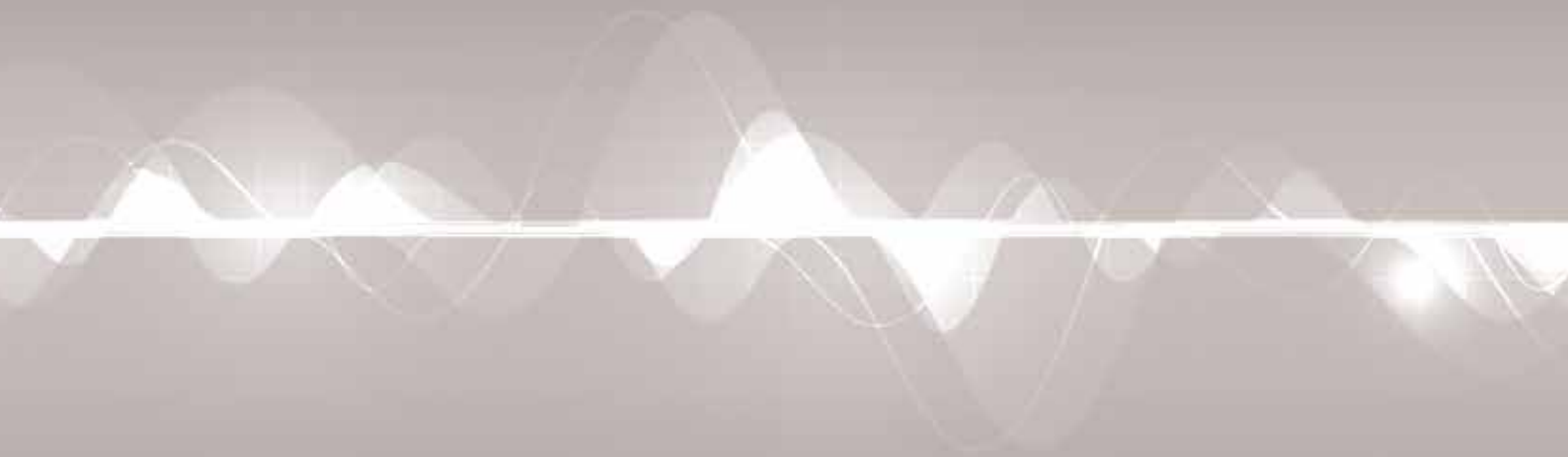


A.1 Summary of low frequency noise monitoring results for Cooranbong Entry Site

Measurement Date/time	CES Low Frequency noise contributions 2017 - 2019											Total (C-weighting) - Total (A-weighting)	
	Linear dB										Total (A-weighting)		Total (C-weighting)
	20 Hz	25 Hz	31.5 Hz	40 Hz	50 Hz	63 Hz	80 Hz	100 Hz	125 Hz	160 Hz			
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26/06/2018 22:15	49	46	45	45	45	47	44	47	44	44	46	56	10
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26/06/2018 23:00	50	45	43	44	45	47	44	47	44	43	47	56	9
19/11/2018 22:15	58	49	48	44	46	40	41	40	39	39	42	55	13
19/11/2018 22:30	55	51	46	44	48	42	42	41	39	39	42	55	13
19/11/2018 22:45	53	52	47	44	48	43	42	40	38	39	42	54	12
19/11/2018 23:00	53	49	47	43	48	42	42	41	39	39	42	54	12
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26/07/2019 22:50	44	44	42	41	45	36	39	39	37	35	35	49	14
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26/07/2019 23:22	46	43	41	41	41	36	39	39	37	34	35	48	13
27/07/2019 22:45	48	45	43	42	37	41	41	43	38	36	36	50	14
27/07/2019 23:04	46	42	41	40	36	36	38	37	34	32	32	47	16
27/07/2019 23:20	46	42	41	41	36	37	39	38	35	33	34	47	14
27/07/2019 23:36	47	43	41	41	36	35	37	37	35	33	32	47	15
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28/07/2019 23:02	55	49	47	45	45	43	44	44	42	39	40	54	14
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27/11/2019 22:52	37	35	35	36	44	35	35	39	34	35	35	47	12
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Appendix B

Measured existing ambient noise levels



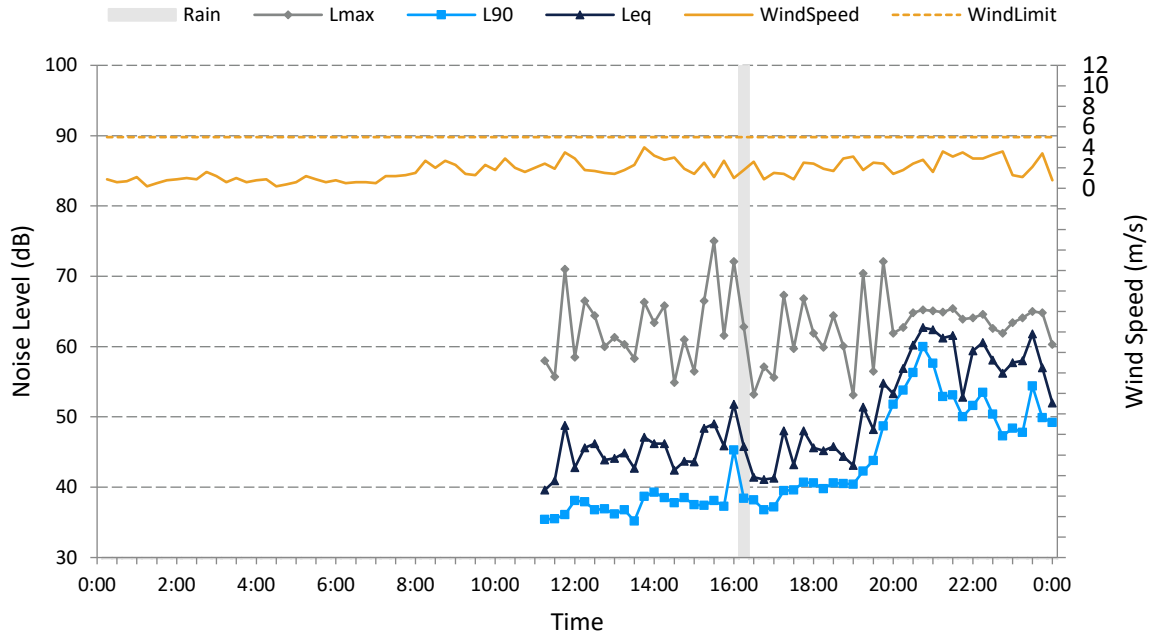
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Saturday, 07-03-20	0	42	45	0	54	54	0	52	54
Sunday, 08-03-20	35	43	42	46	54	51	50	50	51
Monday, 09-03-20	36	42	44	47	55	55	51	53	54
Tuesday, 10-03-20	35	43	45	55	55	51	55	54	50
Wednesday, 11-03-20	35	44	44	47	53	50	49	50	49
Thursday, 12-03-20	37	44	45	53	51	58	52	55	58
Friday, 13-03-20	33	44	44	46	53	56	49	53	57
Saturday, 14-03-20	0	0	37	0	0	46	0	0	45
Sunday, 15-03-20	39	41	38	46	49	49	47	48	48
Monday, 16-03-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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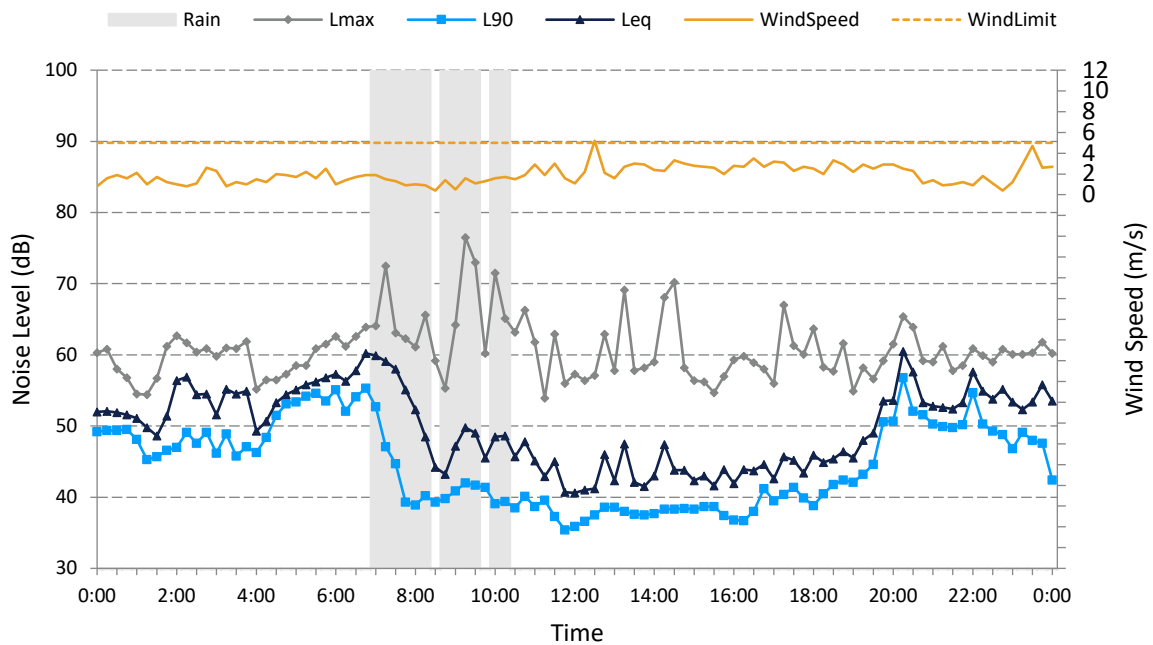
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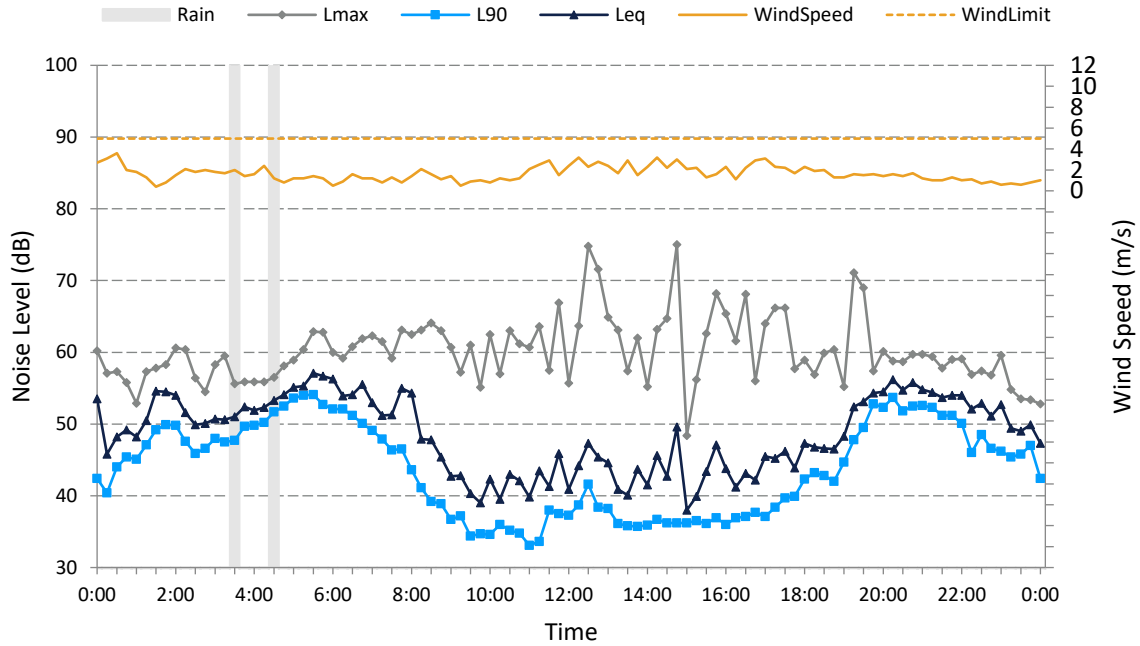
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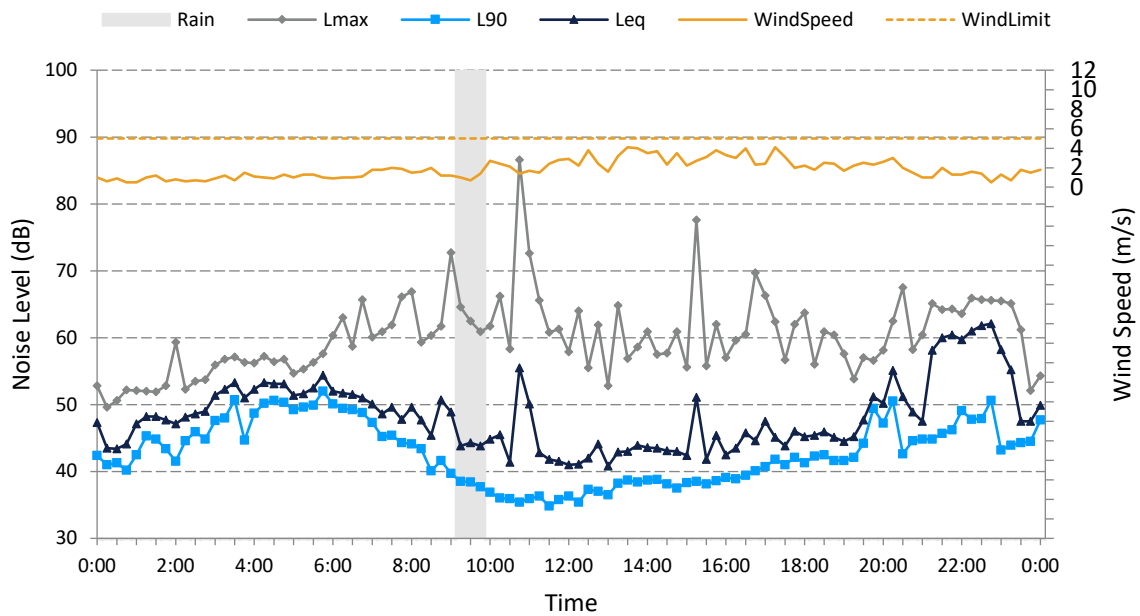
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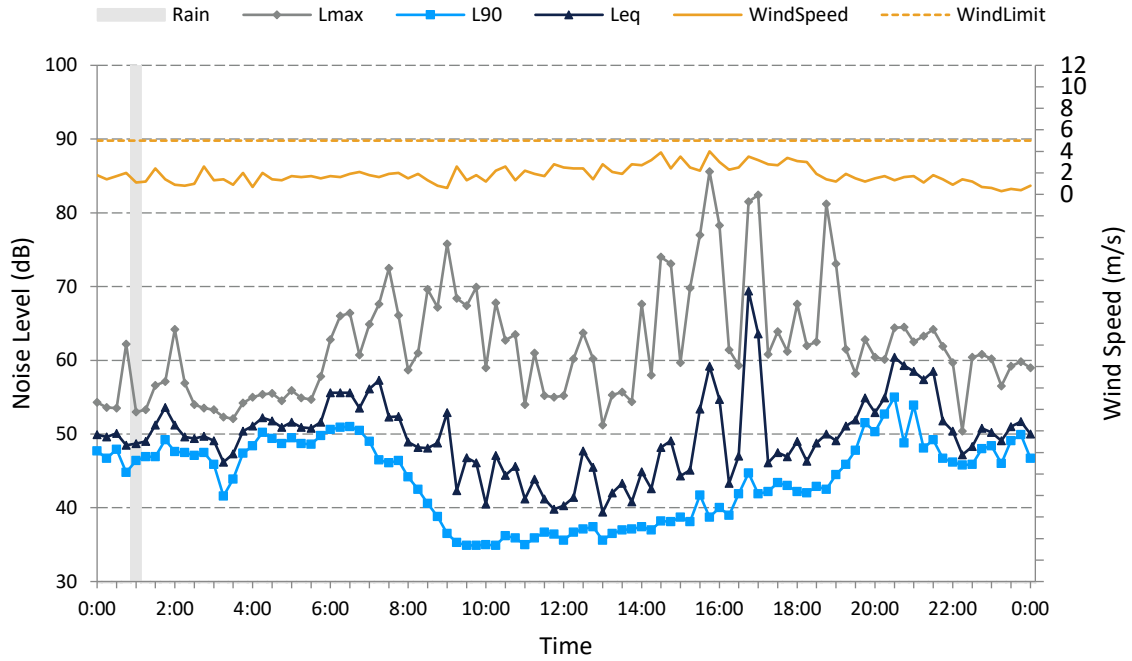
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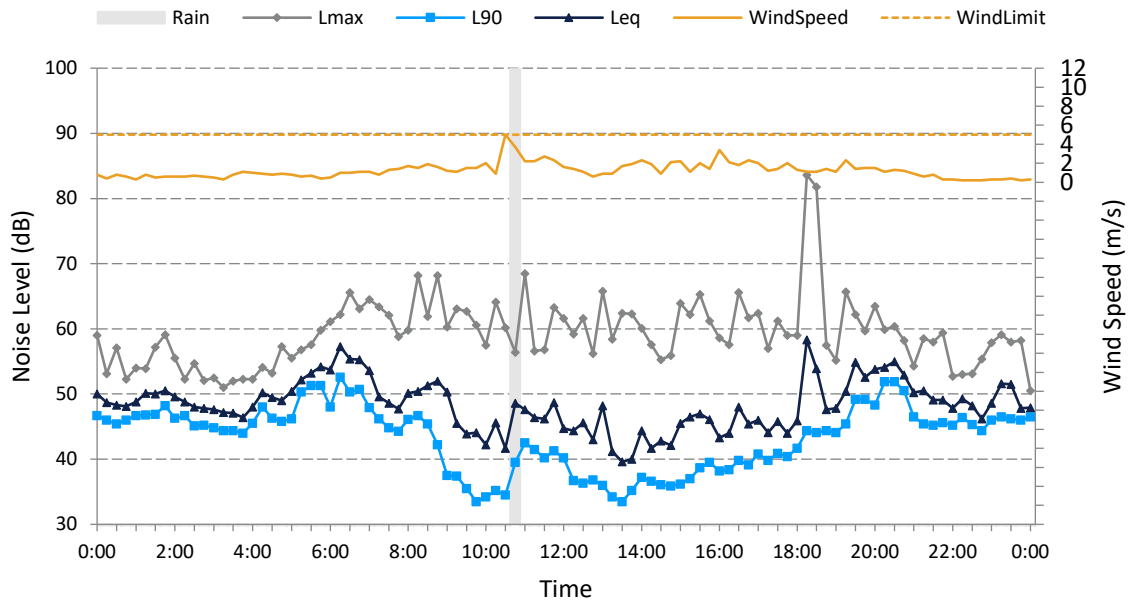
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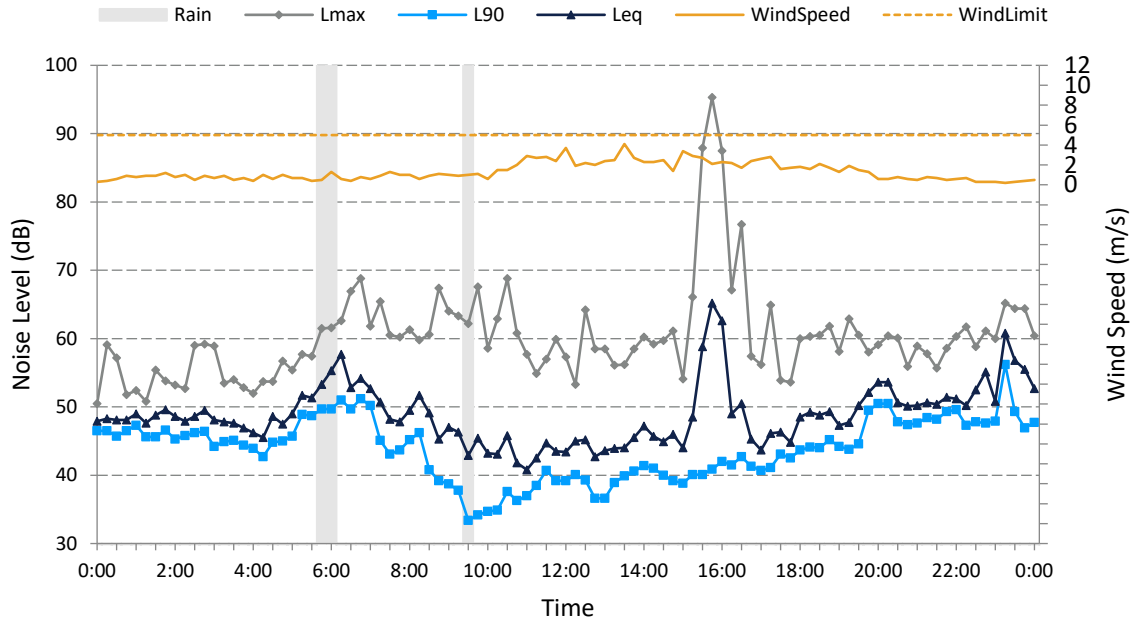
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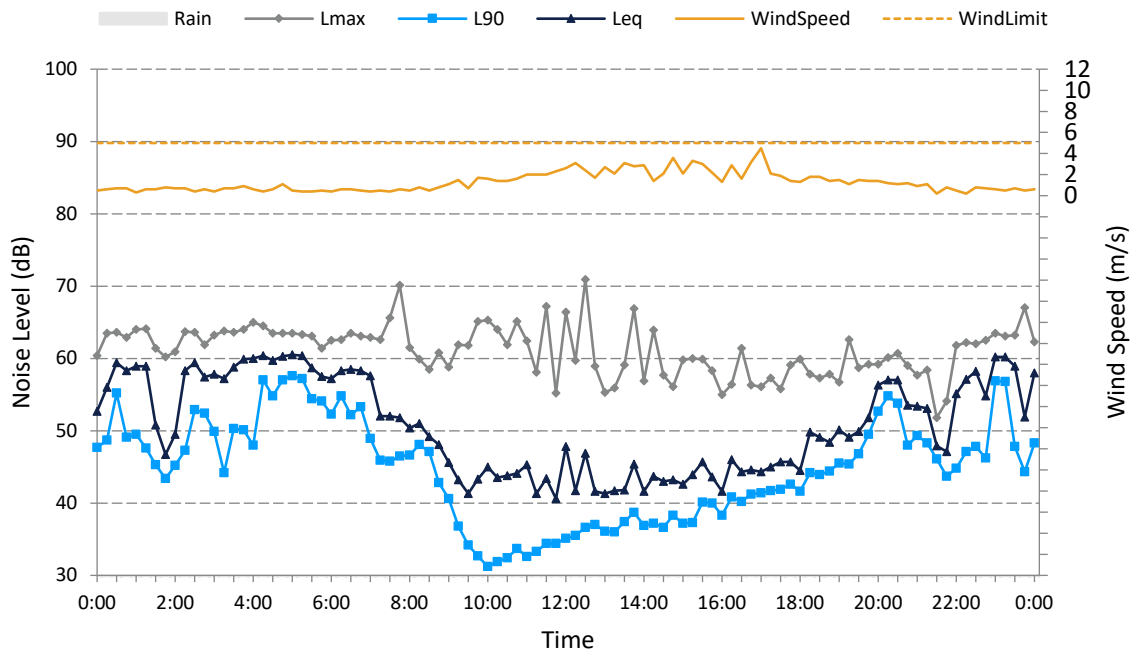
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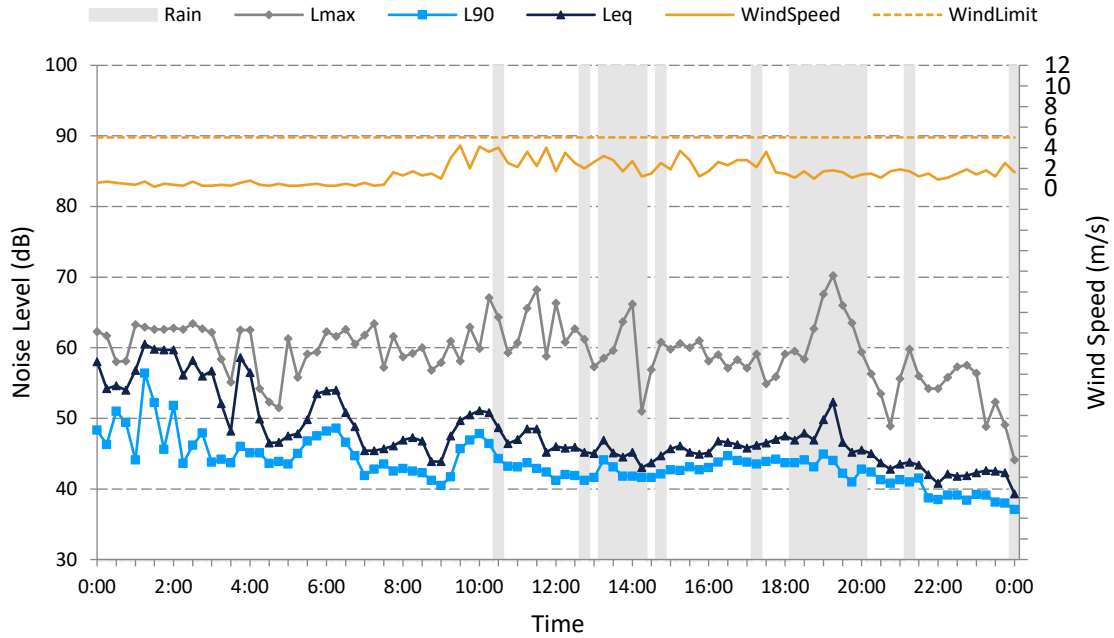
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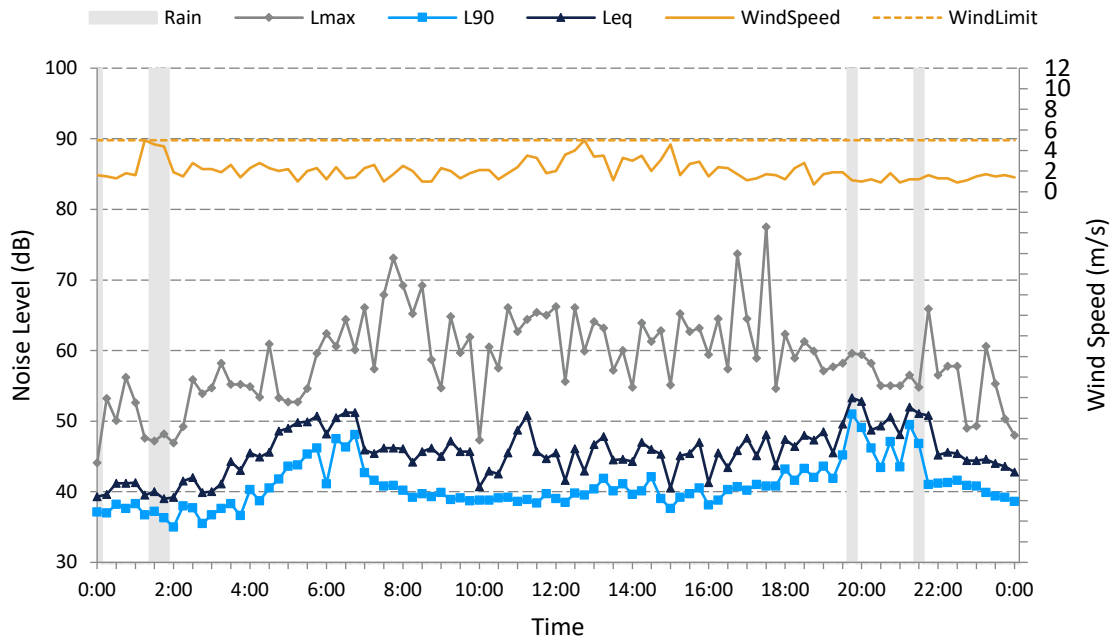
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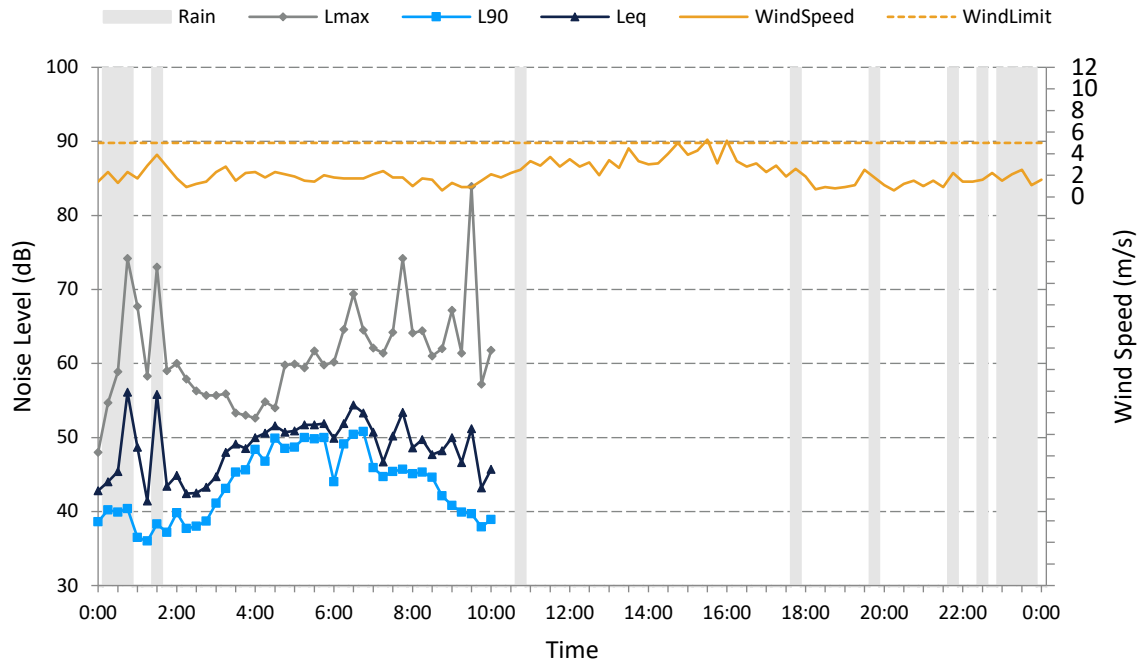
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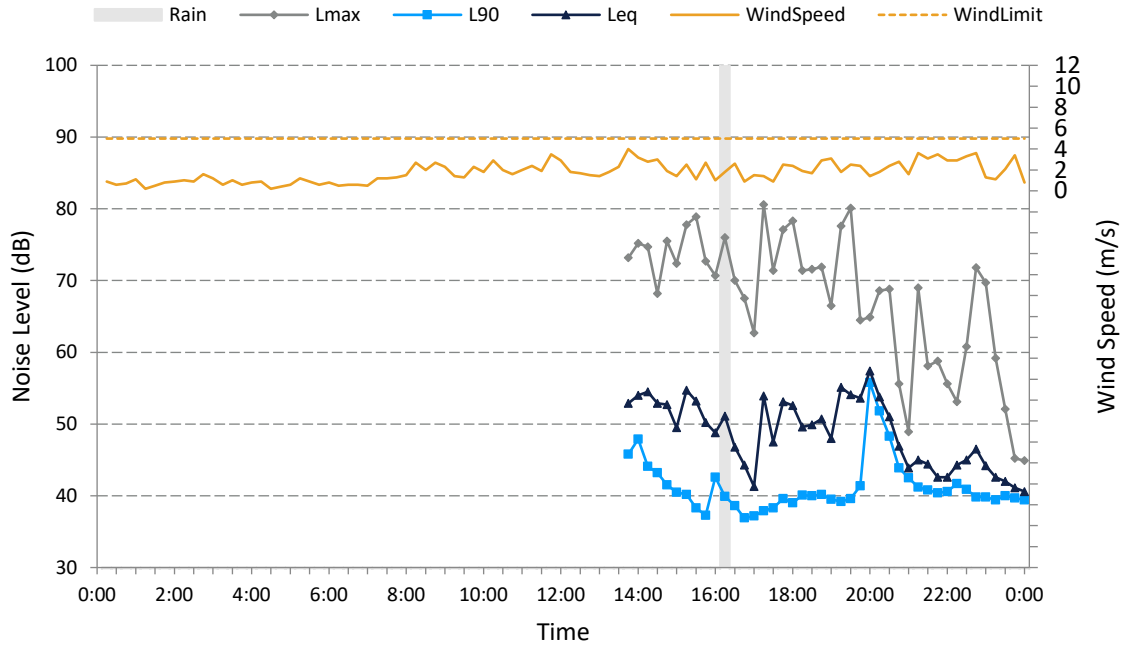
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Saturday, 07-03-20	0	38	35	0	48	45	0	58	41
Sunday, 08-03-20	35	37	34	50	48	46	50	49	43
Monday, 09-03-20	36	37	34	50	49	46	50	49	43
Tuesday, 10-03-20	35	41	35	50	51	48	50	49	48
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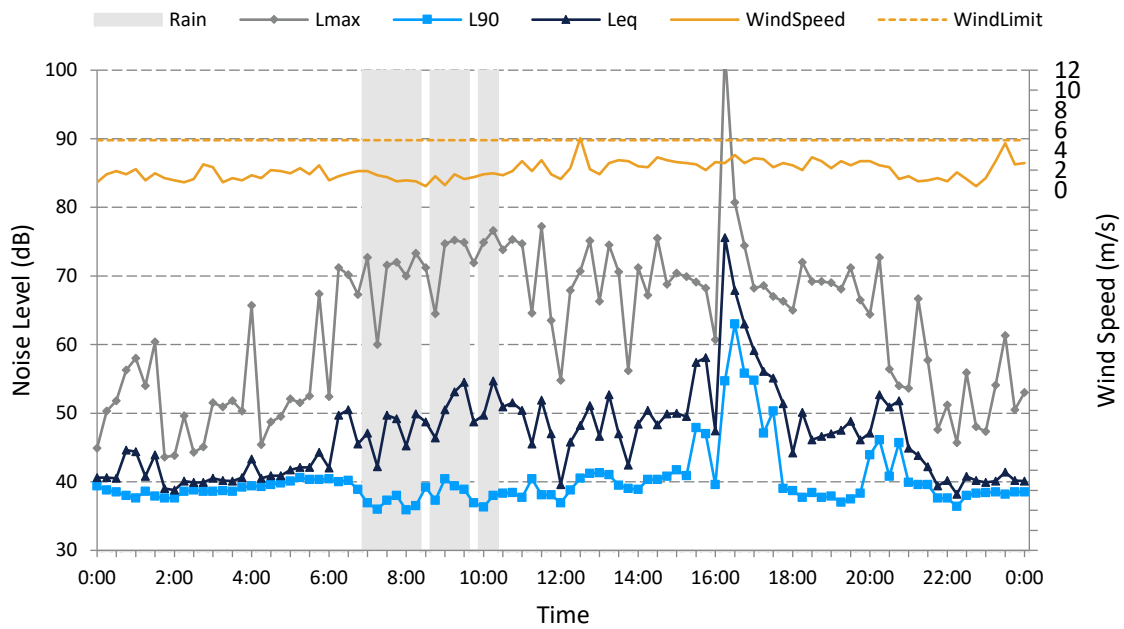
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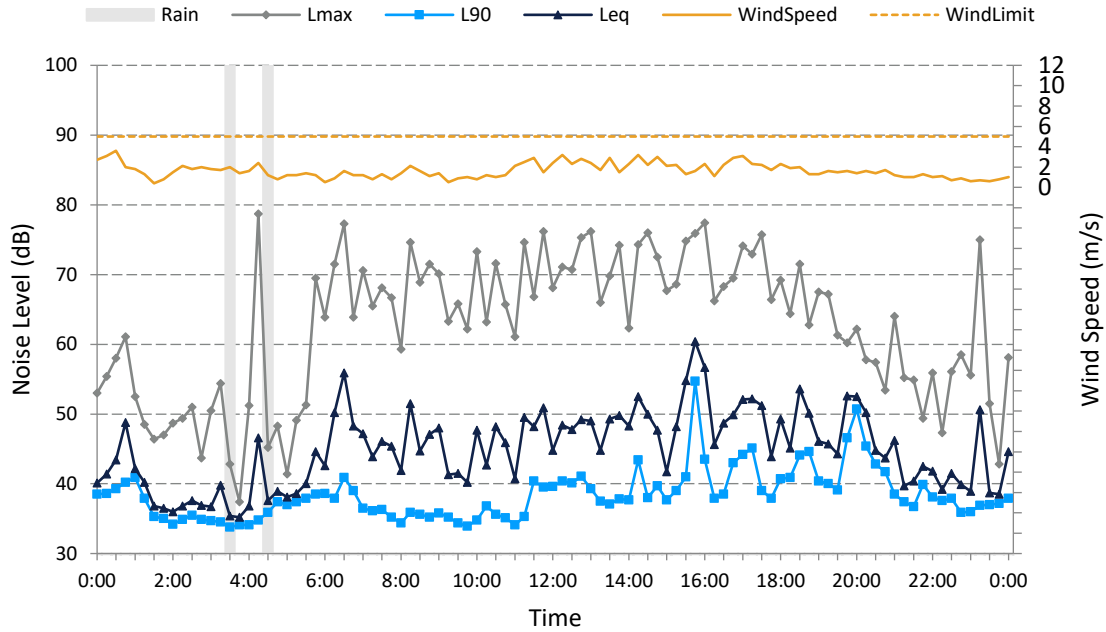
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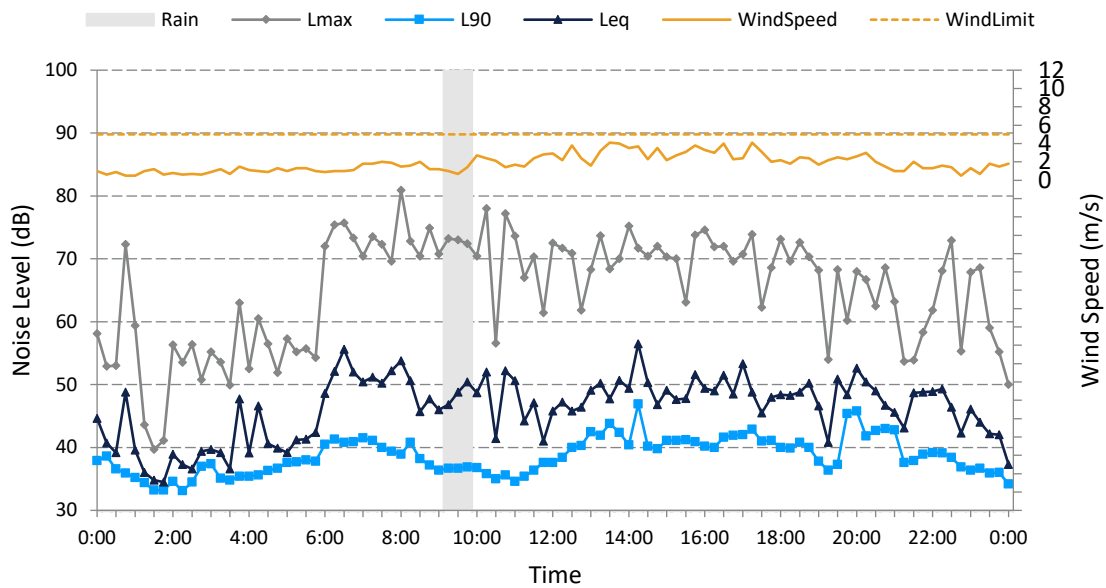
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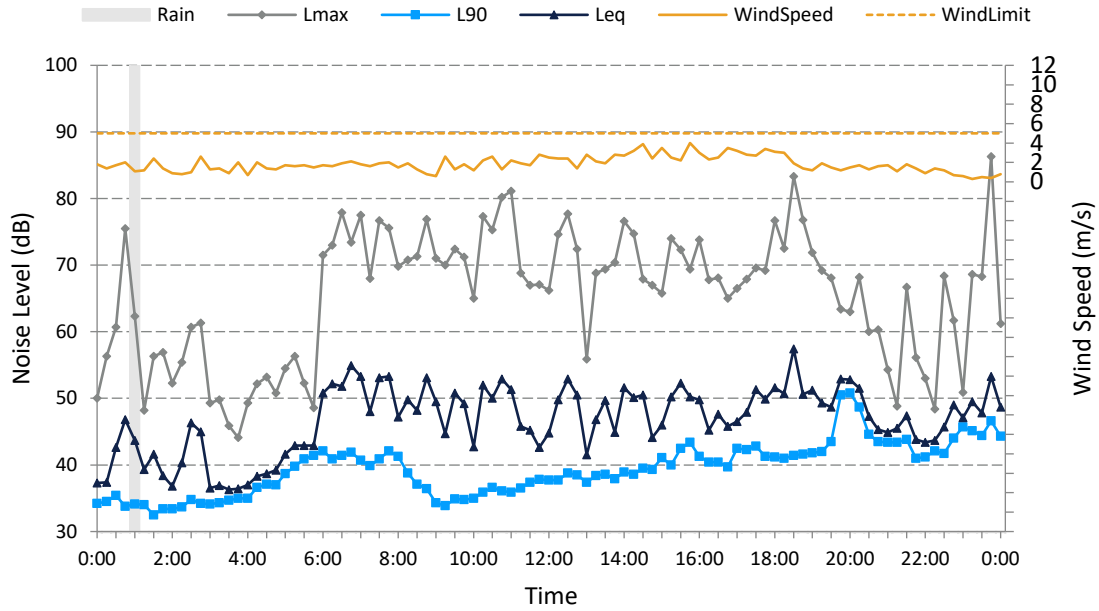
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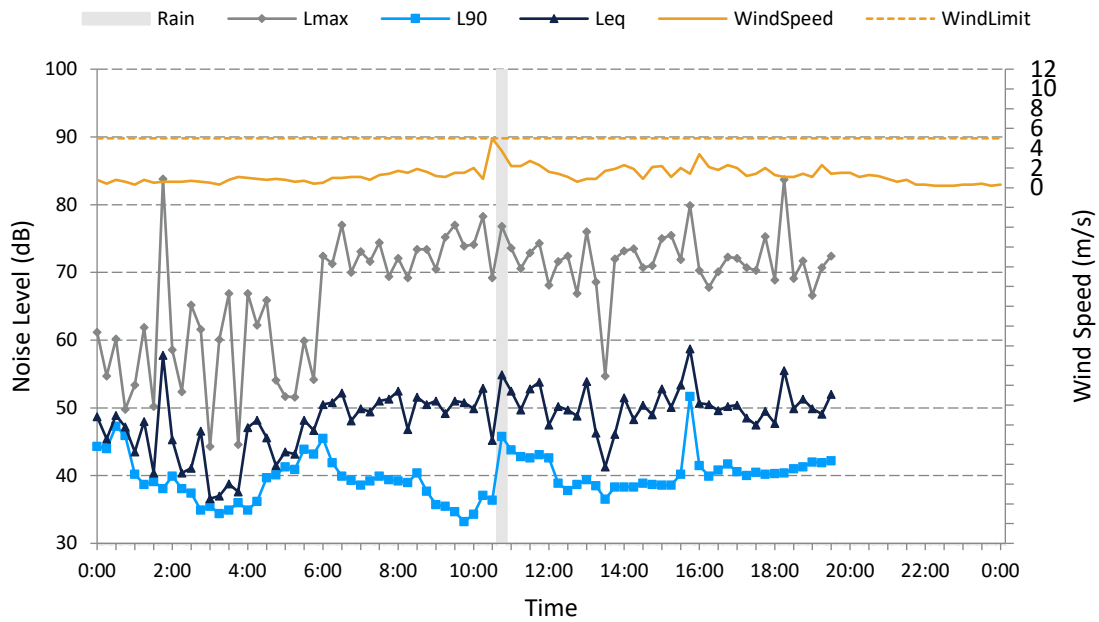
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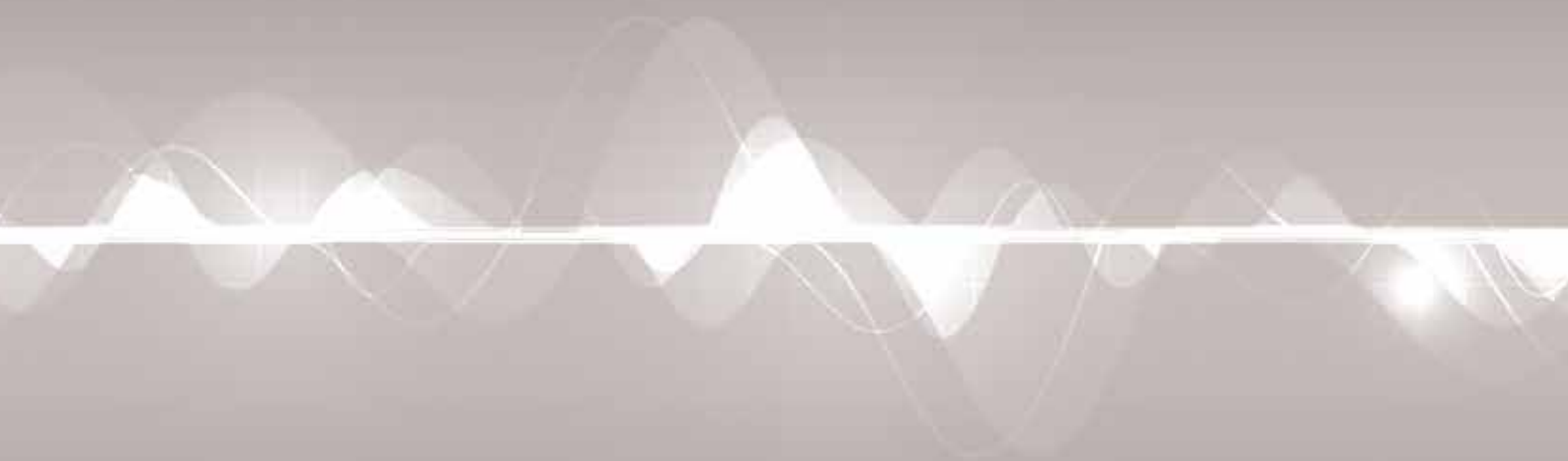


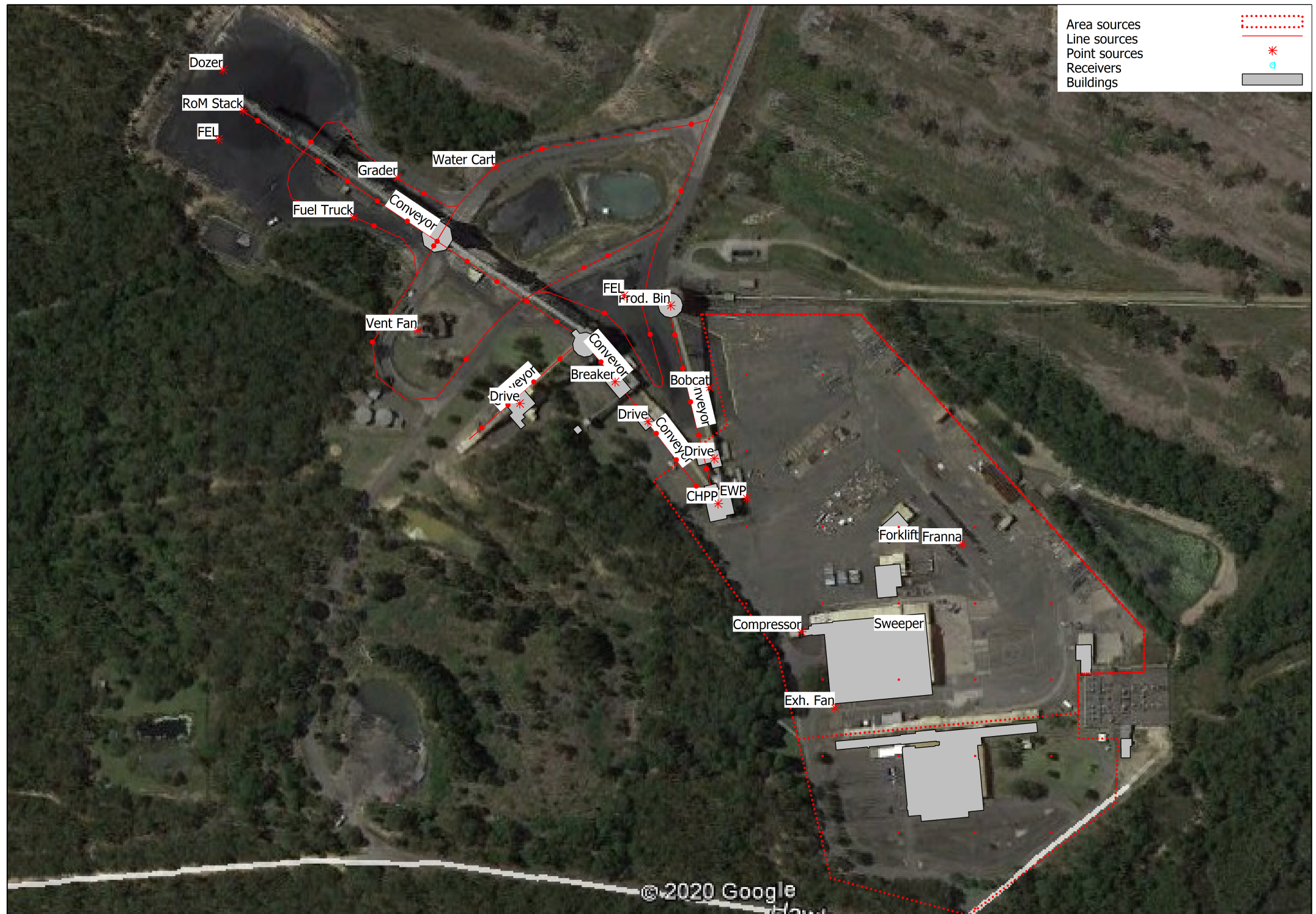
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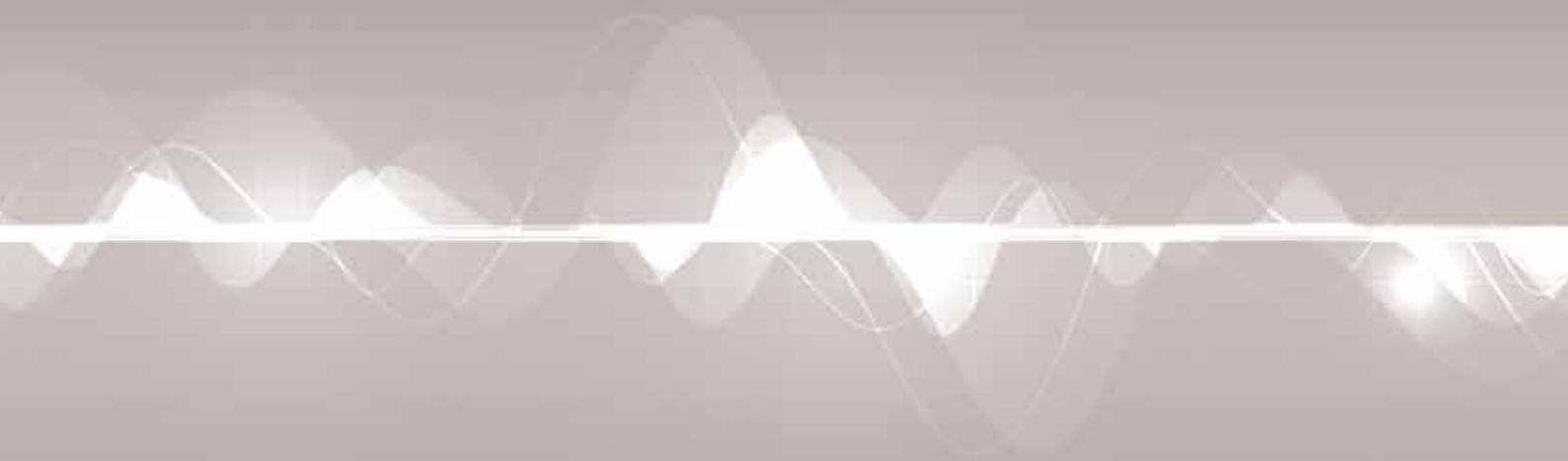
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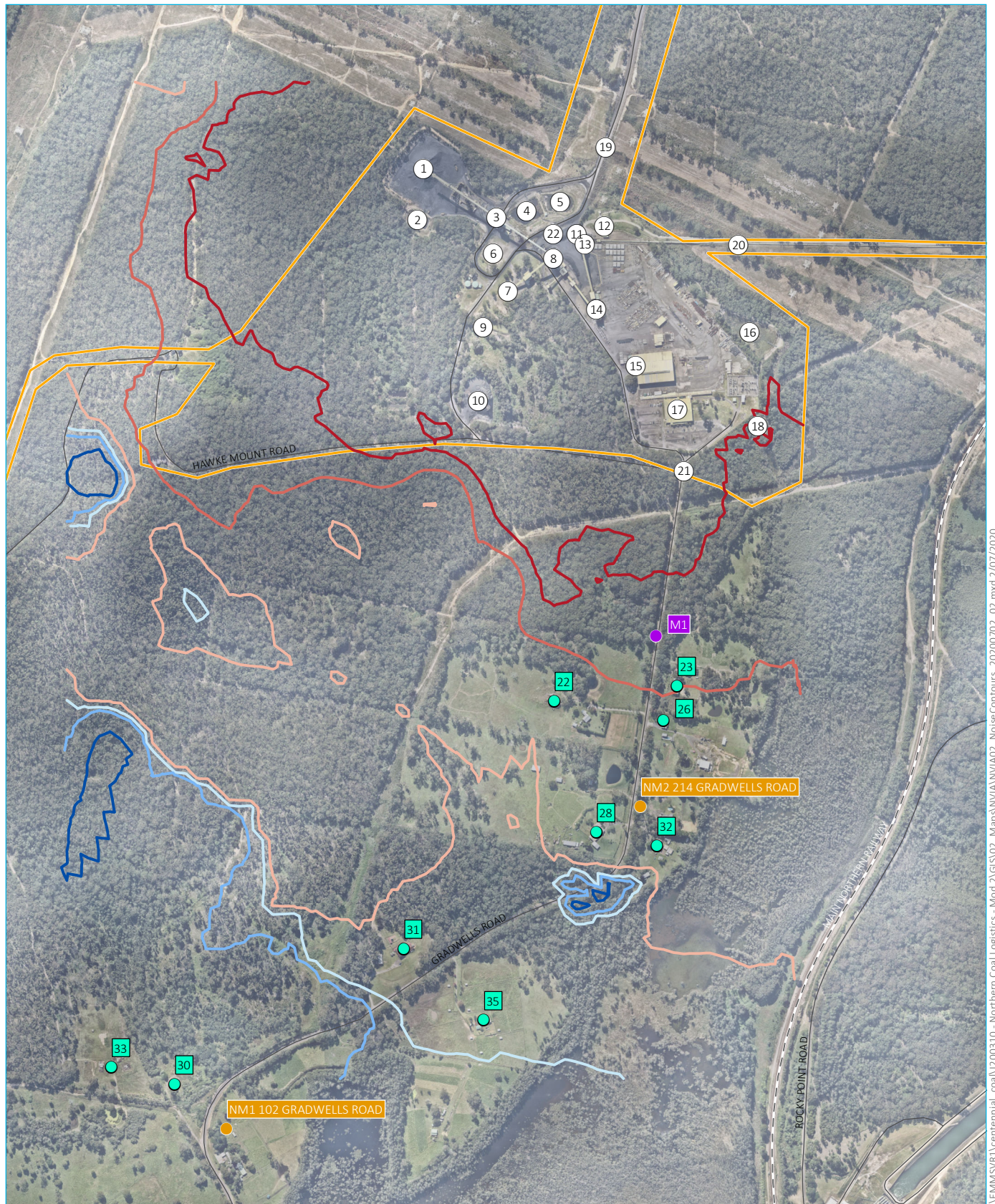




Appendix D

Proposed modification - operational noise contours





Source: EMM (2020); DFSI (2017); GA (2011); Nearmap (2020)

KEY

 Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)

● Assessment location

● Unattended noise monitoring

● Noise compliance monitoring location

 Existing surface facilities

— Rail line

— Major road

— Minor road

Night period noise level contour

— 35 dB(A)

— 37 dB(A)

— 38 dB(A)

— 40 dB(A)

— 45 dB(A)

— 50 dB(A)

Existing surface facilities

1. ROM stockpile

2. ROM stockpile dam

3. Truck loading bin

4. Sediment dam 1

5. Sediment dam 2

6. Ventilation shaft & fan

7. South drift conveyor

8. 2,000 t ROM coal bin

9. Borehole dam

10. 1,500 t emergency stockpile

11. 3,000 t middlings stockpile

12. CHP settlement tank

13. Final product bin

14. Crushing plant

15. Workshop & store

16. 5 ML dam

17. Administration building & carpark

18. Construction dam

19. Cooranbong private haul road

20. Eraring energy overland conveyor

21. Site access from Gradwells Road

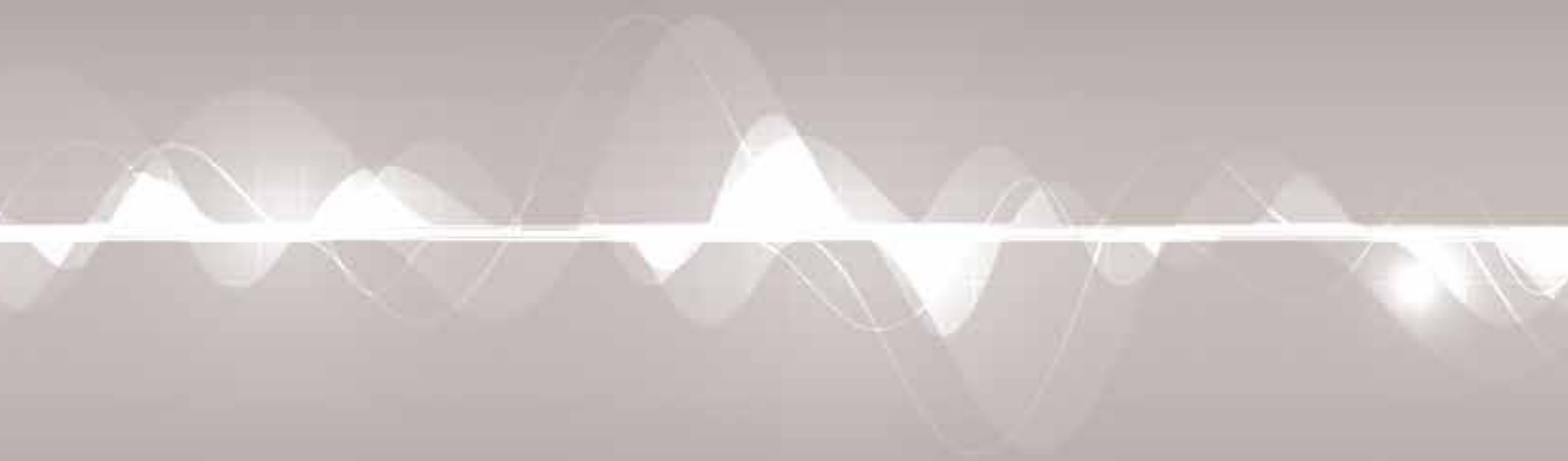
22. Existing weighbridge

Operation noise contours
- proposed modification - night-time,
noise enhancing meteorology

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Figure D1

Appendix E

Briefing note - CES mitigation options



BRIEFING NOTE

Project: Cooranbong Entry Site Noise Impact Assessment

30 June 2017

1 INTRODUCTION

This briefing note letter provides model results and preliminary mitigation options for the Cooranbong Entry Site (CES).

2 CRITERIA

Model results were compared against current CES consent criteria. It should be noted that the consent and EPL criteria are not consistent, and there appears to be a further anomaly in the consent between CES criteria before and after the automation of coal handling and train loading at Newstan, which will have minimal bearing on operational noise levels generated by CES. The Secretary's Environmental Report (August 2015) for the Northern Coal Services Project lists the criteria at all times for the immediate CES receptors (R22, R23, R26, R28 and R32) as 37 dB, however the Conditions of Consent lists the criteria prior to the upgrade at Newstan as 35dB and after the upgrade as 37 dB. Without further explanation provided from DPE, the criteria in these two documents should be consistent.

Modelling results in this briefing note have been compared against the 35 dB as currently specified in the Consent which is the limiting criteria, however a criteria of 37 dB will apply to a number of receptors once the automated loading at Newstan is complete. It would be reasonable for Centennial to point this anomaly out to DPE and ask that the increased criteria of 37 dB be applicable immediately as intended.

3 METHODOLOGY

Modelling methodology and assumptions can be found in our previous documents 16301_R01.pdf and 17068_R02.pdf.

4 MAJOR NOISE SOURCES AND MITIGATION OPTIONS ASSESSED

Noise mitigation options for the major noise sources identified in the model for the most immediate receptors are outlined in the following sub sections.

4.1 Rotary Breaker and Coal Handling Plant

The Rotary Breaker and Coal Handling Plant were identified as major contributors in previous assessments by SLR. In recent years they have been modified with noise attenuation panels, however from recent Global Acoustics sound power testing they remain the major noise contributors on site. Cladding directly onto these existing vibrating structures may have reduced air-borne noise, but has done little in the way of structure-borne noise. Significant changes to the support structure to isolate and stiffen the cladding may be required to achieve suitable noise reduction, however as a preliminary mitigation option, an additional layer of cladding has been modelled on both structures. This is essentially adding a 'second skin'. This should be less costly than re-building the structures, however the noise reduction is unlikely to be as significant. Global Acoustics estimated the potential noise reduction based on measurements of similar CHPP structures with this 'second skin' design at sites in the Hunter Valley.

4.2 Eraring Overland Conveyor

The overland conveyor to Eraring was modelled with low noise idlers across its entire length. The achieved reduction levels were based on measurements undertaken on the Western Coal Services overland conveyors.

4.3 Front End Loaders

The front end loaders were modelled with an attenuation package consisting of an engine fan silencer and a low noise emission muffler/exhaust system. Sound power levels for this were adopted from measurements by Global Acoustics on similar plant in the Hunter Valley.

4.4 Haul Trucks

In the CES model prepared by Global Acoustics, the location and sound power of the haul truck was provided by Centennial. The location was provided as a single point location in a loading area immediately north of the CHP area. On review, the haul truck sound power (both SLR and Global Acoustics sound power levels) seemed reasonable with little room for attenuation. Furthermore, haul trucks travel extensively around the site rendering barriers ineffective. More information regarding their routes and travel speeds on site, and the sound power level at a range of travel speeds may allow us to assess if there is potential for a reduction in noise levels by limiting travel speeds.

As part of the mitigation modelling, loading of haul trucks was limited to the existing 100,000tn stockpile area during enhancing (inversion) weather conditions.

5 RESULTS

5.1 Current Operations

Table 5.1 presents noise predictions for current operations without mitigation.

Table 5.1: CURRENT OPERATIONS MODEL RESULTS dB

Receptor	Neutral Conditions	Inversion Conditions	Consent criterion L _{Aeq}	Exceedance Neutral / Inversion
R22	35	39	35	Nil / 4
R23	38	43	35	3 / 8
R26	37	41	35	2 / 6
R28	35	40	35	Nil / 5
R30	29	35	35	Nil / Nil
R31	33	38	35	Nil / 3
R32	35	40	35	Nil / 5
R33	29	34	35	Nil / Nil
R35	33	38	35	Nil / 3

Table 5.2 presents noise predictions for current operations with mitigation.

Table 5.2: CURRENT MITIGATED OPERATIONS MODEL RESULTS dB

Receptor	Neutral Conditions	Inversion Conditions	Consent criterion L _{Aeq}	Exceedance Neutral / Inversion
R22	32	37	35	Nil / 2
R23	36	40	35	1 / 5
R26	35	39	35	Nil / 4
R28	33	37	35	Nil / 2
R30	28	33	35	Nil / Nil
R31	32	37	35	Nil / 2
R32	32	37	35	Nil / 2
R33	28	33	35	Nil / Nil
R35	31	36	35	Nil / 1

Table 5.3 presents noise predictions for proposed operations without mitigation.

Table 5.3: PROPOSED OPERATIONS MODEL RESULTS dB

Receptor	Neutral Conditions	Inversion Conditions	Consent criterion L _{Aeq}	Exceedance Neutral / Inversion
R22	35	40	35	Nil / 5
R23	39	43	35	4 / 8
R26	37	42	35	2 / 7
R28	36	40	35	1 / 5
R30	30	35	35	Nil / Nil
R31	34	39	35	Nil / 4
R32	35	40	35	Nil / 5
R33	30	35	35	Nil / Nil
R35	33	38	35	Nil / 3

Table 5.4 presents mitigated noise predictions for proposed operations with mitigation.

Table 5.4: PROPOSED MITIGATED OPERATIONS MODEL RESULTS dB

Receptor	Neutral Conditions	Inversion Conditions	Consent criterion L _{Aeq}	Exceedance Neutral / Inversion
R22	33	37	35	Nil / 2
R23	37	41	35	2 / 6
R26	35	39	35	Nil / 4
R28	34	37	35	Nil / 2
R30	28	33	35	Nil / Nil
R31	32	37	35	Nil / 2
R32	33	37	35	Nil / 2
R33	28	33	35	Nil / Nil
R35	31	36	35	Nil / 1

6 DISCUSSION

6.1 Noise Predictions

The assessed mitigation measures reduce noise predictions at most receptors to within 2 dB of current consent criteria, with the exception of R23 and R26. The Rotary Breaker and CPP remain the major contributors at these receptors in the model and limit the potential for further reductions. Further attenuation should be focussed on these buildings.

In a Vipac report (70Q-11-0259-TRP-265053-0-final draft - Acoustic Design Report.pdf) which assessed mitigation measures at Newstan CHPP, it was advised that a targeted reduction of 10 to 12 dB may only achieve 5 to 7 dB, and this was with significant changes to the support structure of the building to isolate and stiffen the cladding. For CES predictions at R23 and R26 to be within 2 dB of current criteria, costly changes similar to those recommended in Vipac report may be required.

Additional mitigation measures could involve shutting down mobile plant during enhancing weather conditions, however, this may have an undue impact on operations and was not considered as part of the preliminary mitigation options.

6.2 Conclusion and Path Forward

Predictions in this report indicate that additional mitigation beyond the preliminary options outlined in this report is likely required to the Rotary Breaker and CPP buildings for CES to operate in compliance at all receptors. Based on a previous assessment at Newstan, this would be a costly and unreasonable exercise.

If Centennial are able to have their criteria increased to 37 dB for receptors R22, R23, R26, R28 and R32 as discussed in Section 2, only receptor R23 would fall in the 3 – 5 dB mitigation zone. The most cost-effective solution for Centennial may be to offer them residential treatment as per the DPE's Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy.

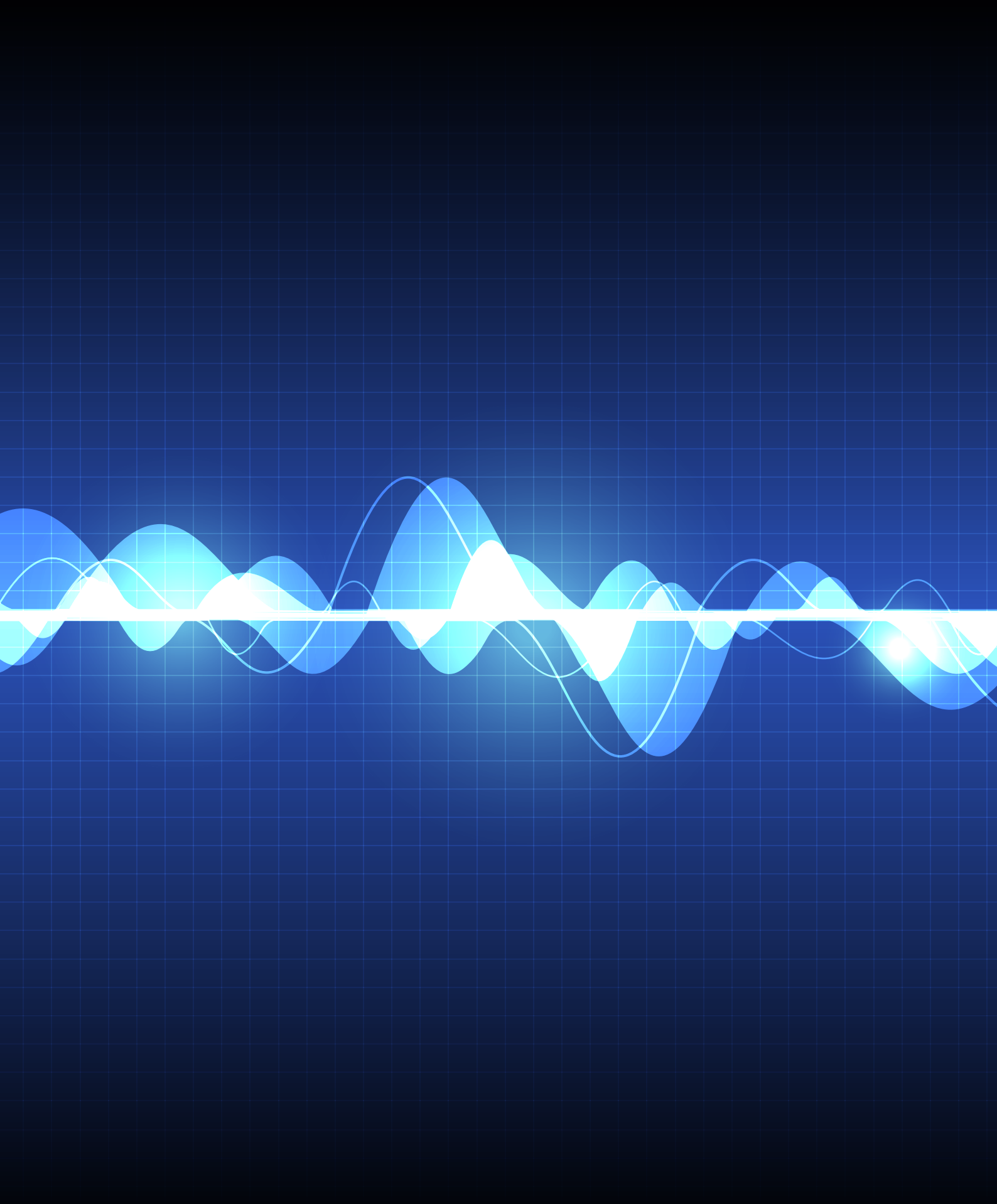


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Appendix B

Air quality impact assessment

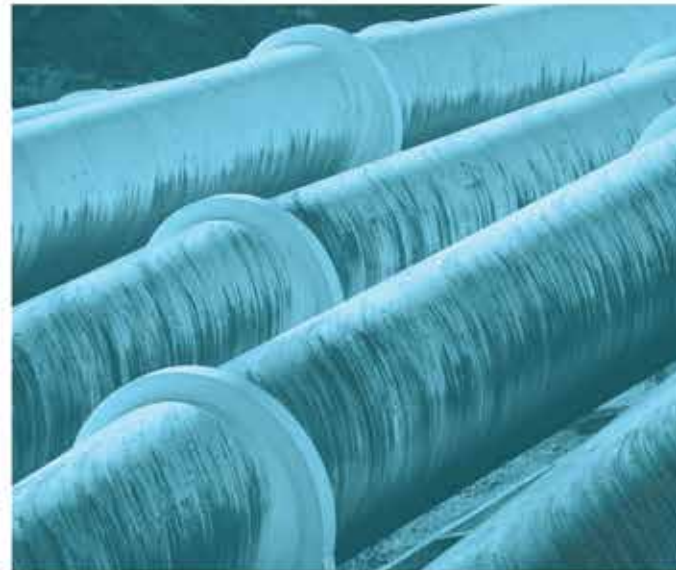




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Executive Summary

The Northern Coal Logistics Project regulates coal handling, processing, and transport operations at the Newstan Colliery surface site, Cooranbong Entry Site (CES) and associated private haul roads, as well as the use of various other surface infrastructure items. The Northern Coal Logistics Project operates under SSD-5145 and is operated by Centennial Northern Coal Services Pty Limited (Centennial NCS).

This air quality impact assessment (AQIA) supports the application for the modification to operations at CES, approximately 2 kilometres (km) north of Dora Creek in the Lake Macquarie local government area (LGA) of New South Wales (NSW). CES comprises a coal handling plant (CHP), coal stockpiles, workshop building, administration building, car park and water management infrastructure. CES is currently approved to receive and process run-of-mine (ROM) coal from Mandalong Mine (SSD-5144). Coal handled at CES is currently delivered to either Eraring Power Station via overland conveyor or Newstan Colliery for further processing and transfer into the export market.

Centennial NCS is seeking to modify SSD-5145, pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), to allow for the transfer of coal between CES and Myuna Colliery's (Myuna's) pit top and associated activities.

The AQIA documents the existing air quality and meteorological environment, applicable impact assessment criteria, air pollutant emission calculations, dispersion modelling of calculated emissions and provides an assessment of predicted impacts relative to criteria.

The AQIA has been prepared in general accordance with the guidelines specified by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in the *Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales* (EPA 2016).

Local meteorological conditions were quantified primarily using data from Myuna's Automatic Weather Station (AWS). Meteorological modelling for the surrounding region was undertaken using a range of Centennial, Delta Coal and Bureau of Meteorology-owned weather stations. Background air quality was characterised primarily from Centennial-owned air quality monitoring networks in the local area.

Emissions estimation and dispersion modelling was completed for an existing operational scenario corresponding to a maximum coal processing rate of 6 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa). A proposed operations scenario included the same maximum processing rate plus an additional 1 Mtpa of coal being received from Myuna.

Emissions of total suspended particulates (TSP), particulate matter less than 10 micrometres (μm) in aerodynamic diameter (PM_{10}), particulate matter less than 2.5 μm in aerodynamic diameter ($\text{PM}_{2.5}$) were estimated and modelled.

The atmospheric dispersion of air pollutant emissions was simulated using the CALPUFF model.

The results of the modelling show that the predicted concentrations and deposition rates for incremental particulate matter (TSP, PM_{10} , $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ and dust deposition) were below the applicable impact assessment criteria at all assessment locations.

Cumulative impacts were assessed by combining modelled CES impacts with recorded ambient background levels. The cumulative results showed that compliance with applicable NSW EPA impact assessment criteria is predicted at all assessment locations for all pollutants and averaging periods.

A range of best practice dust mitigation measures are currently and will continue to be employed at CES. These include the use of water carts and sprays, paved roads, enclosed conveyors, enclosed processing plant and watering of coal stockpiles. These measures have been taken into account in the emissions estimation and modelling of each scenario.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

The Northern Coal Logistics Project regulates coal handling, processing, and transport operations at the Newstan Colliery surface site, Cooranbong Entry Site (CES) and associated private haul roads, as well as the use of various other surface infrastructure items. The Northern Coal Logistics Project operates under State significant development (SSD) consent SSD-5145, which was granted by the Minister for Planning on 29 September 2015. Each component of the project is operated by Centennial Northern Coal Services Pty Limited (Centennial NCS).

CES forms part of the Northern Coal Logistics Project and is approximately 2 kilometres (km) north of Dora Creek in the Lake Macquarie local government area (LGA) of New South Wales (NSW). Figure 1.1 shows CES in a regional context and Figure 1.2 shows it in a local context. It was originally developed as part of Cooranbong Colliery. CES comprises a coal handling plant (CHP), coal stockpiles, workshop building, administration building, car park and water management infrastructure.

CES is currently approved to receive and process run-of-mine (ROM) coal from Mandalong Mine (SSD-5144). Coal handled at CES is delivered to either Eraring Power Station via overland conveyor or to Newstan Colliery for further processing and transfer into the export market.

Myuna Colliery (Myuna) is an existing underground coal mine owned and operated by Centennial Myuna Pty Limited (Centennial Myuna). Myuna's pit top is 25 km south-west of Newcastle, NSW, in the Lake Macquarie LGA (Figure 1.1). Myuna operates under two development consents:

- SH110_148, which was granted by Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) in 1977 under the provisions of the now repealed *NSW Local Government Act 1919*; and
- MP 10_0080, which was granted by the Minister of Planning and Infrastructure on 18 January 2012 under Part 3A of the *NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

MP 10_0080 has since been declared SSD under Clause 6 of Schedule 2 of the *NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (Savings, Transitional and Other Provisions) Regulation 2017*. Accordingly, Myuna operates as an SSD approval.

Coal produced at Myuna is transferred from Myuna's pit top to the Eraring Power Station (about 4 km west of the pit top) by overland conveyor. Coal from Myuna that does not meet Eraring Power Station specifications, is stockpiled at Myuna's emergency coal stockpile until it can be reclaimed and blended with coal to meet these specifications. However, there is limited capacity to store coal at Myuna's pit top prior to blending and dispatch.

In recent months, Centennial Myuna has been experiencing fluctuations in coal quality with some product coal not meeting Eraring Power Station specifications. Centennial Myuna has assessed a number of options to ensure that it can continue to meet its contractual obligations to supply coal to Eraring Power Station. This assessment found that the best option is to blend coal from Myuna with coal from Mandalong Mine, with blending occurring at both Myuna's pit top and at CES. This would allow Centennial Myuna to continue to provide a secure supply of coal to Eraring Power Station and to secure ongoing employment for Myuna's workforce.

Centennial NCS is seeking to modify SSD-5145, pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act, to allow coal to be transferred between Myuna's pit top and CES, blending of this coal at CES, and associated activities. Coal would be transported between Myuna's pit top and CES by truck.

At the same time Centennial NCS is seeking to modify SSD-5145, Centennial Myuna will submit a modification application for MP 10_0080 to allow for the transfer of coal between Myuna's pit top and CES and associated activities.

This air quality impact assessment (AQIA) has been prepared by EMM Consulting Pty Limited (EMM) on behalf of Centennial NCS, to assess potential air quality impacts associated with the modification to CES on the surrounding environment. The AQIA has been prepared in general accordance with the guidelines specified by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in the *Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales* (EPA 2016), referred to herein as 'the Approved Methods for Modelling'.

This AQIA only includes dispersion modelling of CES and the proposed modification to operations at this location. It does not include dispersion modelling of other approved operations associated with the Northern Coal Logistics Project (eg Newstan Colliery surface site). Other remote sources of dust are accounted for in the monitoring data analysed in Section 4 of this report.

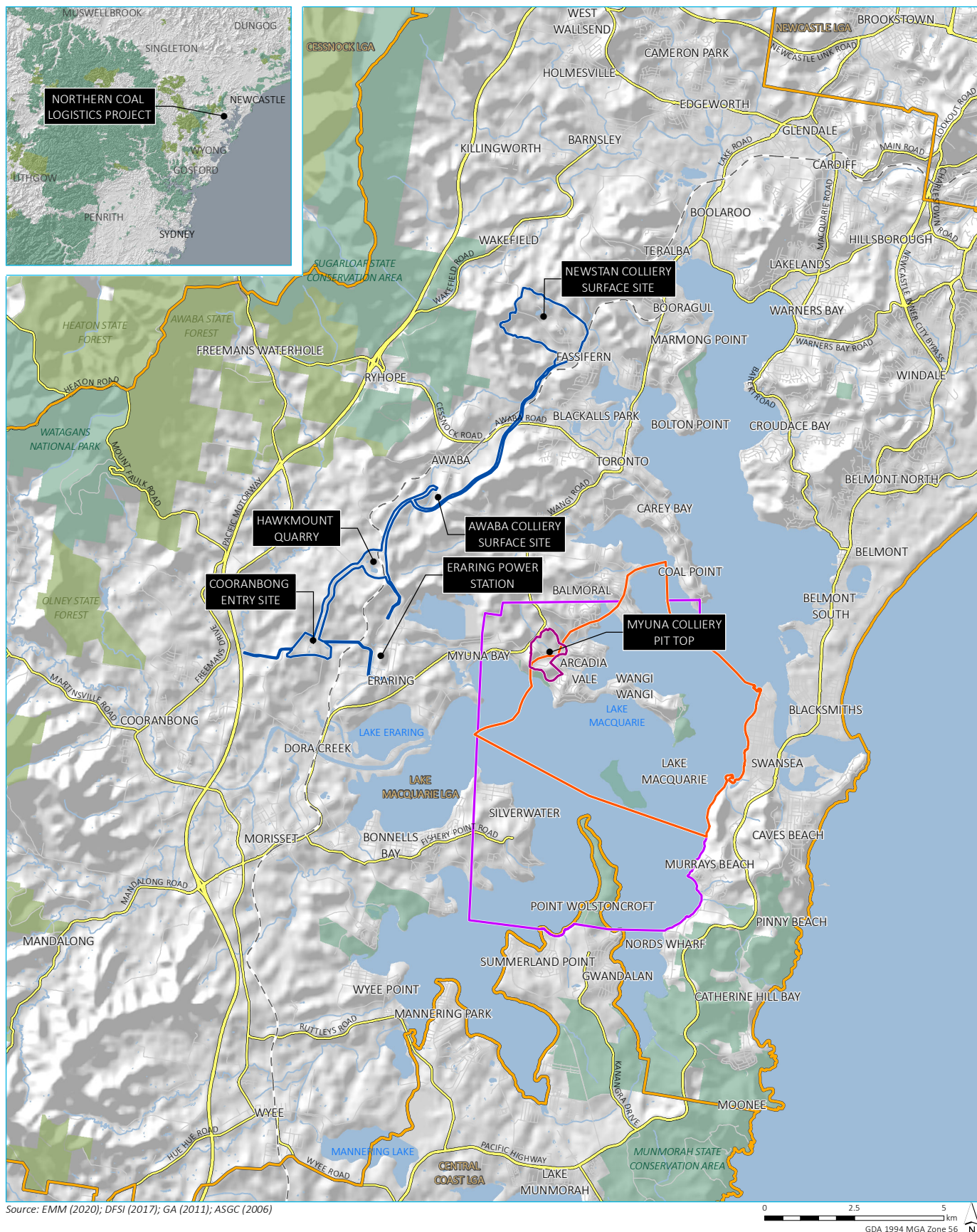
In 2014, SLR Consulting prepared an AQIA for the Northern Coal Logistics Project (SLR 2014).

1.2 Purpose of this report

This AQIA documents the existing air quality and meteorological environment, applicable impact assessment criteria, air pollutant emission calculations, dispersion modelling of calculated emissions and assessment of predicted impacts relative to criteria.

This AQIA consists of the following sections:

- a description of the local setting and surrounds of CES;
- the pollutants which are relevant to the assessment, and the applicable impact assessment criteria;
- a description of the existing environment, specifically:
 - the meteorology and climate; and
 - the existing air quality environment;
- detailed air pollutant emissions inventories for operations at CES;
- atmospheric dispersion modelling for the quantified emissions, including an analysis of incremental and cumulative impacts accounting for baseline air quality; and
- an overview of best practice dust mitigation measures employed at CES.



KEY

- Rail line
- Major road
- Minor road
- Named watercourse
- NPWS reserve
- State forest
- Local government area
- Myuna Colliery surface facilities area
- Development consent boundaries
- Myuna Colliery development consent boundary (SH110_148)
- Myuna Colliery project approval boundary (MP 10_0080)
- Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)

Regional context

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Air quality impact assessment
Figure 1.1

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Local context

Northern Coal Logistics Modification 2
Air quality impact assessment
Figure 1.2

1.3 Proposed modification

To ensure that Myuna can continue to meet its contractual obligations to supply coal to Eraring Power Station and secure ongoing employment for Myuna's workforce, Centennial Myuna propose to blend coal from Myuna with coal from Mandalong Mine both on-site at Myuna's pit top and at CES.

It is proposed to modify SSD-5145 to allow:

- up to 1 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of coal to be transported from Myuna to CES;
- up to 1 Mtpa of coal transported from Myuna to be handled at CES and blended with coal from Mandalong Mine before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- an increase in the total volume of coal that can be received at the 3,000 tonne (t) middlings stockpile at CES from 0.5 Mtpa to 1.5 Mtpa;
- up to 0.2 Mtpa of Mandalong Mine coal to be backloaded from CES to Myuna's pit top for blending with coal from Myuna before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- trucks from Myuna to access CES via Awaba Colliery surface site and the private haul road network; and
- to extend part of the Northern Coal Logistics Project development consent boundary, so that it includes the Awaba Private Haul Road through to Wilton Road.

The proposed transport route consists of Wangi Point Road within Myuna's pit top area, public roads (ie Wangi Road and Wilton Road) between Myuna and the Awaba Colliery surface site and private haul roads between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES. The proposed transport route is shown on Figure 4.1 of the modification report.

Truck movements will be limited to 7.00 am–6.00 pm Monday to Saturday.

Truck numbers along the private haul road network between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES will be within previously assessed and approved limits under SSD-5145 (ie a maximum of 32 truck movements per hour).

It is proposed to extend the development consent boundary approximately 450 m from the Awaba Private Haul Road through to Wilton Road (Figure 4.1 of the modification report). This section of road has historically been used by light and heavy vehicles accessing the Awaba Colliery surface site and the private haul road network.

The proposed modification will not result in any more than the previously assessed and approved 6 Mtpa of coal being received and handled at CES or change the volume of coal that can be transferred to either Newstan Colliery or Eraring Power Station.

No construction activities are required at CES to facilitate the proposed modification.

CES's surface facilities are shown on Figure 1.3.

1.3.1 Material handling

Up to 1 Mtpa of ROM coal from Myuna will be transferred by truck from Myuna to the middlings coal stockpile at CES (Figure 1.3).

The proposed modification will increase the total volume of coal that can be received at the middlings coal stockpile at CES from 0.5 Mtpa to 1.5 Mtpa, consisting of up to 0.5 Mtpa of middlings (a middle quality coal product) and up to 1 Mtpa of ROM coal from Myuna.

Up to 0.2 Mtpa of Mandalong Mine coal will be backloaded from CES to Myuna. Trucks will be loaded using either a front end loader or the existing automatic truck loading bin.

Blending of Myuna coal with Mandalong Mine coal will occur within CES's CHP.

The receipt of up to 1 Mtpa of Myuna coal at CES will not exceed previously approved coal handling limits at CES (6 Mtpa). Up to 6 Mtpa of coal from CES will continue to be transported off-site by truck to the Newstan Colliery surface site or to the Eraring Power Station via the existing overland conveyor system.

Coal handling activities will continue to occur 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

1.3.2 Proposed truck transport

The proposed transport route is described in Chapter 4 of the modification report. All trucks will arrive at, and depart from, CES via the Cooranbong Private Haul Road. Part of the Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road will also be used by trucks travelling to and from CES via the Awaba Colliery surface site.

The public road section of the route (ie between the Awaba Colliery surface site and Myuna's pit top) has been selected to avoid the need for trucks to travel through residential areas. There are no residences immediately adjacent to, or with driveways on, the parts of Wangi Road and Wilton Road that are part of the transport route. The closest residences to the proposed transport route are residences on Donnelly Road, Arcadia Vale, which are approximately 80 m from Wangi Road at their closest point.

Truck movements between CES and Myuna's pit top will be limited to 7.00 am–6.00 pm Monday to Saturday. There will be a maximum of 10 loaded trucks (20 truck movements) per hour departing from CES to travel back to Myuna. Between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday, truck movements travelling back to Myuna will be restricted to 5 loaded trucks (10 truck movements) per hour to minimise impacts during the afternoon peak hour.

All trucks leaving CES will be weighed using the site's existing vehicle weighbridge. An existing truck wheel wash will also be used by all trucks before leaving CES via the Cooranbong Private Haul Road. All loads will be covered.

1.4 Site and surrounding area

As noted in Section 1.1, SSD-5145 covers coal handling, processing and transport operations at Newstan Colliery surface site, CES and associated private haul roads, as well as the use of various other surface infrastructure items. The development consent boundary for SSD-5145 encompasses an area of approximately 503 hectares (ha) (Figure 1.1) and includes:

- Newstan Colliery surface site – including coal preparation and handling infrastructure, coal rejects emplacement areas, water management infrastructure and rail loading infrastructure;
- CES – including CHP, coal stockpiles, workshops and water management infrastructure;
- Hawkmount Quarry – a discussed quarry east of Cooranbong Private Haul Road between Newstan Colliery surface site and CES, which is used for coal rejects emplacement;
- three private haul roads (ie Newstan-Eraring, Awaba and Cooranbong) – linking the Newstan Colliery surface site, Awaba Colliery surface site, CES, Hawkmount Quarry and Eraring Power Station; and
- overland conveyors used to transport coal from CES to Eraring Power Station.

The closest suburbs to the development consent boundary are:

- Fassifern, Fennell Bay and Blackalls Park near Newstan Colliery surface site;
- Awaba near the Awaba Colliery surface site and Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road; and
- Dora Creek near CES.

CES can be accessed directly from Gradwells Road. It occupies freehold land owned by Centennial Fassifern Pty Ltd, a sister company of Centennial NCS, along with areas of Crown land. Eraring Power Station is approximately 1.5 km east of CES. Lake Eraring and Lake Macquarie are approximately 2.1 km and 3.7 km south-east of CES, respectively.

Land in the immediate vicinity of CES is predominantly undeveloped bushland. Surrounding land uses include a mix of mining, residential and rural-residential, utility easements, power generation and transport corridors. The area surrounding CES is characterised by undulating terrain particularly to the north-west towards the Watagan National Park. Elevations in the immediate surrounding area range from approximately 15 m AHD to 55 m AHD. A three-dimensional representation of the local topography is presented in Figure 1.4.

1.5 Assessment locations

There are a number of residences in the area surrounding CES. The closest residence (assessment location 23) is approximately 420 m south of CES.

The nearest representative air quality sensitive locations to CES have been identified for the purposes of assessing potential air quality impacts. These locations and IDs are consistent with those assessed in the AQIA prepared by SLR (2014) and the conditions of SSD-5145. Details are provided in Table 1.1 and their locations are shown in Figure 1.3. They are referred to in this report as assessment locations.

Table 1.1 Air quality assessment locations

Location ID	Description	Assessment location type	Easting	Northing
22	Gradwells Road, Cooranbong	Residential	360000	6340497
23			360227	6340525
26			360202	6340461
28			360078	6340255
30			359299	6339789
31			359722	6340040
32			360190	6340230
33			359182	6339821
35			359870	6339908



Source: EMM (2020); DFSI (2017); GA (2011); Nearmap (2020)

KEY

- Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
- Existing surface facilities
- Assessment location
- Rail line
- Major road
- Minor road

Existing surface facilities

1. ROM stockpile
2. ROM stockpile dam
3. Truck loading bin
4. Sediment dam 1
5. Sediment dam 2
6. Ventilation shaft & fan
7. South drift conveyor
8. 2,000 t ROM coal bin
9. Borehole dam
10. 1,500 t emergency stockpile

Existing surface facilities

11. 3,000 t middlings stockpile
12. CHP settlement tank
13. Final product bin
14. Crushing plant
15. Workshop & store
16. 5 ML dam
17. Administration building & carpark
18. Construction dam
19. Cooranbong private haul road
20. Eraring energy overland conveyer
21. Site access from Gradwells Road
22. Existing weighbridge

Cooranbong Entry Site surface facilities area

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Air quality impact assessment
Figure 1.3

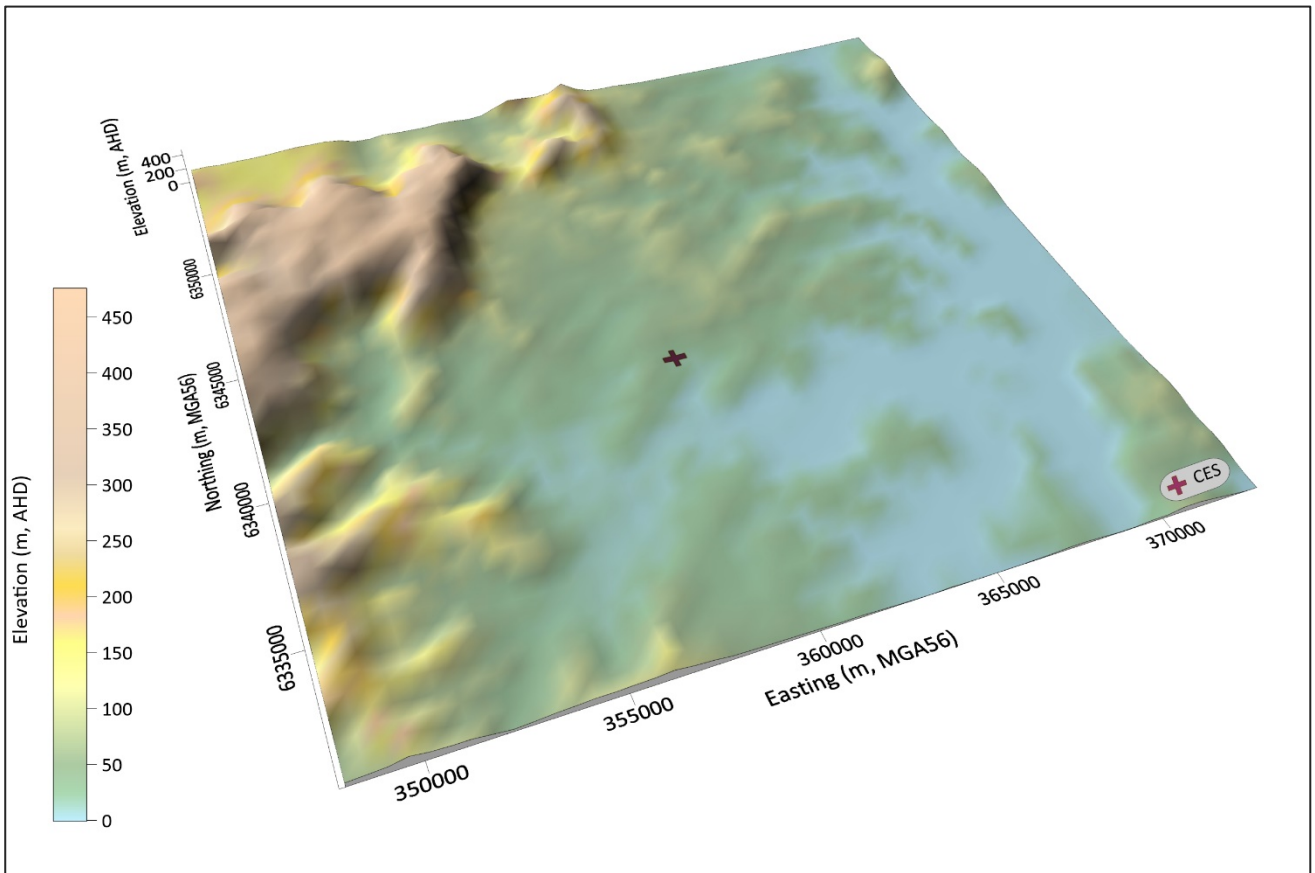


Figure 1.4 3-dimensional topography surrounding CES

Source: NASA Shuttle Radar Topography Mission data

2 Pollutants and assessment criteria

2.1 Potential air pollutants

This assessment includes consideration of potential impacts from operational emissions at CES for existing and proposed scenarios (explained further in Section 5).

Emissions will principally consist of particulate matter emissions from the conveying and transfer of ROM coal, coal sizing, hauling coal and wind erosion of exposed areas.

No construction activities are required at CES to facilitate the proposed modification.

A detailed description of the emission sources associated with the existing and proposed operations at CES is presented in Section 5. The main air pollutants emitted will be:

- particulate matter, specifically:
 - total suspended particulate matter (TSP);
 - particulate matter less than 10 micrometres (μm) in aerodynamic diameter (PM_{10}); and
 - particulate matter less than 2.5 μm in aerodynamic diameter ($\text{PM}_{2.5}$);
- gaseous pollutants, specifically:
 - oxides of nitrogen (NO_x)¹, including nitrogen dioxide (NO_2);
 - sulphur dioxide (SO_2);
 - carbon monoxide (CO); and
 - volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Of the above listed pollutants, this assessment will focus on emissions and impacts from particulate matter (TSP, PM_{10} and $\text{PM}_{2.5}$). Impact assessment criteria applicable to particulate matter is presented in the following sections as defined in the Approved Methods for Modelling (EPA 2016). The impact assessment criteria are designed to maintain ambient air quality that allows for the adequate protection of human health and well-being.

CES generates and will continue to generate emissions of gaseous pollutants, including NO_x , CO , SO_2 and VOCs from fuel combustion. Surface emissions from diesel fuel combustion are expected to be low considering the small surface area, limited surface-based equipment and the use of conveyors on-site. The majority of diesel combustion is generated underground and will be released from the ventilation shaft (accounted for in the calculated ventilation shaft emissions).

¹ By convention, NO_x = nitrous oxide (NO) + NO_2 .

It is also noted that the AQIA prepared by SLR (2014) included an assessment of odour emissions from the upcast ventilation shaft under a maximum 4.5 Mtpa coal extraction scenario. Under existing and proposed scenarios, the underground coal extraction rate will remain at 4.5 Mtpa (with all coal extracted as part of the approved operation of Mandalong Mine). As a result, an increase to the potential for odour emissions or impacts is not anticipated from that which was assessed by SLR (2014), which predicted that all receptors would be below the odour assessment criterion. No further consideration of odour emissions or impacts is presented within this report.

2.2 Applicable air quality assessment criteria

2.2.1 Particulate matter

The NSW EPA's impact assessment criteria for particulate matter, as documented in Section 7 of the Approved Methods for Modelling, are presented in Table 2.1. The assessment criteria for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} are consistent with the National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure (AAQ NEPM) national reporting standards (DoE 2016).

TSP, which relates to airborne particles less than around 45 µm in diameter (US EPA 1998a), is used as a metric for assessing amenity impacts (reduction in visibility, dust deposition and soiling of buildings and surfaces) rather than health impacts. Particles less than 10 µm and 2.5 µm in diameter, a subset of TSP, are fine enough to enter the human respiratory system and can lead to adverse human health impacts. The NSW EPA impact assessment criteria for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} are therefore used to assess the potential impacts on human health of particulate matter concentrations.

The Approved Methods for Modelling classifies TSP, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and dust deposition as criteria pollutants. Assessment criteria for criteria pollutants are applied at the nearest existing or likely future off-site sensitive receptor and compared against the 100th percentile (ie the highest) dispersion modelling prediction in the case of 24-hour impacts. Both the incremental (assessed project impacts only) and cumulative (project including background) impacts need to be presented, the latter requiring consideration of existing ambient background concentrations for the criteria pollutants assessed.

For dust deposition, the NSW EPA (2016) specifies criteria for increment and cumulative dust deposition levels. Dust deposition impacts are derived from TSP emission rates and particle deposition calculations in the dispersion modelling process.

Table 2.1 Impact assessment criteria for particulate matter

PM metric	Averaging period	Impact assessment criterion
TSP	Annual	90 µg/m ³
PM ₁₀	24 hours	50 µg/m ³
	Annual	25 µg/m ³
PM _{2.5}	24 hours	25 µg/m ³
	Annual	8 µg/m ³
Dust deposition	Annual	2 g/m ² /month (increment only)
		4 g/m ² /month (cumulative)

Notes: µg/m³: micrograms per cubic metre; g/m²/month: gram per square metre per month.
Source: EPA 2016.

3 Meteorology and climate

3.1 Introduction

Meteorological mechanisms govern the generation, dispersion, transformation and eventual removal of pollutants from the atmosphere. To adequately characterise the dispersion meteorology of a region, information is needed on the prevailing wind regime, ambient temperature, rainfall, relative humidity, mixing depth and atmospheric stability.

Meteorological monitoring is not conducted at CES. The closest meteorological station to CES is at Myuna (approximately 6 km to the east). Therefore, analysis of meteorology for the local area is presented based on the Myuna automatic weather station (AWS). Data from this station is available between January 2017 and December 2019.

Data from the Myuna AWS has been supplemented with data from other Centennial or other mine-owned meteorological stations in the area as well as the closest Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) monitoring stations as follows:

- Centennial Awaba AWS, approximately 5.4 km north-west of Myuna;
- Centennial Mandalong AWS, approximately 11.4 km south-west of Myuna;
- Delta Coal's Mannering AWS, approximately 12.8 km south of Myuna (previously owned by Centennial); and
- BoM Cooranbong (Lake Macquarie AWS), approximately 9.9 km south-west of Myuna.

Cloud amount and cloud height data were not measured at the above sites and therefore these data were incorporated in CALMET through the use of the prognostic 3-dimensional data extracted from The Air Pollution Model (TAPM).

The locations of the meteorological stations used in the assessment are shown in Figure 3.1.

3.2 Prevailing winds and selection of a representative year

Meteorological data recorded by the Myuna AWS for the period between 2017 and 2019 were analysed for the purposes of characterising the existing environment and selecting a representative year for dispersion modelling.

Figure A.1 shows that data availability for all years was between 91.8% and 100% across the most important parameters for modelling.

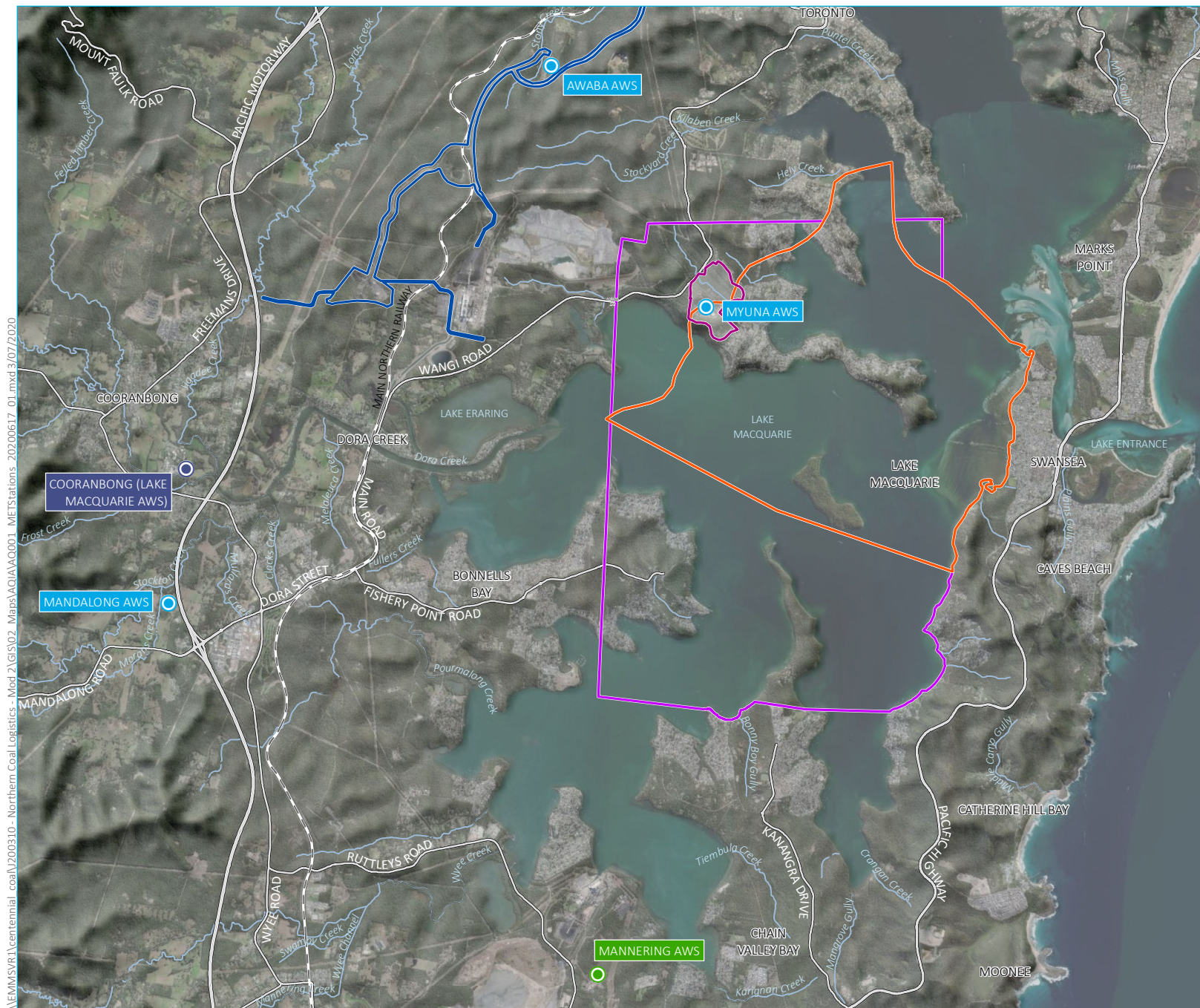
Inter-annual profiles for wind speed, wind direction, air temperature and relative humidity for 2017 to 2019 are shown in Figure A.3 to Figure A.6 were also comparable between 2017 and 2019.

Annual wind roses created from wind speed and direction data collected at the Myuna AWS from 2017 to 2019 are presented in Figure A.6. The wind roses show a similarity across years in the most important parameters for pollutant dispersion, such as wind speed and wind direction. The winds recorded by the Myuna AWS across all three years were predominately from the west and east. Annual average wind speeds ranged between 1.5 m/s and 1.6 m/s. The annual average frequency of calm conditions (wind speeds less than 0.5 m/s) ranged between 13.2% and 15.7%.

Seasonal wind roses for the Myuna AWS 2017 to 2019 are shown in Figure A.7. The mean wind speed ranges from 1.3 m/s in winter to 1.7 m/s in spring and summer. The annual percentage of calm conditions ranged from 10.7% in summer and 17.5% in autumn. The wind patterns in spring and summer were very similar displaying dominant easterly winds. In autumn and winter the dominant winds were from the east.

Variation in wind patterns was more pronounced on a diurnal basis. Diurnal wind roses for the Myuna AWS are shown in Figure A.8. Easterlies and westerlies were prominent during daytime hours and westerlies and north-easterlies were prominent during night-time hours. The average wind speed during the day was 1.9 m/s compared to 1.2 m/s at night-time. The percentage of calms during the day was 7.4% compared to 21.7% at night.

The 2018 calendar year was adopted as the 12-month modelling period for the purpose of this AQIA given the data availability and consistency of the data year-on-year. The modelling year was also chosen with regard to background air quality which is discussed in Section 4.3. The annual wind rose for the Myuna AWS for 2018 is shown in Figure 3.2. The wind rose displays the same characteristics as that described above with dominant winds from the west and east.



- KEY**
- Centennial - meteorological
 - BoM - meteorological
 - Delta Coal - meteorological
 - Myuna Colliery surface facilities
 - Myuna Colliery development consent boundary (SH110/148)
 - Myuna Colliery project approval boundary (PA 10_0080)
 - Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
 - Major
 - - Rail
 - Named

Location of meteorological stations

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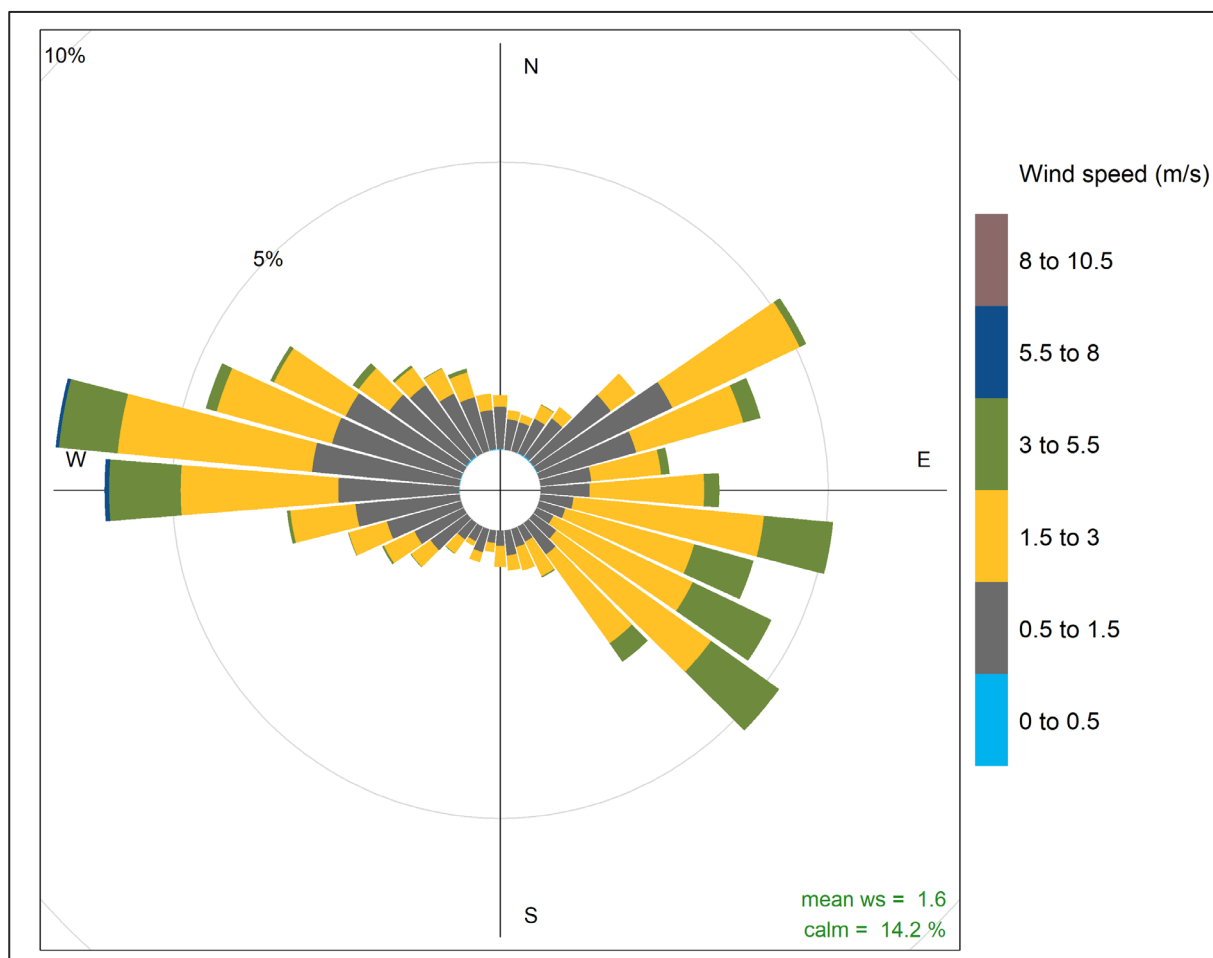


Figure 3.2 Recorded wind speed and direction – Myuna AWS – 2018

3.3 Meteorological modelling

3.3.1 Overview

Atmospheric dispersion modelling for this assessment has been completed using TAPM and the CALMET/CALPUFF model suite.

Section 4.1 of the Approved Methods for Modelling specifies that meteorological data representative of a site can be used in the absence of suitable on-site observations. The data should cover a period of at least one year with a percentage completeness of at least 90%. Data can be obtained from either a nearby meteorological monitoring station or synthetically generated using the CSIRO prognostic meteorological model TAPM.

Hourly average meteorological data from Centennial's Myuna, Awaba and Mandalong, and Delta Coal's Mannering AWSs as well as the BoM Cooranbong (Lake Macquarie AWS) was used as observations in the TAPM and CALMET modelling.

Further details of the TAPM and CALMET meteorological modelling is presented in Appendix A.

3.3.2 CALMET predicted winds

As stated, hourly observations from the Myuna AWS, Centennial-owned stations, a Delta Coal-owned station and the BoM Cooranbong station were used as input to the CALMET meteorological modelling completed. Hourly meteorological predictions were extracted at CES to compare with the measured data at the Myuna AWS and verify the performance of CALMET in predicting local meteorological conditions. Verification was completed to confirm that the predicted winds appeared reasonable and reflected local terrain features. Adopted CALMET settings, such as the RMAX and R1 factors are further explained in Appendix A.

An annual wind rose created from the CALMET data extract at CES is presented in Figure 3.3.

The annual wind rose created from the CALMET data shows that the wind direction profile at the CES extraction location exhibits a more even distribution of wind direction relative to the Myuna AWS wind rose in Figure 3.2. The Myuna AWS wind rose is dominated by westerly and east to south-easterly air flow, whereas the CES extracted wind rose shows reasonably even distribution of winds from most directions from the north-east through to the north-west, with a slightly higher occurrence of north-easterly air flow.

This difference in local terrain features and land cover is considered to be the primary driver behind the difference in wind profiles at the two locations. The CES site is located in relatively homogenous flat terrain surrounded by established forest in all direction. The Myuna AWS is located at the pit-top within a west to south-east aligned terrain feature. Within 100 m of the Myuna AWS, the elevation changes from 19 m AHD to approximately 59 m AHD. The local terrain features are likely to influence the east/west dominant wind patterns seen at the Myuna AWS.

The annual average wind speed for the CES wind rose is 1.7 m/s and the annual percentage of calms is 6.6%.

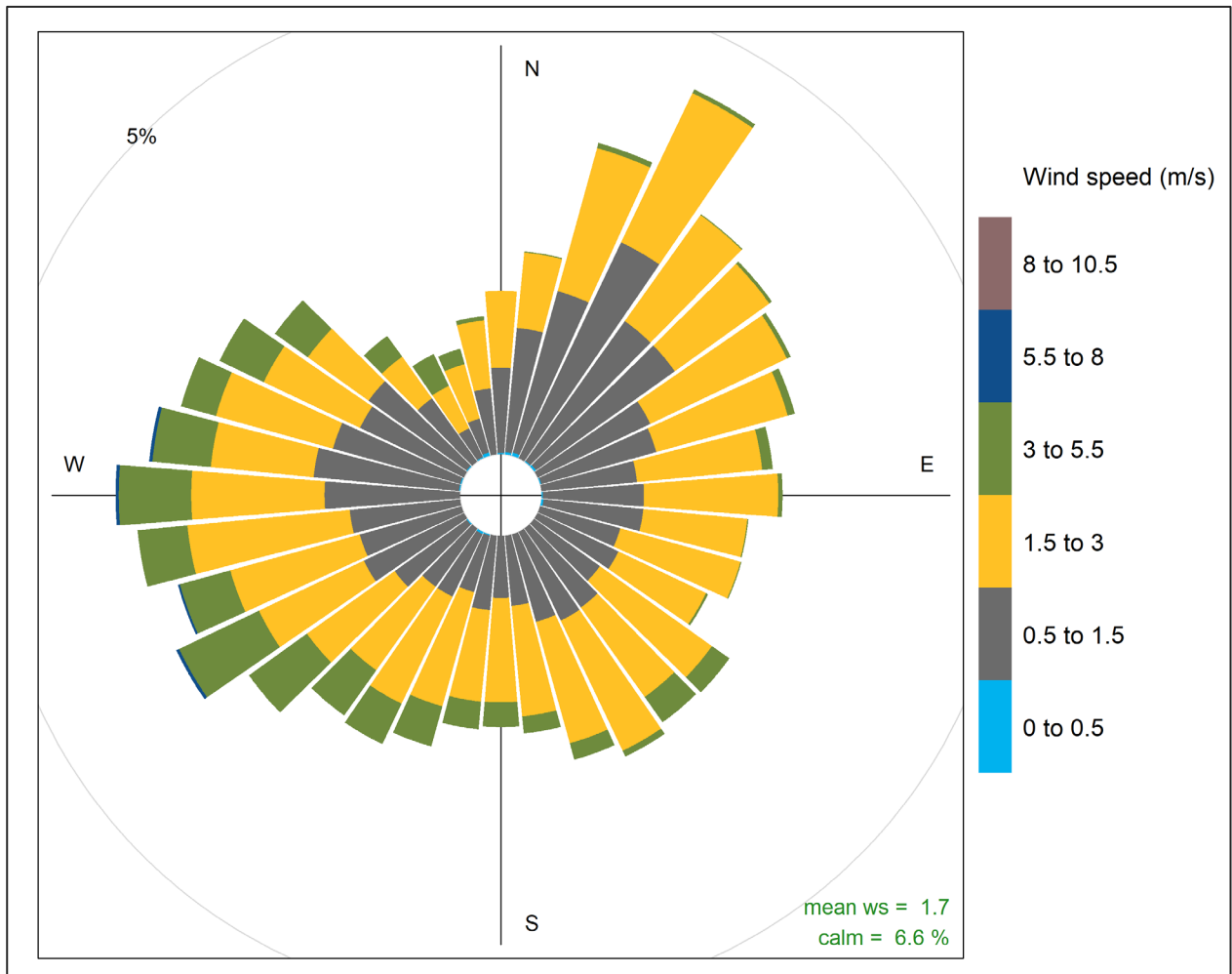


Figure 3.3 CALMET-predicted wind speed and direction – CES – 2018

3.3.3 Atmospheric stability and mixing depth

Atmospheric stability refers to the degree of turbulence or mixing that occurs within the atmosphere and is a controlling factor in the rate of atmospheric dispersion of pollutants.

The Monin-Obukhov length (L) provides a measure of the stability of the surface layer (ie the layer above the ground in which vertical variation of heat and momentum flux is negligible; typically, about 10% of the mixing height). Negative L values correspond to unstable atmospheric conditions, while positive L values correspond to stable atmospheric conditions. Very large positive or negative L values correspond to neutral atmospheric conditions.

Figure 3.3 illustrates the diurnal variation of atmospheric stability, derived from the Monin-Obukhov length calculated by CALMET, extracted at CES. The diurnal profile shows that atmospheric instability increases during the daylight hours as the sun generated convective energy increases, whereas stable atmospheric conditions prevail during the night-time. This profile indicates that the potential for effective atmospheric dispersion of emissions would be greatest during daytime hours and lowest during evening through to early morning hours.

Mixing depth refers to the height of the atmosphere above ground level within which the dispersion of air pollution can be dispersed. The mixing depth of the atmosphere is influenced by mechanical (associated with wind speed) and thermal (associated with solar radiation) turbulence. Similar to the Monin-Obukhov length analysis above, higher daytime wind speeds and the onset of incoming solar radiation increases the amount of mechanical and convective turbulence in the atmosphere. As turbulence increases, so too does the depth of the boundary layer, generally contributing to higher mixing depths and greater potential for the atmospheric dispersion of pollutants.

Figure 3.5 presents the hourly-varying atmospheric boundary layer depths generated by CALMET. Greater boundary layer depths occur during the daytime hours, peaking in the mid to late afternoon.

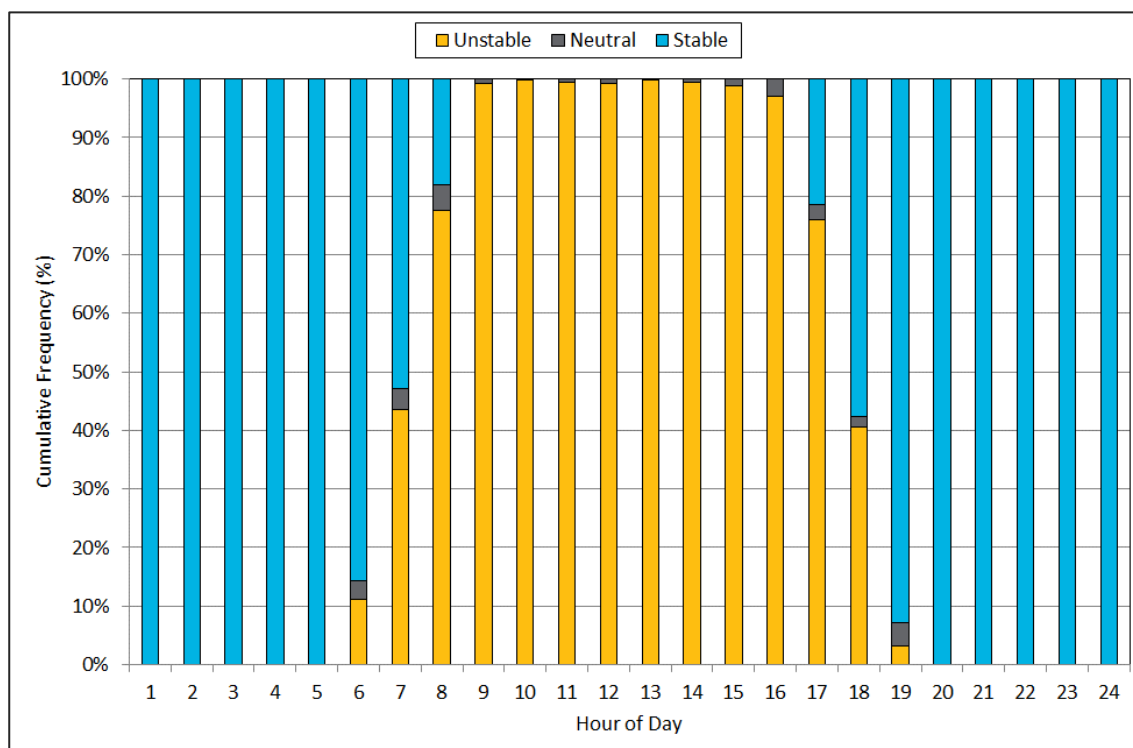


Figure 3.4 CALMET-calculated diurnal variation in atmospheric stability – CES 2018

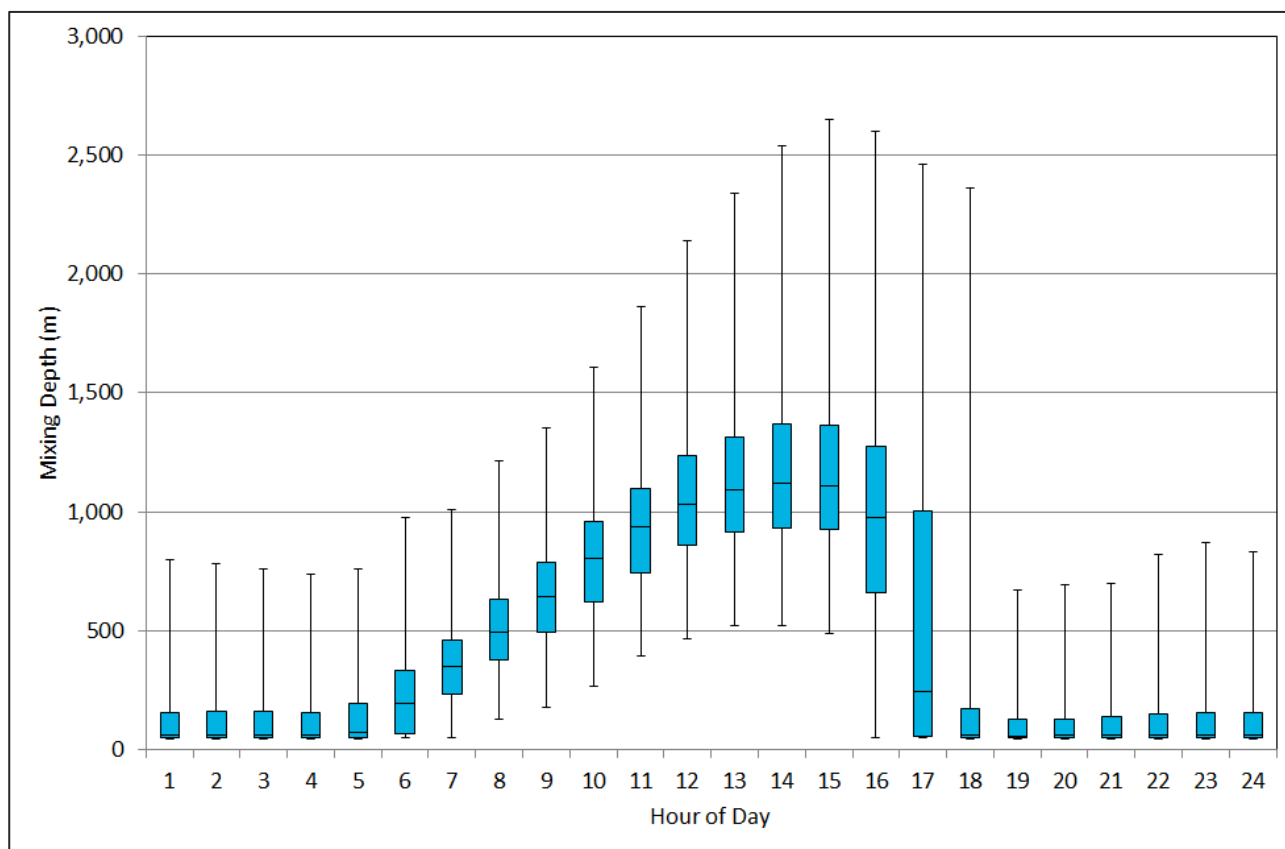


Figure 3.5 CALMET-calculated diurnal variation in atmospheric mixing depth – CES 2018

4 Baseline air quality

4.1 Introduction

The local airshed will also be influenced by:

- emissions from existing industrial operations, including Eraring Power station, Myuna, Awaba Colliery surface site and Awaba Landfill and Waste Transfer Station;
- wind generated dust from exposed areas;
- dust entrainment and tailpipe emissions from vehicle movements along unsealed and sealed roads;
- seasonal emissions from household wood heaters;
- sea salts contained in sea breezes; and
- long-range transport of fine particles into the region.

More remote sources which contribute episodically to suspended particulates in the region include dust storms and bushfires. It is considered that all of the above emission sources are accounted for in the monitoring data analysed in the following sections of this report.

4.2 Air quality monitoring data resources

Centennial NCS maintains an air quality monitoring network for its operations. The network consists of the following monitoring equipment:

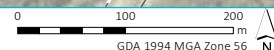
- one tapered element oscillating microbalance (TEOM) measuring continuous hourly PM₁₀ and TSP concentrations; and
- one dust deposition gauge for recording monthly dust deposition rates.

The locations of CES monitoring equipment are shown in Figure 4.1.

Hourly average concentrations of PM₁₀ for the period 2014-2018 were obtained from the CES TEOM and are analysed below.



Source: EMM (2020); DFSI (2017); GA (2011); ASGC (2006)



KEY

 Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)

— Rail line

== Major road

— Minor road

Air quality monitor location

DG4 Dust gauge

▲ TEOM

Air quality monitoring network

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Figure 4.1

4.3 Background air quality

4.3.1 PM₁₀

A summary of key statistics for the four years of analysed data from the CES TEOM is presented in Table 4.1. Exceedances of the air quality criteria of 50 µg/m³ were recorded in 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019 with an upward trend in concentrations seen from 2015.

Table 4.1 Statistics for PM₁₀ concentrations – Cooranbong TEOM – 2015–2019

Year	Maximum 24-hour average	Annual average	Days > 50 µg/m ³	Data recovery
2015	102.7	13.3	3	88%
2016	40.3	14.2	0	98%
2017	70.2	16.5	3	96%
2018	121.1	17.2	5	95%
2019	160.9	22.1	20	99%

Note: Monitoring commenced in February 2015.

A time series of recorded 24-hour average PM₁₀ concentrations at the CES TEOM for the period 2015 to 2019 is presented in Figure 4.2. The recorded 24-hour average PM₁₀ concentrations fluctuated throughout the period however there is a clear upward trend of concentration since 2015. The increase in concentrations in 2019 are attributed to state-wide extreme drought conditions and a high frequency of days influenced by smoke from major bushfires and hazard reduction burn events across Australia during this time. As a result, 2019 was not considered representative of the local area for use in describing background air quality levels.

For the 2018 calendar year, Figure 4.2 shows an increase in PM₁₀ concentrations towards the end of 2018, which is likely due increasing drought conditions across NSW and the occurrence of a number of bushfire events in this period. This is reflected in the recorded annual average PM₁₀ concentration for 2018 (17.2 µg/m³), which is higher than the three preceding years of data. Furthermore, there are five days where the 24-hour average PM₁₀ exceeded the NSW EPA impact assessment criterion which again is higher than the three preceding years.

The 2018 calendar year PM₁₀ dataset from the CES TEOM is therefore considered a conservatively high representation of existing PM₁₀ concentrations in the local area. The dataset features a high data capture rate (95%) meeting the requirements of the Approved Methods for Modelling. The 2018 dataset is also consistent with the selected meteorological dataset year from the Myuna AWS (Section 3.2).

To develop a complete background dataset for 2018, periods of missing data have been supplemented by the recorded annual average concentration for 2018 (17.2 µg/m³). Following this adjustment, the annual average PM₁₀ concentration for 2018 is 17.5 µg/m³.

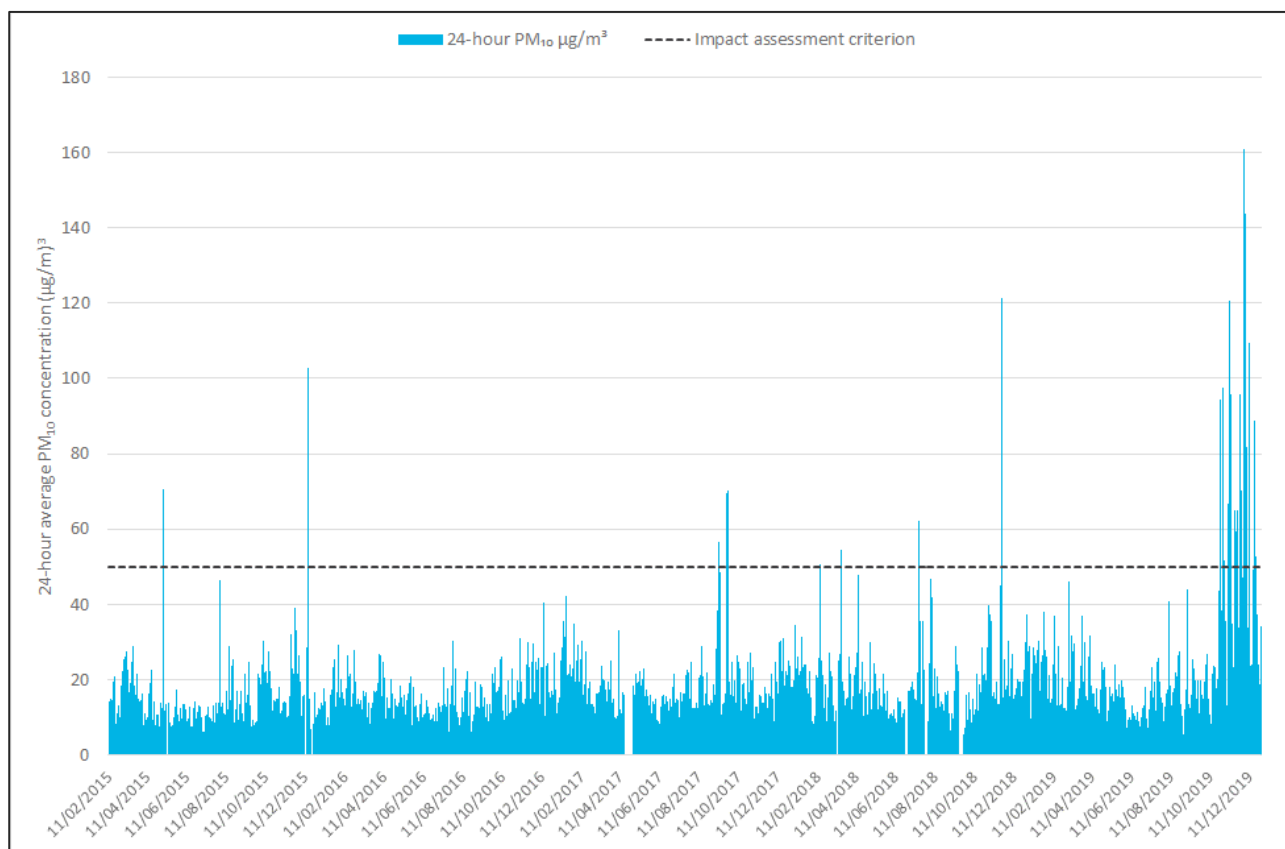


Figure 4.2 Time series of 24-hour average PM₁₀ concentrations – CES TEOM – 2015–2019

4.3.2 PM_{2.5}

No monitoring of PM_{2.5} is conducted by the existing air quality monitoring network at CES or Myuna. The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) operates an Air Quality Monitoring Station (AQMS) at Wyong which collects continuous 24-hour PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} data.

Daily-varying concentrations of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} data recorded at the Wyong AQMS for 2018 were analysed for the purposes of establishing PM_{2.5} background levels for use in this assessment. A time series of the recorded 24-hour average PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations at the Wyong AQMS is presented in Figure 4.3.

A ratio of PM_{2.5}:PM₁₀ was quantified for every day of the year. The average ratio of all data in 2018 was 0.37 (PM_{2.5}:PM₁₀). This ratio was applied to the 24-hour PM₁₀ data collected at the CES TEOM for 2018 to establish a concurrent synthetic 24-hour PM_{2.5} concentration dataset. The timeseries for the resultant data set is shown in Figure 4.4. It can be seen that there are two days above the NSW EPA impact assessment criterion. These coincided with consecutive elevated 24-hour average PM₁₀ concentrations recorded at the CES TEOM associated with a regional-scale dust storm event. The annual average PM_{2.5} concentration for 2018 is 6.5 µg/m³. This value has been adopted as background for this assessment.

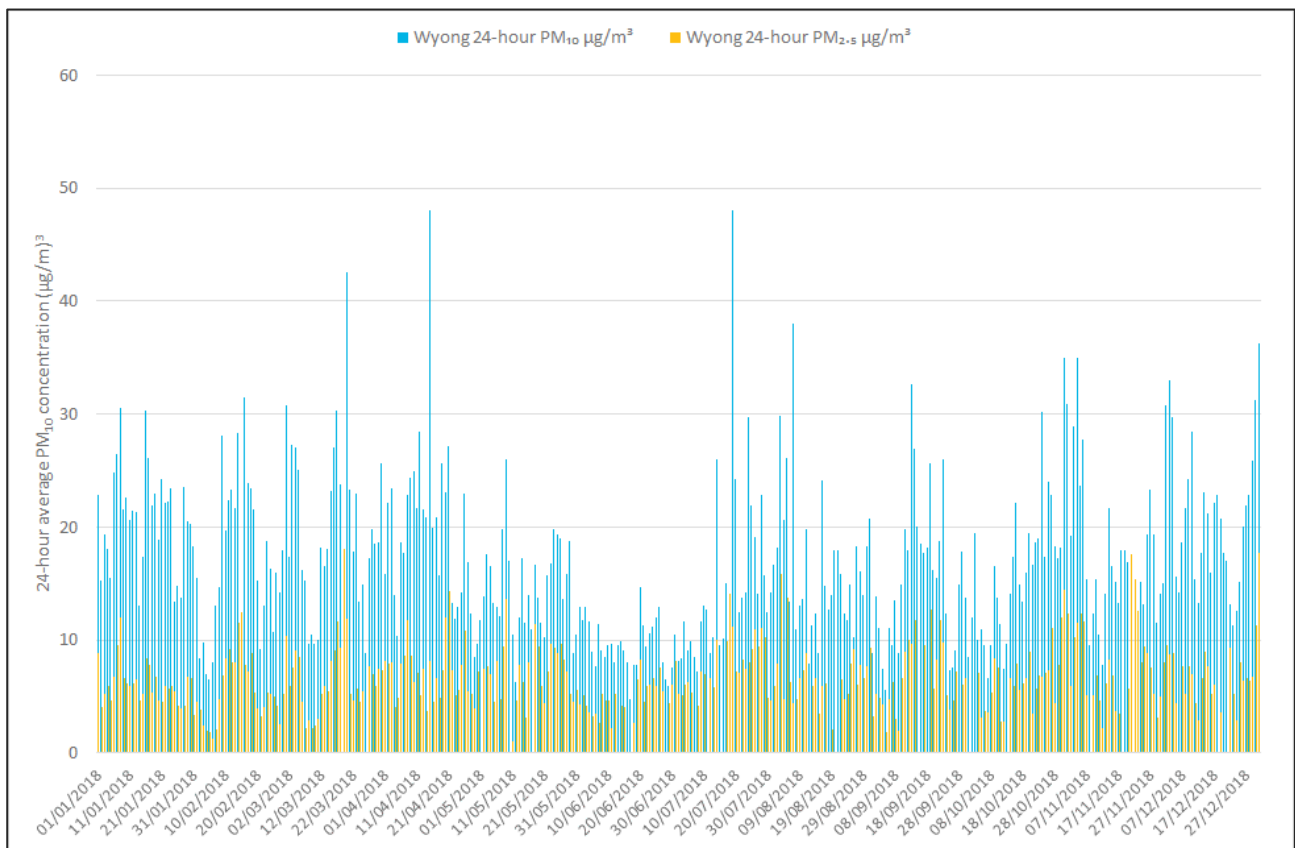


Figure 4.3 Time series of 24-hour average PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations – DPIE Wyong – 2018

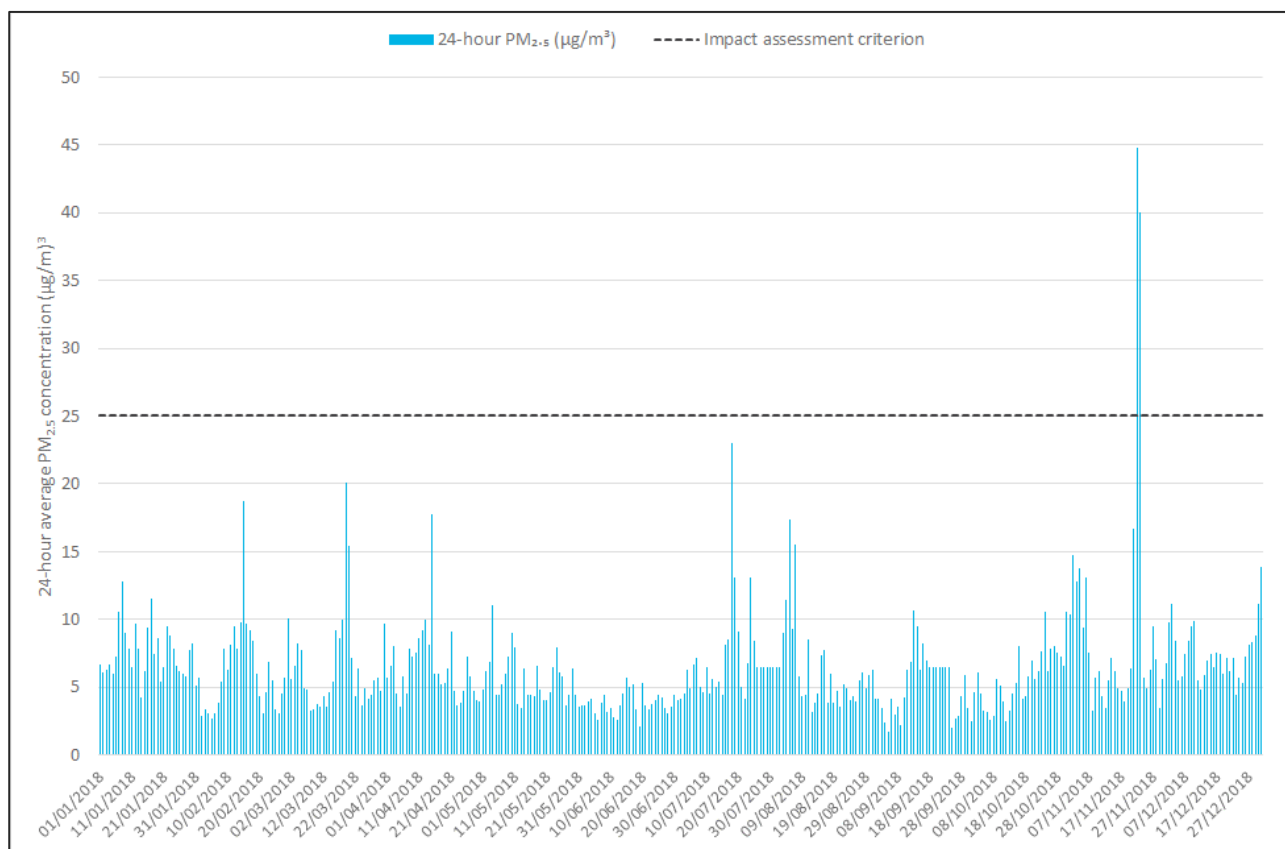


Figure 4.4 Synthetic time series of 24-hour average PM_{2.5} concentrations – 2018

4.3.3 TSP

CES records TSP concentrations at the TEOM located on-site. The TSP data for 2015 to 2019 were analysed and compared on an hourly basis to the PM₁₀ data collected at the same site. A ratio of PM₁₀:TSP was calculated for every hour of the year. An average PM₁₀:TSP ratio was then developed for the whole period as well as just for 2018. The data showed that PM₁₀ concentrations made up 80% of TSP concentrations for the period of 2015 to 2019.

In 2018, PM₁₀ concentrations made up 90% of TSP concentrations. Experience shows that in semi-rural settings often with extractive industry, generally, PM₁₀ concentrations make up approximately 40% of TSP concentrations. Therefore, the measured TSP data at CES suggests that there may be a possible instrument malfunction or data collection issue.

Therefore, a PM₁₀:TSP ratio of 40% was applied to the annual average PM₁₀ data collected at the CES TEOM. Using the annual average PM₁₀ concentration for 2018 at CES of 17.5 µg/m³ (see Section 4.3.1), an annual average background value of 43.7 µg/m³ is derived.

4.3.4 Dust deposition

CES operates one dust deposition gauge on-site. It is noted that a second dust deposition gauge was in operation at CES until December 2017. Dust deposition data from gauge D4 has been analysed for the period 2015 to 2019. Annual average dust deposition levels at each monitor is provided in Table 4.2.

The highest annual average dust deposition level recorded for the 2016 period was 2.3 g/m²/month at gauge D4. This appears to be due to elevated levels recorded of 5.4 g/m²/month to 8 g/m²/month recorded in three different months in the year. The reason for these elevated levels is unknown.

The overall average of the data for all years and across all dust deposition gauges is 1.5 g/m²/month. This value has been adopted as background for this assessment.

Table 4.2 Annual dust deposition results – CES monitoring network

Year	Annual average dust deposition levels (g/m ² /month)	
	D1	D4
2015	1.6	1.3
2016	1.3	2.3
2017	0.6	1.6
2018	ND	1.6
2019	ND	1.7

Note: ND = No data

4.4 Assumed background concentrations

In summary, the following background values were adopted for cumulative assessment:

- 24-hour PM₁₀ concentration – daily varying;
- annual average PM₁₀ concentration – 17.5 µg/m³;
- 24-hour PM_{2.5} concentration – daily varying;
- annual average PM_{2.5} concentration – 6.5 µg/m³;
- annual average TSP concentration – 43.7 µg/m³; and
- annual average dust deposition – 1.5 g/m²/month.

5 Emissions inventory

5.1 Introduction

Two emission scenarios have been developed to quantify particulate matter impacts from CES and to understand the significance of modification to approved operations. These scenarios are:

- existing scenario – receipt and handling of up to 6 Mtpa of coal at CES but does not include receipt of coal from Myuna; and
- proposed scenario – existing scenario (maximum of 6 Mtpa of coal received and handled) including the receipt of up to 1 Mtpa of coal from Myuna at CES.

5.2 Emissions estimates

Fugitive dust sources associated with the existing and proposed operations at CES were quantified through the application of US-EPA AP-42 emission factor equations. Particulate matter emissions were quantified for the three size fractions – TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}. Emission rates for coarse particles (PM₁₀) and fine particles (PM_{2.5}) were estimated using ratios for the different particle size fractions available in the literature (principally the US-EPA AP-42).

The calculated annual TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} emissions for each activity occurring at CES are shown in Section 5.2.1 below. Each activity has been represented in the modelling as a point, volume or line-volume source. Site diesel combustion was attributed equally to all activities (except wind erosion). The modelled source locations for the existing and proposed scenarios are shown in Figure 5.1. The source configuration is the same for both scenarios and therefore one source figure is shown only.

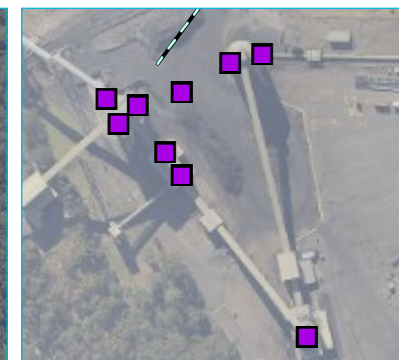
A detailed description of the assumptions and emission factors adopted in the development of the emissions inventory are provided in Appendix B.

It is noted that there are two power stations in the wider area surrounding CES. These are Eraring Power station (approximately 1.5 km east of CES) and Vales Point Power Station (approximately 11.1 km south-east of CES). It is acknowledged that there will be particulate emissions in the existing environment as a result of these operations. These operations have not been specifically modelled as separate sources in this assessment as it is assumed that measurements taken at the CES TEOM (approximately 1 km west of Eraring Power Station) includes contribution of particulate matter from the entire surrounding environment including the power stations. It is noted that data from the TEOM was not available at the time the AQIA was prepared by SLR (2014).

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Source: EMM (2020); DFSI (2017); GA (2011); ASGC (2006)



KEY

■ Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)

— Minor road

Model source type

● Point source

■ Volume source

--- Line-volume source

Model source locations -
existing and proposed scenario

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5.2.1 Emissions summary

A graphical summary of the contribution to annual dust emissions by source type is provided in Figure 5.2 for the existing scenario and Figure 5.3 for the proposed scenario. Calculated annual emissions by emissions source are presented in Table 5.1 and Table 5.2 for the existing and proposed scenarios, respectively. Particulate matter control measures, as documented in Section 5.3 are accounted for in these emission totals.

From the data presented in the following figures and tables, the most significant source of particulate matter emissions from CES's operations is associated with material handling activities (eg loading and unloading of coal), with a less significant contribution from the operation of the upcast ventilation shaft. The data shows that there is an increase in emissions from material handling in the proposed scenario which is to be expected given the additional 1 Mtpa of coal being received from Myuna.

Further details regarding emission estimation factors and assumptions are provided in Appendix B.

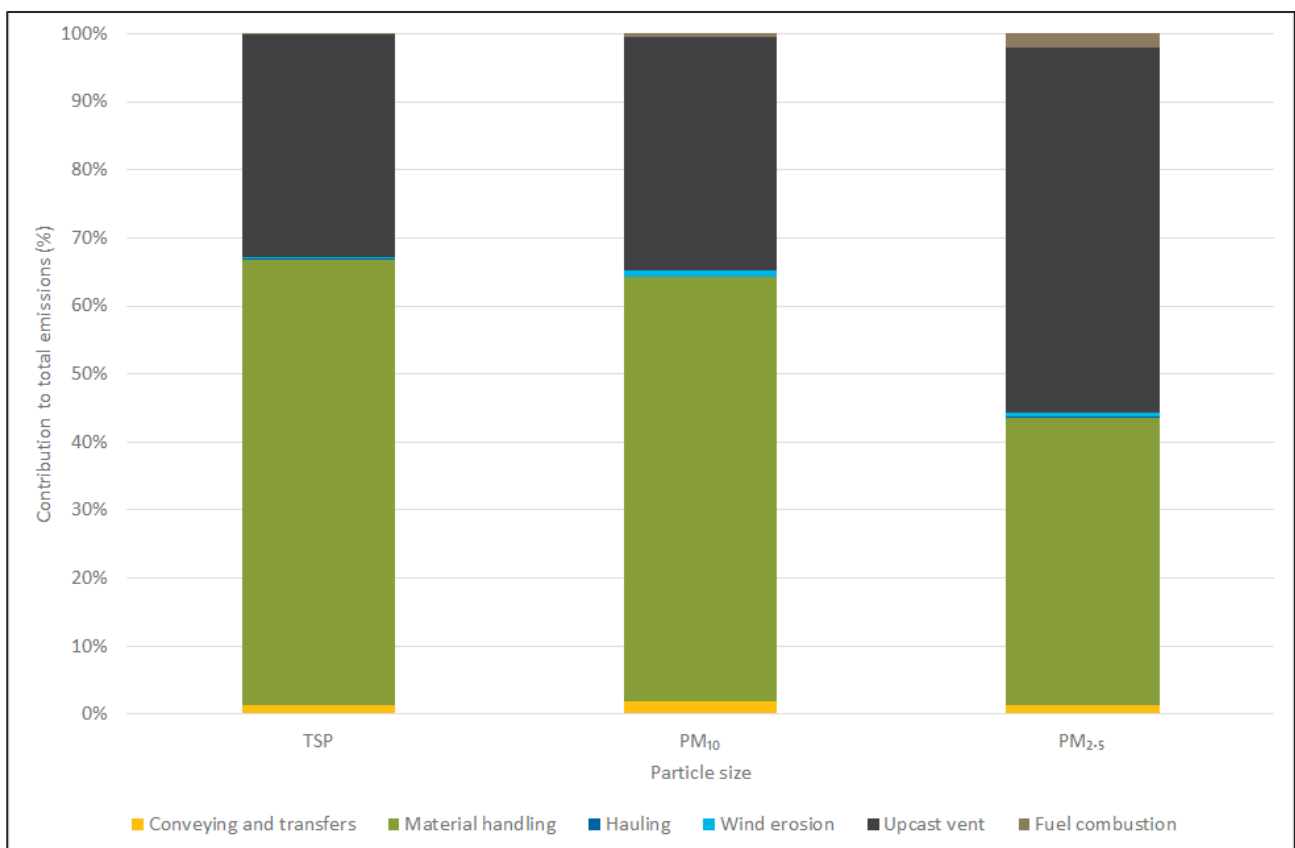


Figure 5.2 Contribution to annual emissions by emissions source type and particle size – existing scenario

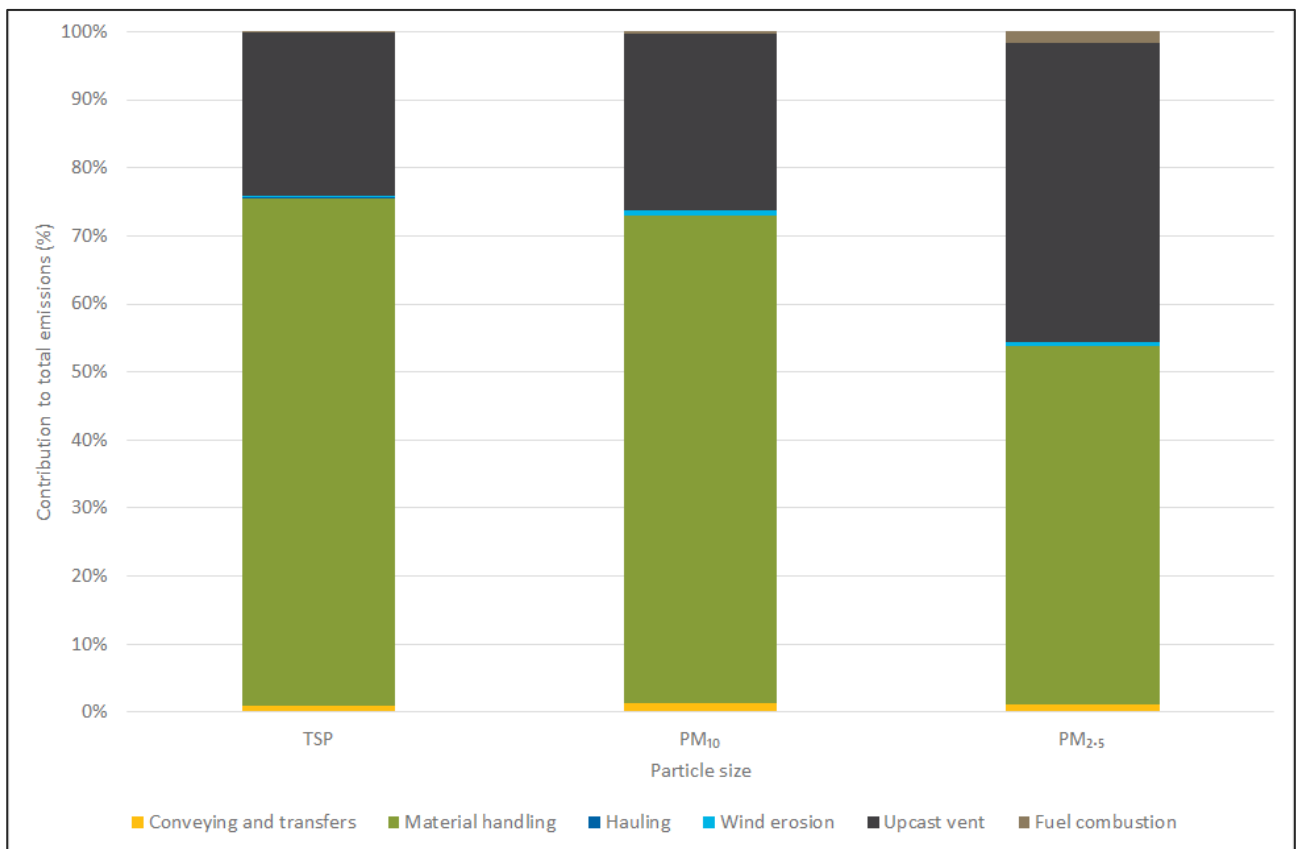


Figure 5.3 Contribution to annual emissions by emissions source type and particle size – proposed scenario

Table 5.1 Calculated annual TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} emissions – existing operational scenario

Emission source	Calculated annual emissions (kg/annum) by source		
	TSP	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}
South Drift Conveyor transfer from portal to ROM coal bin	269	54	8
Unloading coal from conveyor to ROM coal bin	196	39	6
Loading coal on to export conveyor	73	15	2
Unloading coal from conveyor to 100,000 t ROM stockpile	135	27	4
Loading coal from 100,000 t stockpile into trucks by FEL	43,449	6,100	826
Conveyor unloading coal to truck loading bin	33	7	1
Loading coal from truck loading bin to trucks	220	44	7
Trucks unloading coal to 3,000 t stockpile	13,166	1,849	250
FELs unloading coal from 3,000 t stockpile to reclaimer	3,950	555	75
Coal breaking	405	182	34
Coal screening	743	250	17
Conveyor transfer to crusher	220	44	7
Coal crushing	405	182	34
Conveyor transfer from crusher to final product bin	220	44	7
Conveyor transfer from product bin to enclosed overland conveyor (to Eraring Power Station)	220	44	7
Hauling coal around site (excludes private haul roads)	47	9	2
Wind erosion of emergency stockpile	16	8	1
Wind erosion of 100,000 t ROM stockpile	214	107	16
Wind erosion of 3,000 t ROM stockpile	42	21	3
Upcast vent shafts	31,221	5,046	1,577
Site diesel combustion	64	64	59
Total	95,308	14,689	2,942

Notes: Emission totals incorporate particulate matter management measures (refer Section 5.3). The sum of the emissions from activities provided above is slightly different to the totals shown due to rounding.

Table 5.2 **Calculated annual TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} emissions – proposed operational scenario**

Emission source	Calculated annual emissions (kg/annum) by source		
	TSP	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}
South Drift Conveyor transfer from portal to ROM coal bin	220	44	7
Unloading coal from conveyor to ROM coal bin	147	29	4
Loading coal on to export conveyor	73	15	2
Unloading coal from conveyor to 100,000 t ROM stockpile	135	27	4
Loading coal from 100,000 t stockpile into trucks by FEL	43,449	6,100	826
Conveyor unloading coal to truck loading bin	33	7	1
Unloading coal from truck loading bin to trucks	220	44	7
Trucks unloading coal to 3,000 t stockpile (incl. Myuna coal)	39,499	5,546	750
FELs unloading coal from 3,000 t stockpile to reclaimer	11,850	1,664	225
Coal breaking	405	182	34
Coal screening	743	250	17
Conveyor transfer to crusher	220	44	7
Coal crushing	405	182	34
Conveyor transfer from crusher to final product bin	220	44	7
Conveyor transfer from product bin to enclosed overland conveyor (to Eraring Power Station)	220	44	7
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Wind erosion of 3,000 t ROM stockpile	42	21	3
Upcast vent shaft	31,221	5,046	1,577
Site diesel combustion	64	64	59
Total	129,443	19,476	3,589

Notes: Emission totals incorporate particulate matter management measures (refer Section 5.3). The sum of the emissions from activities provided above is slightly different to the totals shown due to rounding.

5.3 Overview of best practice dust control

In order to manage particulate matter emissions from CES's existing and proposed operations, a range of mitigation measures and management practices are required. Table 5.3 provides an overview of the relevant applicable best practice dust control management measures as listed in the *NSW Coal Benchmarking Study: International Best Practice to Prevent and/or Minimise Emissions of Particulate Matter from Coal Mining* (Katestone 2011) (The Best Practice Report). The 'Best Practice Report' was a study prepared by Katestone Environmental Pty Ltd in 2011 and was commissioned by the NSW EPA. The table also includes the percentage control factor applied in the dispersion modelling.

Measures implemented at CES and included in the emissions estimation for both the existing and proposed scenarios include:

- enclosures at conveyor transfer points;
- water sprays at conveyor transfer points;
- watering at the emergency coal stockpile, 100,00 t stockpile and 3,000 t stockpile;
- watering, dust suppression and sweeping on paved haul roads;
- unloading coal to underground reclaimer fitted with water sprays;
- vegetative wind breaks around the emergency coal stockpile;
- water sprays on the peripheries of the water storage dams;
- enclosure of coal crusher and screen; and
- watering at coal crusher and screen.

It can be seen from the summary provided in Table 5.3 that, wherever practical to do so, CES currently implements dust control measures that are consistent with accepted best practice mitigation measures for all significant operational sources of particulate matter emissions.

Table 5.3 Overview of best practice measures employed at CES

Emissions source category	Best practice control measures (Katestone 2011)	Currently adopted or proposed for implementation at CES	Comments	Effectiveness of reduction in emissions inventory
Conveyors and transfers	Application of watering at transfer points	Yes	Watering applied at transfer points.	50%
	Enclosure of transfer points	Yes	All transfer points enclosed.	70%
	Wind shielding of conveyor belts – roof and/or side wall	Yes	Enclosed as above.	As above.
	Belt cleaning and spillage minimisation	Yes	Enclosed and water sprays applied as above.	As above.
Haul roads	Surface treatment - watering	Yes	25% of the paved road has water carts available.	50%
	Surface treatment - chemical suppressants	Yes	75% of the paved road has dust suppression sprinklers available.	Not included due to part of the road having water sprays only. Considered conservative.
	Surface improvements - low silt aggregate	Yes	Regular sweeping and water sprays assist with the reduction of silt loading.	Water carts in operation as above.
	Surface improvements - pave the surface	Yes	All haul roads on site are paved and swept at least once a week or more when coal is being transported.	Paved roads US-EPA equation adopted.
	Reduction in vehicle travel speed	Yes	Truck travel speeds will be maintained below 40km/hr	N/A
	Use larger vehicles rather than smaller vehicles to minimise number of trips	Yes	Haul truck mean weight is 75 t.	Haul truck weight included. No specific control applied.
	Use conveyors in place of haul roads	Yes	Conveyors used around site.	Conveyors used in place of hauling.
Wind erosion from coal stockpiles	Avoidance - bypassing stockpiles	No	Not practical. The stockpiles at CES are necessary for the routine operation of site and cannot be avoided.	N/A

Table 5.3 Overview of best practice measures employed at CES

Emissions source category	Best practice control measures (Katestone 2011)	Currently adopted or proposed for implementation at CES	Comments	Effectiveness of reduction in emissions inventory
	Surface stabilisation - watering	Yes	Watering emergency stockpile when in use	50%
	Surface stabilisation - chemical suppressants and crusting agents	No	Not practicable for implementation as coal stockpiles are regularly disturbed through loading and unloading.	N/A
	Surface stabilisation - carry over from wetting from load in	Yes	Coal features high moisture content along with additional moisture from water sprays.	N/A
	Enclosure - silo with baghouse	No	Not practicable for the operation of site.	N/A
	Enclosure - cover storage pile with tarp during high winds	No	Not practicable for implementation as coal stockpiles are regularly disturbed through loading and unloading.	N/A
	Wind speed reduction - vegetative wind breaks	Yes	Vegetation surrounds the emergency and 100,000 t stockpiles.	30%
	Wind speed reduction - reduced pile height	Partial	Height of stockpiles limited to conveyor system height.	N/A
	Wind speed reduction - wind screens/wind fences	No	Not practicable the constraints of site.	N/A
	Wind speed reduction - pile shaping/orientation	No	Not practicable for the constraints of site.	N/A
	Wind speed reduction - three-sided enclosure around storage piles	No	Not practicable. The constraints of site and safe operation of equipment around stockpiles.	N/A
Loading and dumping ROM coal	Avoidance - bypassing stockpiles	No	Not practicable. The stockpiles at CES are necessary for the routine operation of site and cannot be avoided.	N/A

Table 5.3 **Overview of best practice measures employed at CES**

Emissions source category	Best practice control measures (Katestone 2011)	Currently adopted or proposed for implementation at CES	Comments	Effectiveness of reduction in emissions inventory
	Truck dumping - minimise drop height	Yes	Wherever possible, material drop heights will be minimised when unloading trucks. Trucks unload to the reclaimer underground.	30%
	Truck dumping - water sprays at ROM pad	Yes	Water sprays are applied at the reclaimer area and when unloading to the emergency coal stockpile.	50%
	Truck dumping - three sided enclosure at truck unloading ROM hopper	Partial	Trucks unload to the reclaimer underground therefore the drop is sheltered on all sides except the roof.	30% applied to account for underground drop as above.
	Water spays	Yes	Application of water sprays at crushing/screening area.	50%
	Enclosed building	Yes	Crushing/screening occurring in an enclosed building.	70%

6 Air dispersion modelling

6.1 Dispersion model selection and configuration

Dispersion modelling for this assessment uses the CALPUFF modelling system, which is commonly used in NSW for applications where non-steady state conditions may occur (ie complex terrain or coastal locations) or when calm wind conditions are important (ie for odour assessment). In the absence of available upper air measurements, CALMET (the meteorological pre-processor for CALPUFF) can be run using prognostic upper air data (as a three-dimensional '3D.dat' file). Gridded upper air data were derived using The Air Pollution Model (TAPM), which is then used in CALMET to derive an initial wind field (known as the Step 1 wind field). CALMET then incorporates mesoscale and local scale effects, including surface observations, to adjust the wind field. This modelling approach is known as the 'hybrid' approach (TRC 2011) and has been adopted for this assessment. TAPM and CALMET model settings are described in Appendix A and selected in accordance with recommendations in EPA (2016) and TRC (2011). Surface observations are included in the modelling (referred to as data assimilation) and are discussed and described in Section 3.

In addition to the nine individual assessment locations (Section 1.5), air pollutant concentrations were predicted over a 4 km by 4 km domain with 100 m resolution.

Specific activities (identified in Chapter 5) were represented by line-volume, volume and point sources which were located according to the layout of CES. The modelled source locations for the existing and proposed scenarios are shown in Figure 5.1. Simulations were undertaken for the 12-month period of 2018.

6.2 Incremental results

Predicted incremental TSP, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, and dust deposition levels from the existing and proposed scenarios are presented in Table 6.1 and Table 6.2 for each of the assessment locations.

The predicted concentrations and deposition rates for all pollutants and averaging periods are below the applicable NSW EPA assessment criterion at all assessment locations. Except for dust deposition, the assessment criteria listed are applicable to cumulative concentrations. Analysis of cumulative impact compliance is presented in Section 6.3.

Figure 6.1 shows a comparison of the predicted maximum 24-hour average PM₁₀ concentrations at each assessment location for the existing and proposed operational scenarios. There is a clear increase in predicted maximum 24-hour average PM₁₀ concentrations for the proposed operations scenario which is due to up to 1 Mtpa of coal from Myuna being unloaded to the stockpile and reclaimer at CES. However, as noted previously, all incremental results are well below 50 µg/m³.

Contour plots, illustrating spatial variations in incremental TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations and dust deposition rates for the proposed scenario only are provided in Figure 6.2 to Figure 6.7 below. Isopleth plots of the maximum 24-hour average concentrations presented do not represent the dispersion pattern on any day, but rather, the maximum daily concentration that was predicted to occur at each model calculation point given the range of meteorological conditions occurring over the 2018 modelling period.

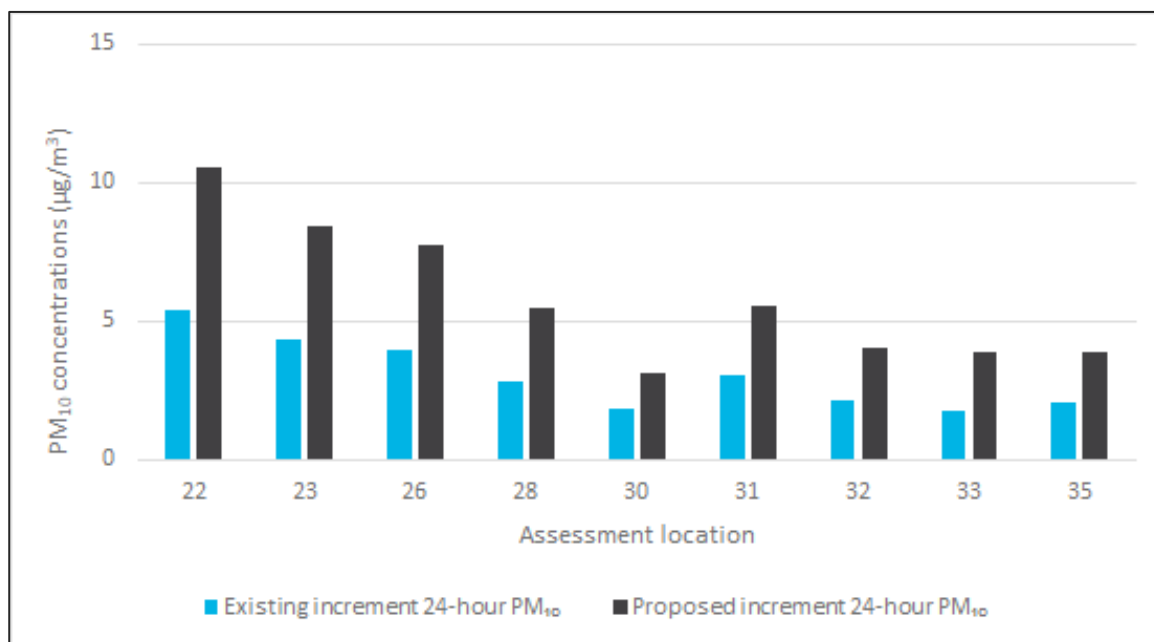


Figure 6.1 Comparison of predicted maximum 24-hour average PM₁₀ concentrations for the existing and proposed scenarios

Table 6.1 Incremental (existing scenario only) concentration and deposition results

Assessment location ID	Predicted incremental concentration (µg/m³) and deposition rate (g/m²/month)					
	TSP	PM ₁₀		PM _{2.5}		Dust deposition
	Annual	24-hour maximum	Annual	24-hour maximum	Annual	Annual
Criterion	90	50	25	25	8	2
22	0.9	5.4	0.6	1.8	0.3	0.1
23	0.8	4.3	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.1
26	0.7	4.0	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.1
28	0.4	2.8	0.4	1.0	0.2	<0.1
30	0.3	1.8	0.3	0.7	0.2	<0.1
31	0.4	3.0	0.4	1.2	0.2	<0.1
32	0.3	2.1	0.3	0.8	0.2	<0.1
33	0.3	1.8	0.4	0.7	0.2	<0.1
35	0.3	2.1	0.3	0.9	0.2	<0.1

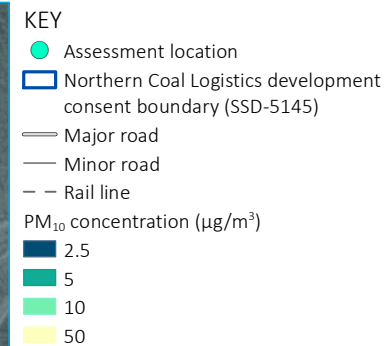
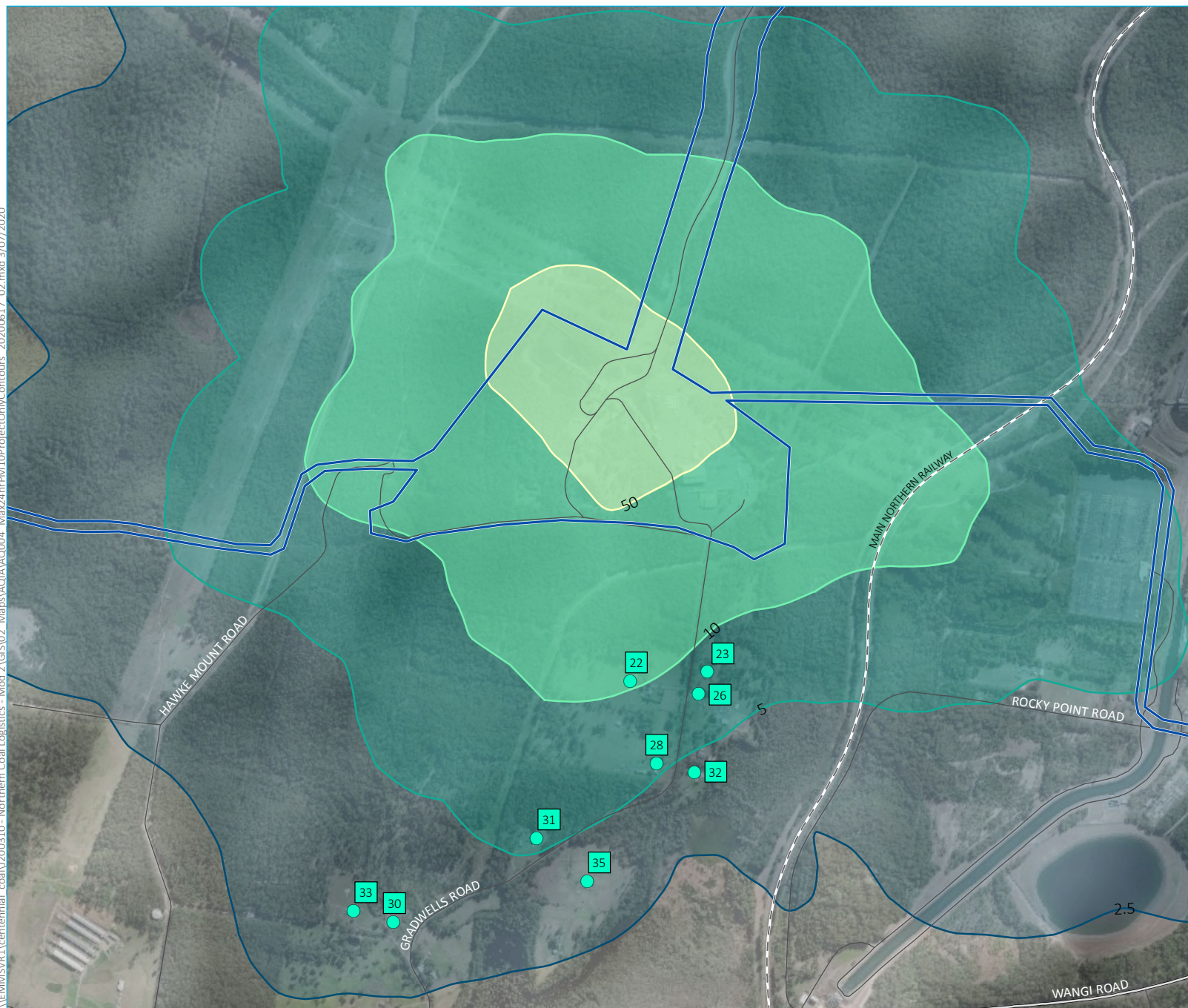
Note: Criteria for TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} are applicable to cumulative (increment + background). Criteria is provided for comparison purposes only.

Table 6.2 Incremental (proposed scenario only) concentration and deposition results

Assessment location ID	Predicted incremental concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and deposition rate ($\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{month}$)					
	TSP	PM ₁₀		PM _{2.5}		Dust deposition
	Annual	24-hour maximum	Annual	24-hour maximum	Annual	Annual
Criterion	90	50	25	25	8	2
22	1.9	10.5	1.2	3.0	0.4	0.2
23	1.6	8.5	1.0	2.4	0.3	0.2
26	1.3	7.7	0.9	2.3	0.3	0.1
28	0.8	5.5	0.6	1.8	0.3	0.1
30	0.6	3.1	0.5	1.1	0.2	<0.1
31	0.7	5.6	0.7	1.8	0.3	<0.1
32	0.6	4.0	0.5	1.3	0.2	<0.1
33	0.6	3.2	0.6	1.1	0.3	<0.1
35	0.5	3.9	0.5	1.4	0.2	<0.1

Note: Criteria for TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} are applicable to cumulative (increment + background). Criteria is provided for comparison purposes only.

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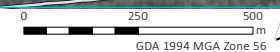


Maximum predicted 24-hour average PM₁₀ concentrations - CES only (proposed scenario)

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Figure 6.2



Source: EMM (2020); DFSI (2017); GA (2011); ASGC (2006)



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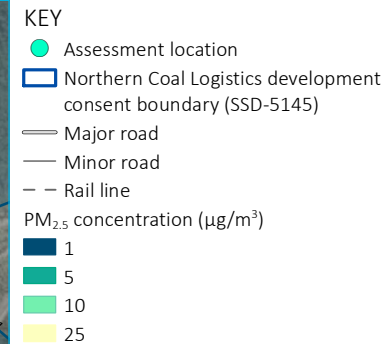


- KEY**
- Assessment location
 - Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
 - Major road
 - Minor road
 - - Rail line
- PM₁₀ concentration (µg/m³)
- 0.5
 - 1
 - 5
 - 10
 - 25

Predicted annual average PM₁₀ concentrations –
CES only (proposed scenario)

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Air quality impact assessment
Figure 6.3

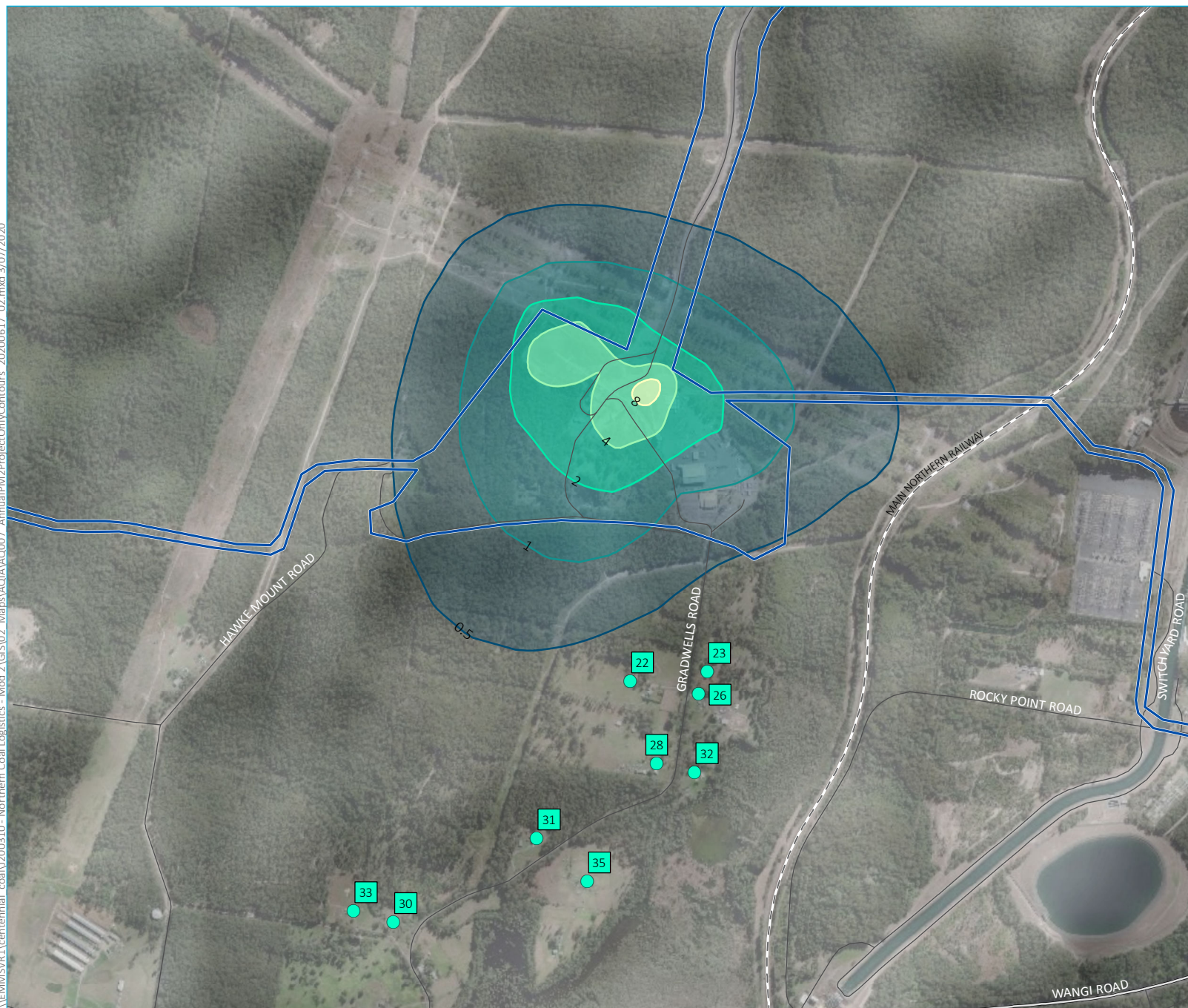
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Maximum predicted 24-hour average
PM_{2.5} concentrations –
CES only (proposed scenario)

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Air quality impact assessment
Figure 6.4

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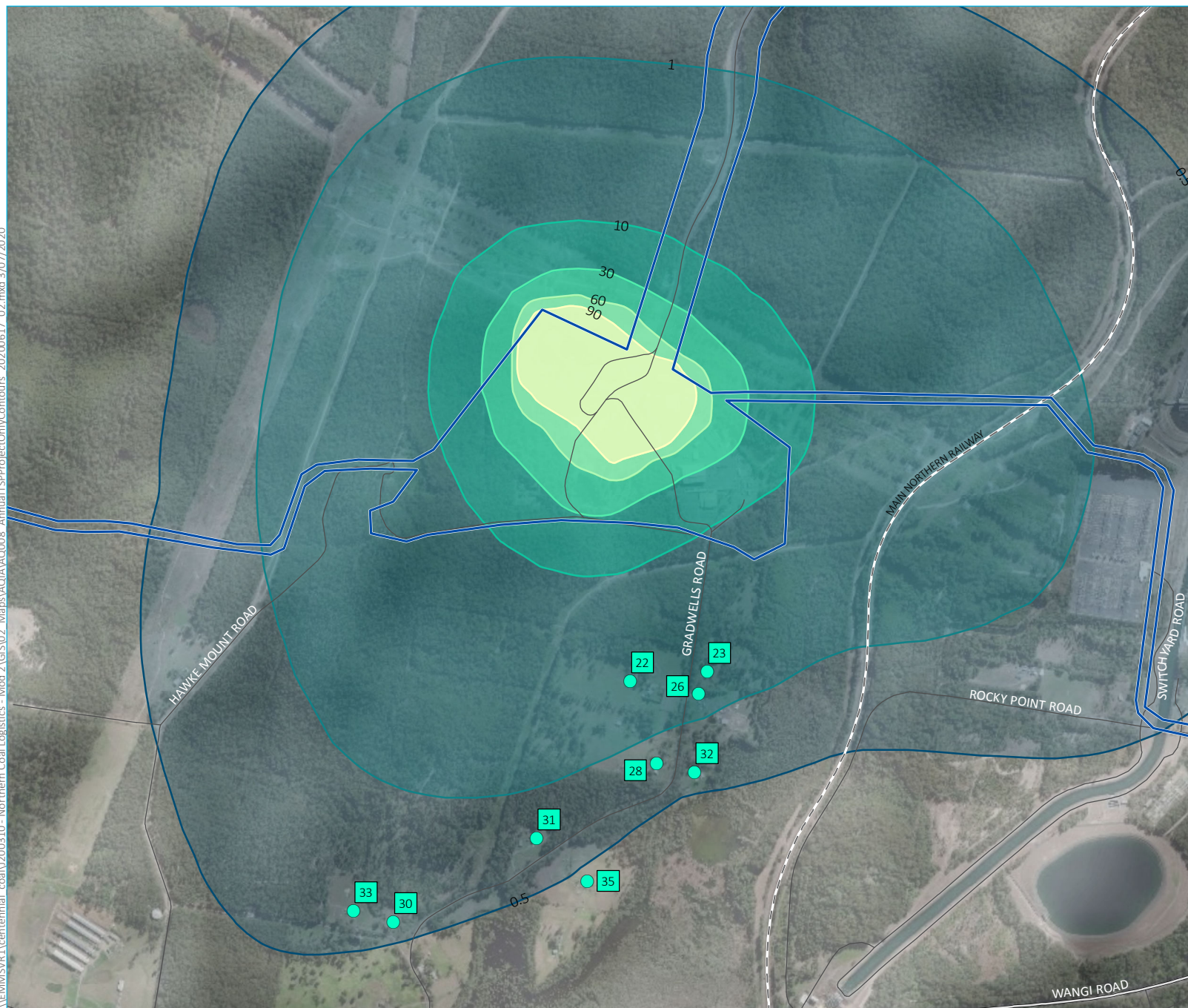


- KEY**
- Assessment location
 - Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
 - Major road
 - Minor road
 - Rail line
- PM_{2.5} concentration (µg/m³)**
- 0.5
 - 1
 - 2
 - 4
 - 8

Predicted annual average PM_{2.5} concentrations –
CES only (proposed scenario)

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Air quality impact assessment
Figure 6.5

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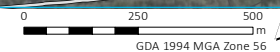
- KEY**
- Assessment location
 - Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
 - Major road
 - Minor road
 - Rail line
- TSP concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
- 0.5
 - 1
 - 10
 - 30
 - 60
 - 90

Predicted annual average TSP concentrations – CES only (proposed scenario)

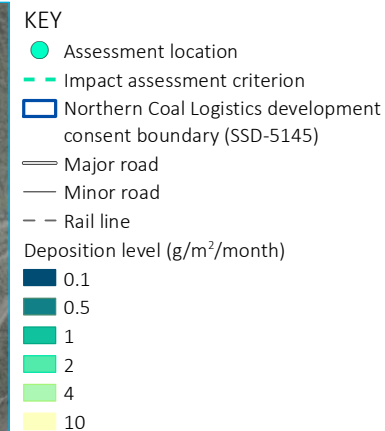
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Air quality impact assessment
Figure 6.6



Source: EMM (2020); DFSI (2017); GA (2011); ASGC (2006)



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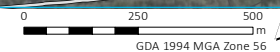


Predicted annual average dust
deposition levels –
CES only (proposed scenario)

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Air quality impact assessment
Figure 6.7



Source: EMM (2020); DFSI (2017); GA (2011); ASGC (2006)



6.3 Cumulative results

Cumulative impacts (ie CES operations plus background) at each of the assessment locations surrounding CES have been assessed in the following way:

- for 24-hour average concentrations - each daily-varying predicted 24-hour average concentration for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} from CES has been combined with the corresponding concentrations from the adopted 2018 background concentration datasets (Chapter 4); and
- for annual average concentrations - the predicted annual average concentrations have been paired with the corresponding background annual average concentration (Chapter 4).

As stated in Section 4.3 and Section 4.3.1, the adopted 24-hour average PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} background datasets contain five days and two days respectively above the applicable NSW EPA impact assessment criterion. For cumulative impact assessment purposes, these are therefore classed as existing exceedances.

Section 5.1.3 of the Approved Methods for Modelling states that in the event of existing ambient air pollutant concentrations in exceedance of applicable impact assessment criteria, the assessment must:

...demonstrate that no additional exceedances of the impact assessment criteria will occur as a result of the proposed activity and that best management practices will be implemented to minimise emissions of air pollutants as far as is practical.

As identified in Section 5.3, CES currently implements particulate matter control measures that are consistent with accepted industry best practice measures wherever practical to do so.

To demonstrate that no additional exceedances of the applicable criteria will occur as a result of emissions from CES, the cumulative analysis presents the 6th highest and 3rd highest cumulative 24-hour average PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations, respectively. Data have not been removed from the analysis but simply, the next highest result not affected by background above the criterion is shown in this section.

Predicted cumulative TSP, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, and dust deposition levels from CES's existing and proposed scenarios are presented in Table 6.3 and Table 6.4 for each of the assessment locations.

The predicted cumulative concentrations and deposition rates for all pollutants and averaging periods are at or below the applicable NSW EPA assessment criterion at all assessment locations.

Contour plots, illustrating spatial variations in cumulative TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations and dust deposition rates for the proposed scenario only are provided in Figure 6.8 to Figure 6.11 below.

Table 6.3 Cumulative (existing scenario plus background) concentration and deposition results

Assessment location ID	Predicted cumulative concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and deposition rate ($\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{month}$)					
	TSP	PM ₁₀		PM _{2.5}		Dust deposition
	Annual	6 th highest 24-hour ¹	Annual	3 rd highest 24-hour ²	Annual	Annual
Criterion	90	50	25	25	8	4
22	44.6	48.3	18.1	23.0	6.7	1.7
23	44.5	48.6	18.0	23.1	6.6	1.7
26	44.4	48.2	17.9	23.1	6.6	1.7
28	44.1	48.0	17.8	23.0	6.6	1.6
30	44.0	48.0	17.8	23.0	6.6	1.6
31	44.1	48.0	17.8	23.0	6.6	1.6
32	44.0	48.0	17.7	23.0	6.6	1.6
33	44.0	48.0	17.8	23.0	6.6	1.6
35	43.9	48.0	17.7	23.0	6.5	1.6

Note:¹ Due to five exceedances and exceptional events in the background dataset, the 6th highest cumulative PM₁₀ concentration is presented.

² Due to two exceedances and exceptional events in the background dataset, the 3rd highest cumulative PM_{2.5} concentration is presented.

Table 6.4 Cumulative (proposed scenario plus background) concentration and deposition results

Assessment location ID	Predicted cumulative concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and deposition rate ($\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{month}$)					
	TSP	PM ₁₀		PM _{2.5}		Dust deposition
	Annual	6 th highest 24-hour ¹	Annual	3 rd highest 24-hour ²	Annual	Annual
Criterion	90	50	25	25	8	4
22	45.5	49.7	18.6	23.0	6.8	1.7
23	45.3	50.0	18.4	23.1	6.7	1.7
26	45.0	49.3	18.3	23.1	6.7	1.6
28	44.4	48.2	18.0	23.0	6.6	1.6
30	44.3	48.2	18.0	23.0	6.6	1.5
31	44.4	48.8	18.1	23.0	6.7	1.5
32	44.3	48.0	17.9	23.0	6.6	1.5
33	44.3	48.0	18.0	23.0	6.6	1.5
35	44.2	48.0	17.9	23.0	6.6	1.5

Note:¹ Due to five exceedances and exceptional events in the background dataset, the 6th highest cumulative PM₁₀ concentration is presented.

² Due to two exceedances and exceptional events in the background dataset, the 3rd highest cumulative PM_{2.5} concentration is presented.

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- KEY**
- Assessment location
 - - - Impact assessment criterion
 - Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
 - Major road
 - Minor road
 - - - Rail line
- PM₁₀ concentration (µg/m³)
- 20
 - 25
 - 50

Predicted annual average
PM₁₀ concentrations –
CES plus background
(proposed scenario)

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Figure 6.8

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- KEY**
- Assessment location
 - - - Impact assessment criterion
 - Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
 - Major road
 - Minor road
 - - - Rail line
- PM_{2.5} concentration (µg/m³)
- 7
 - 8
 - 9

Predicted annual average
PM_{2.5} concentrations –
CES plus background
(proposed scenario)

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Figure 6.9



Source: EMM (2020); DFSI (2017); GA (2011); ASGC (2006)

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- KEY**
- Assessment location
 - Impact assessment criterion
 - Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
 - Major road
 - Minor road
 - - Rail line
 - Named watercourse
- TSP concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
- 60
 - 90
 - 120

Predicted annual average
TSP concentrations –
CES plus background
(proposed scenario)

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Air quality impact assessment
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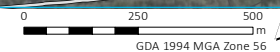
- KEY**
- Assessment location
 - - - Impact assessment criterion
 - Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
 - Major road
 - Minor road
 - Rail line
- Deposition level (g/m²/month)
- 4
 - 8
 - 12

Predicted annual average
dust deposition levels –
CES plus background
(proposed scenario)

Northern Coal Logistics Modification 2
Air quality impact assessment
Figure 6.11



Source: EMM (2020); DFSI (2017); GA (2011); ASGC (2006)



7 Conclusions

Dispersion modelling has been completed for two operational emission scenarios at CES:

- existing scenario – receipt and handling of up to 6 Mtpa of coal at CES but does not include receipt of coal from Myuna; and
- proposed scenario – existing scenario (maximum of up to 6 Mtpa of coal received and handled at CES) including the receipt of up to 1 Mtpa of coal to CES from Myuna.

Atmospheric dispersion modelling was completed using the CALPUFF model system. Hourly meteorological observations from 2018, collected at a range of Centennial or other mine-owned stations, and one BoM-operated monitoring station, were used as input to the dispersion modelling.

The results of the modelling show that the predicted concentrations and deposition rates for incremental particulate matter (TSP, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and dust deposition) are below the applicable impact assessment criteria at all assessment locations for both the existing and proposed scenarios.

Cumulative impacts were assessed by combining modelled impacts with recorded ambient background levels. The cumulative results showed that compliance with applicable NSW EPA impact assessment criteria is predicted at all assessment locations for all pollutants and averaging periods.

A range of best practice dust mitigation measures are, and will continue to be, employed at CES. These include the use of water carts and sprays, paved roads, enclosed conveyors, enclosed processing plant and watering of coal stockpiles. These measures have been taken into account in the emissions estimation and modelling of each scenario.

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Abbreviations

AHD	Australian height datum
Approved Methods for Modelling	<i>Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i>
AQIA	Air quality impact assessment
AWS	Automatic weather station
BoM	Bureau of Meteorology
CES	Cooranbong Entry Site
CHP	Coal handling plant
CO	carbon monoxide
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
DoE	Commonwealth Department of the Environment
DPIE	Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
EPL	Environment protection licence
LGA	Local government area
LMCC	Lake Macquarie City Council
Mtpa	Million tonnes per annum
Myuna	Myuna Colliery
NCS	Northern Coal Services
NO _x	Oxides of nitrogen
PM ₁₀	Particulate matter less than 10 microns in aerodynamic diameter
PM _{2.5}	Particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in aerodynamic diameter
ROM	Run-of-mine
SO ₂	Sulfur dioxide
SSD	State significant development
TAPM	The Air Pollution Model
TEOM	Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance
TSP	Total suspected particulates
US-EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
VOC	Volatile organic compound



Appendix A

Meteorological processing and modelling



A.1 Meteorological data analysis for the Myuna AWS, 2017-2019



Figure A.1 Data completeness analysis plot – Myuna AWS – 2017 to 2019

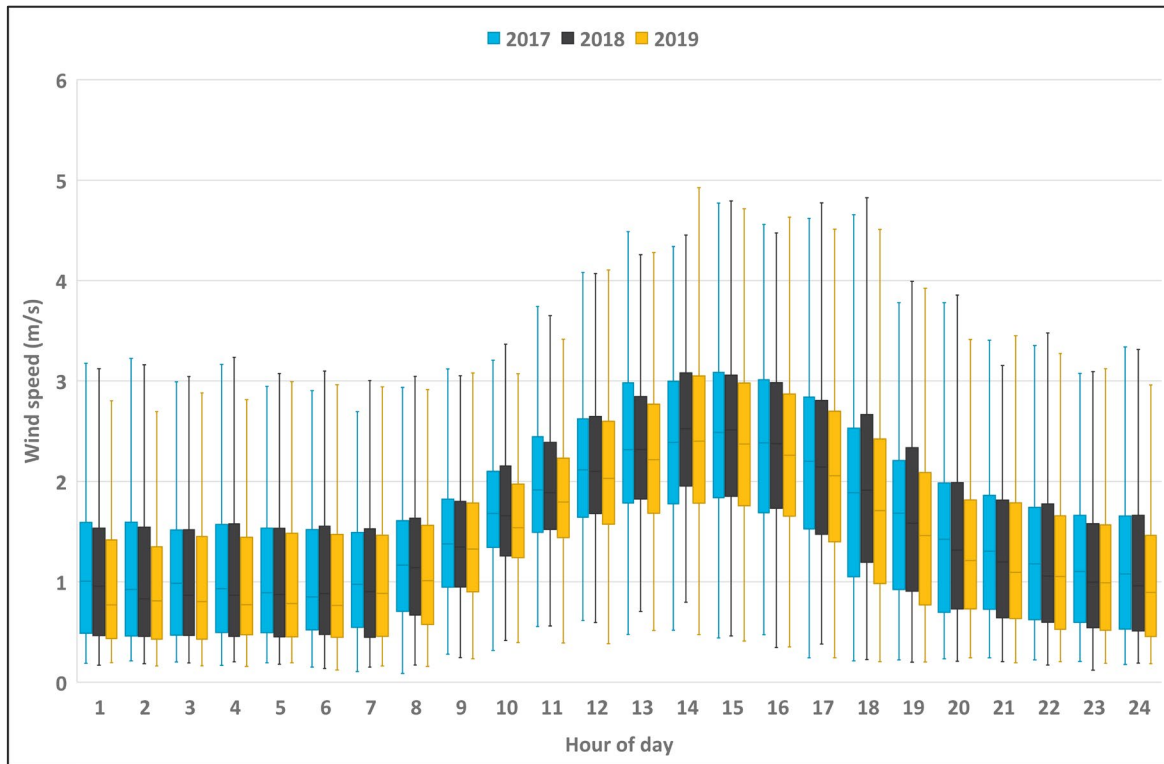


Figure A.2 Inter-annual variability in diurnal wind speed – Myuna AWS – 2017 to 2019

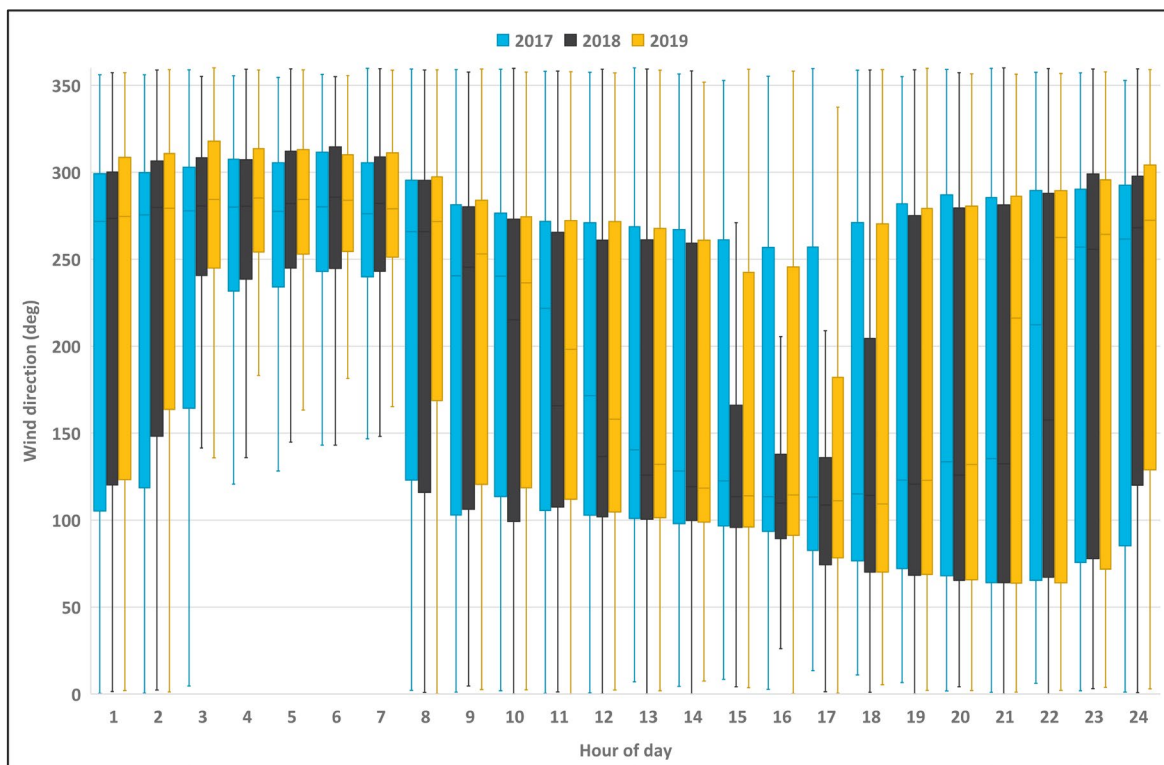


Figure A.3 Inter-annual variability in diurnal wind direction – Myuna AWS – 2017 to 2019

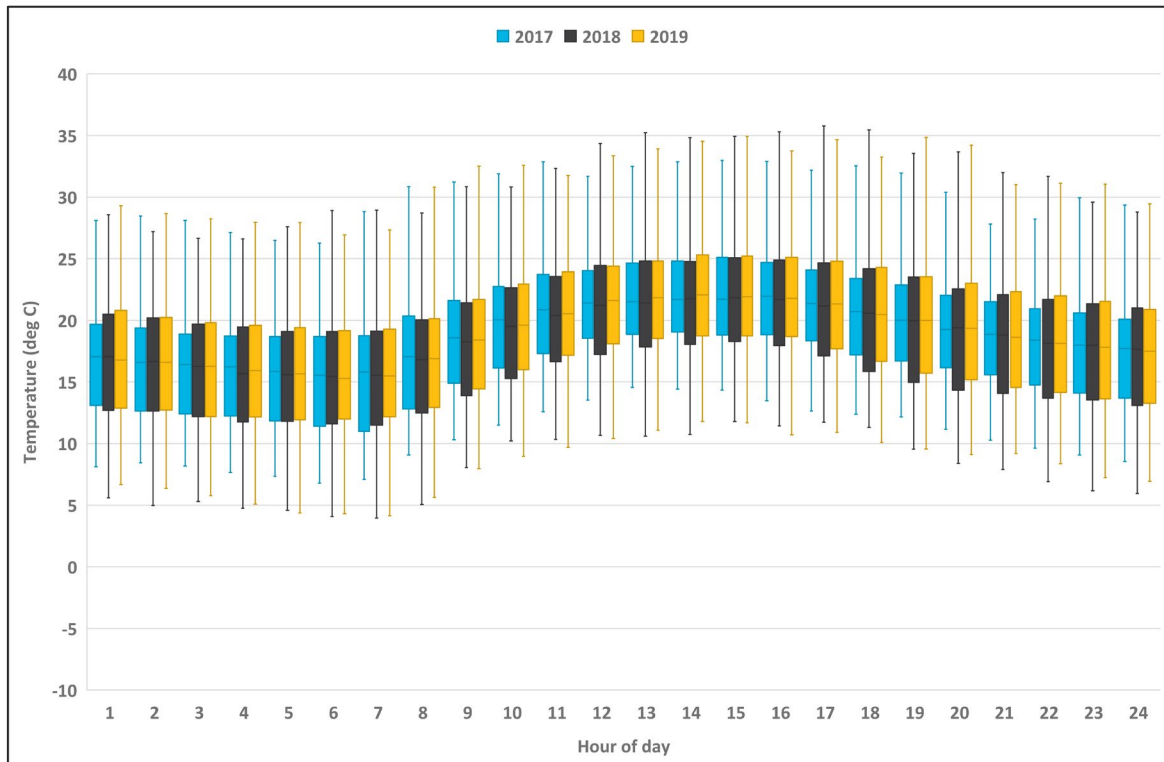


Figure A.4 Inter-annual variability in diurnal air temperature – Myuna AWS – 2017 to 2019

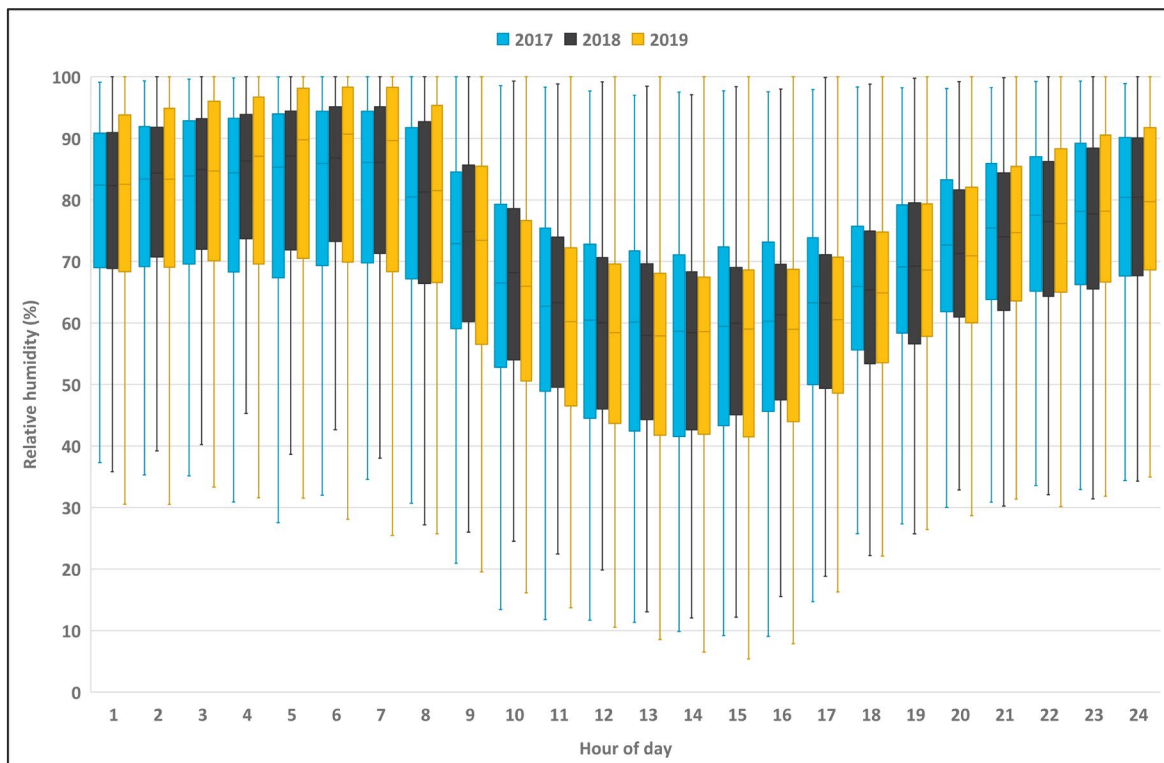


Figure A.5 Inter-annual variability in diurnal relative humidity – Myuna AWS – 2017 to 2019

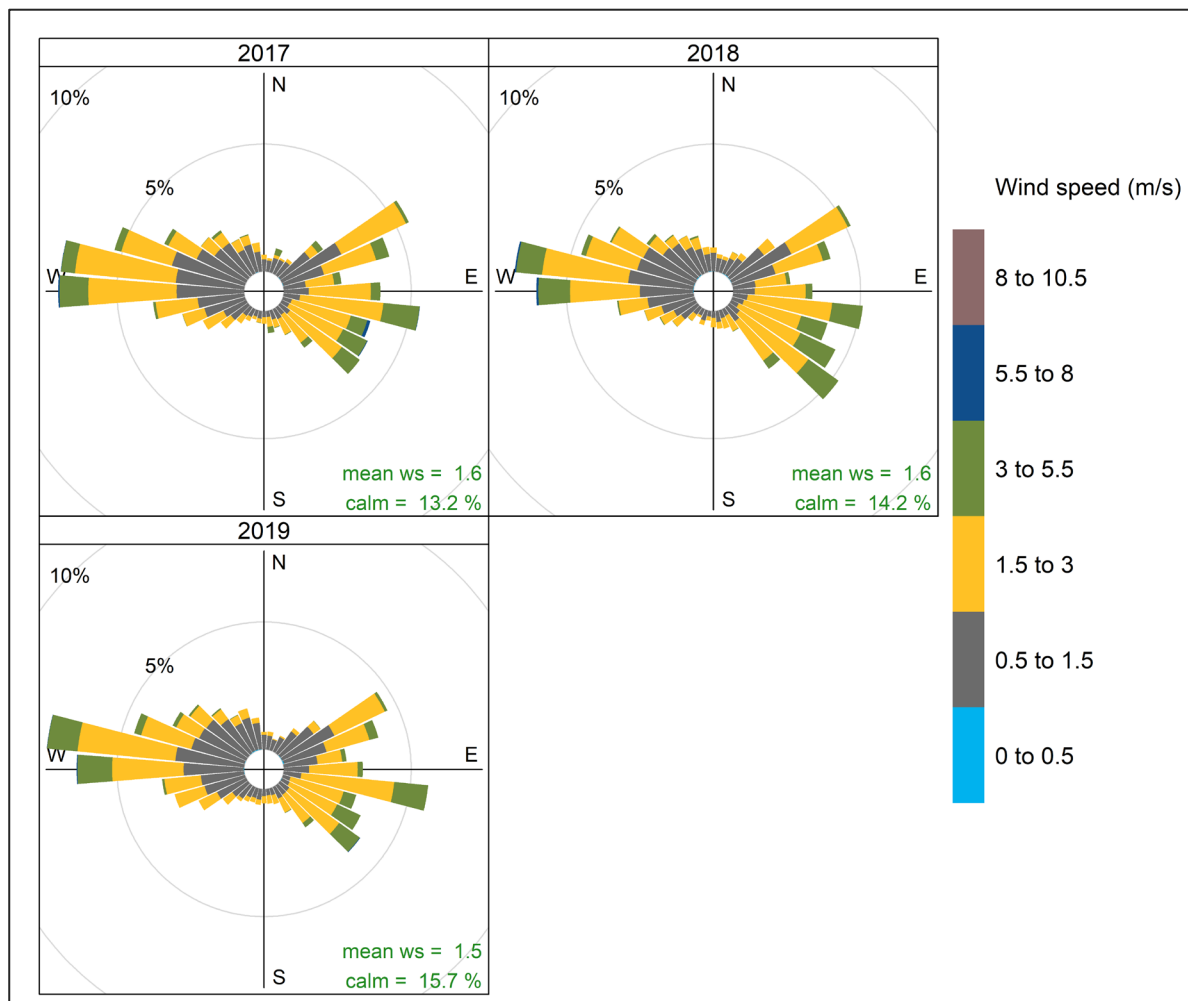


Figure A.6 Inter-annual comparison of recorded wind speed and direction – Myuna AWS – 2017 to 2019

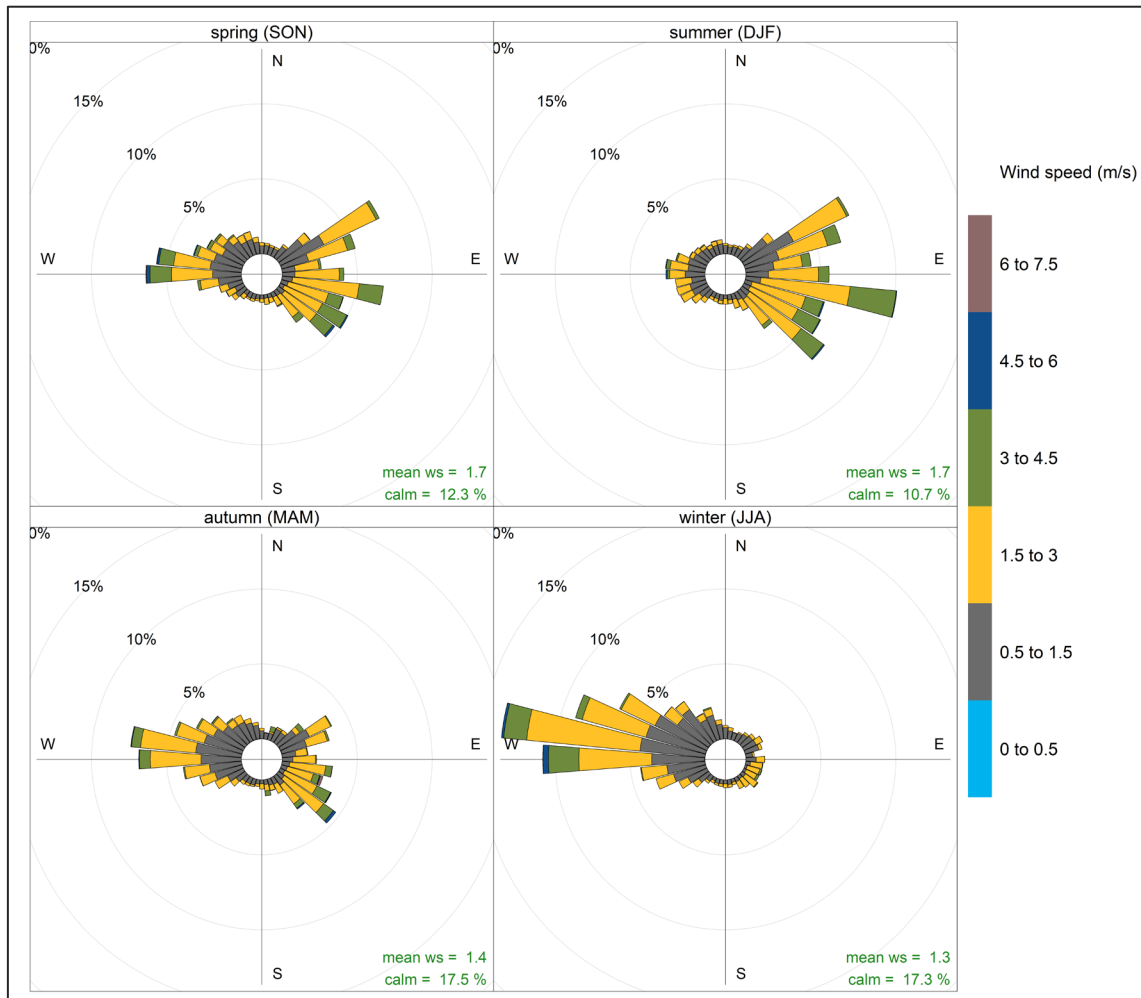


Figure A.7 Seasonal wind speed and direction – Myuna AWS – 2017-2019

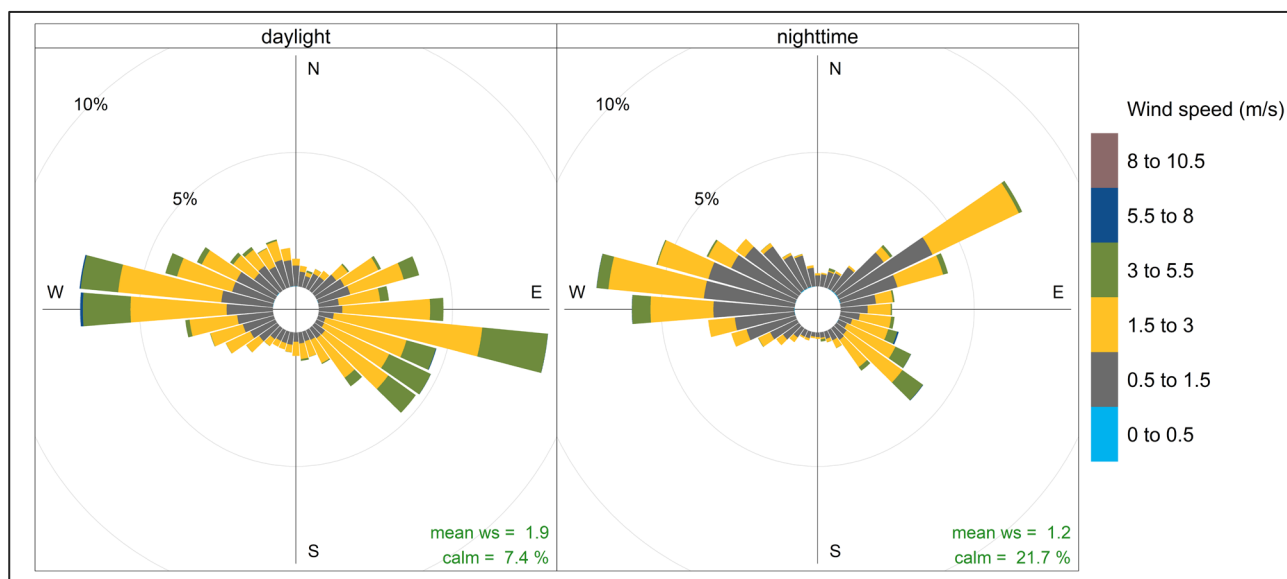


Figure A.8 Diurnal wind speed and direction – Myuna AWS – 2017-2019

A.2 Meteorological modelling

i TAPM modelling

To supplement the meteorological monitoring datasets adopted for this assessment, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industry Research Organisation (CSIRO) prognostic meteorological model The Air Pollution Model (TAPM) was used to generate required parameters that are not routinely measured, specifically cloud content and height data.

TAPM was configured and run as follows:

- TAPM version 4.0.5;
- inclusion of high resolution (90 m) regional topography (improvement over default 250 m resolution data);
- grid domains with cell resolutions of 30 km, 10 km and 3 km. Each grid domain features 25 x 25 horizontal grid points and 35 vertical levels;
- TAPM default databases for land use, synoptic analyses and sea surface temperature;
- TAPM defaults for advanced meteorological inputs; and
- two 'spin-up' days allowed at the beginning and end of the run.

A surface observations file was included in TAPM with meteorological data from:

- Myuna AWS;
- Centennial Awaba AWS;
- Centennial Mandalong AWS;
- Delta Coal's Mannering AWS; and
- BoM Cooranbong (Lake Macquarie AWS).

ii CALMET

The CALMET/CALPUFF model suite was chosen for this study. CALMET was used to produce 3-dimensional meteorological fields for use in the CALPUFF model.

In the absence of upper air measurements, CALMET can be run using prognostic upper air data (as a three-dimensional '3D.dat' file), which is used to derive an initial wind field (known as the Step 1 wind field in the CALMET model). The model then incorporates mesoscale and local scale effects, including surface observations, to adjust the wind field. This modelling approach is known as the 'hybrid' approach (TRC 2011) and is adopted for this assessment. TAPM was used to generate gridded upper air data for each hour of the model run period, for input into CALMET.

A CALMET grid of 30 km by 30 km was run with a resolution of 500 m. Surface meteorological data from the Myuna AWS, Centennial-owned stations at Awaba and, Mandalong and Delta Coal's Mannering and the BoM Cooranbong (Lake Macquarie AWS) was incorporated into the modelling. Cloud amount and cloud height data were incorporated in CALMET through the use of the prognostic 3-dimensional data extracted from TAPM.

The observations at the surface stations provided the dominant influence on the derived wind field and the resultant dispersion meteorology within the model. The distance at which the observation influences the model (radius of influence) is determined by the CALMET setting 'RMAX'. The relative importance of the observation in the model (relative weighting of the Step 1 wind field and the observation) is determined by the CALMET setting 'R1'.

An RMAX of 3 km and R1 of 1.5 km was assigned in the model to reflect the local scale topographical influence seen in the observational data.

The detailed CALMET model options used are presented in Table A.1. These were selected in accordance with recommendations in in TRC (2011). Surface observations were included in the modelling (referred to as data assimilation) to provide real-world observations and improve the accuracy of the wind fields.

Table A.1 CALMET model options used

Flag	Descriptor	Default	Value used
IEXTRP	Extrapolate surface wind observations to upper layers	Similarity theory	Similarity theory
BIAS (NZ)	Relative weighting given to vertically extrapolated surface observations versus upper air data	No default	-1, -0.989, -0.971, -0.937, -0.868, -0.731, -0.479, -0.089, 0.427, 1.0
TERRAD	Radius of influence of terrain	No default (typically 5-15 km)	3
RMAX1 and RMAX2	Maximum radius of influence over land observations in layer 1 and aloft	No default	3, 3
R1 and R2	Distance from observations in layer 1 and aloft at which observations and Step 1 wind field are weighted equally	No default	1.5, 1.5



Appendix B

Emissions inventory detail



B.1 Introduction

Particulate matter emissions were quantified through the application of accepted published emission estimation factors, collated from a combination of United States Environmental Protection Agency (US-EPA) AP-42 Air Pollutant Emission Factors and US-EPA Exhaust Emissions Standards, including the following:

- US-EPA AP-42 Chapter 13.2.4.4 – Aggregate handling and storage piles (US-EPA 2006a);
- US-EPA AP-42 Chapter 13.2.1.3 – Paved roads (US-EPA 2011);
- US-EPA AP-42 Chapter 11, Table 11.19.2-1 – Tertiary crushing (controlled) (US-EPA 2004);
- US-EPA AP-42 Chapter 11, Table 11.19.2-1 – Screening (controlled) (US-EPA 2004);
- US-EPA AP-42 Chapter 11, Table 11.19.2-1 – Tertiary crushing (controlled) (US-EPA 2004);
- US-EPA AP-42 Chapter 13.2.5.3 – Industrial wind erosion (US-EPA 2006b);
- US-EPA AP-42 Chapter 11, Table 11.9-4 – Wind erosion of exposed areas (US-EPA 1998b); and
- US-EPA Nonroad Compression-Ignition Engines: Exhaust Emission Standards (EPA-420-B-16-022, March 2016).

Annual projections of diesel consumption were sourced from Centennial NCS. Assumptions adopted were:

- the proposed construction equipment fleet comprised primarily of equipment with an engine power greater than 130 kW;
- for engines greater than 130 kW, the corresponding USEPA (USEPA 2016) Tier 2 emission standards for PM of 0.2 g/kWh was selected;
- the g/kWh emission standard was converted to g per litre of diesel by applying a scaling factor of 3, as per the notes for Table 35 in *NPI Emission Estimation Technique Manual for Combustion Engines* (NPI 2008); and
- the PM emission standard is assumed to correspond to PM₁₀, with PM_{2.5} emissions derived from the relationship between PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} emission factors presented in Table 35 in NPI, 2008 (91.7%).

Particulate releases were quantified for TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} as documented in subsequent sections.

B.2 Particulate matter emissions inventory

Emissions inventories developed for the existing and proposed scenarios are presented in Table B.1 and Table B.2.

Table B.1 Existing scenario emissions inventory

Source name	Emission estimate TSP (kg/year)	Emission estimate PM ₁₀ (kg/year)	Emission estimate PM _{2.5} (kg/year)	Activity rate	Units	TSP emission factor	PM ₁₀ emission factor	PM _{2.5} emission factor	Unit	Parameter 1	Unit	Parameter 2	Unit	Parameter 3	Unit	Parameter 4	Unit	Reduction factor	Emission control	Emission factor source	
South Drift Conveyor transfer from portal to ROM coal bin	269	54	8	5,500,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation	
Unloading coal from conveyor to ROM coal bin	196	39	6	4,000,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation	
Loading coal on to export conveyor	73	15	2	1,500,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation	
Unloading coal from conveyor to 100,000 t ROM stockpile	135	27	4	825,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.5	Watering	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation	
Loading coal to 100,000 t stockpile into trucks by FEL	43,484	6,100	826	825,000	t/y	0.0074	0.001	0.0001	kg/t											USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation	
Conveyor unloading coal to truck loading bin	33	7	1	675,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation	
Loading coal from truck loading bin to trucks	220	44	7	675,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)							USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation	
Unloading coal to 3,000 t stockpile	13,166	1,849	250	500,000	t/y	0.0527	0.0074	0.00100	kg/t									0.5	Watering	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation	
FELs unloading coal from 3,000 t stockpile to reclaimor	3,950	555	75	500,000	t/y	0.0527	0.00739	0.00100	kg/t									0.85	Watering & reduced drop height	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation	
Coal breaking	405	182	34	4,500,000	t/y	0.0006	0.0003	0.00005	kg/t									0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 11.9.2.1 - Tertiary crushing (controlled)	
Coal screening	743	250	17	4,500,000	t/y	0.0011	0.00037	0.00003	kg/t									0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 11.9.2.1 - Screening (controlled)	
Conveyor transfer to crusher	405	182	34	4,500,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation	
Coal crushing	405	182	34	4,500,000	t/y	0.0006	0.00027	0.00005	kg/t									0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 11.9.2.1 - Tertiary crushing (controlled)	
Conveyor transfer from crusher to final product bin	220	44	7	4,500,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation	
Conveyor transfer from product bin to enclosed overland conveyor (to Eraring Power Station)	220	44	7	4,500,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation	
Hauling coal around site (excludes private haul roads)	47	9	2	84,096	VKT/year	1.1077	0.2126	0.0514	kg/VKT	4.3	Road silt loading (g/m³)	0.6	Haul distance (km)	140,160	Loads/year		75	Average weight (t)	0.5	Water cart	USEPA AP-42 13.2.1 - Paved roads
Wind erosion of Emergency stockpile	16	8	1	0.05	Area (ha)	941	471	71	kg/ha/year									0.65	Watering and vegetative windbreaks	USEPA AP-42 13.2.5.3 - Industrial wind erosion of exposed areas	
Wind erosion of 100,000 t ROM stockpile	214	107	16	0.85	Area (ha)	941	471	71	kg/ha/year									0.85	Watering and vegetative windbreaks	USEPA AP-42 13.2.5.3 - Industrial wind erosion of exposed areas	
Wind erosion of 3,000 t ROM stockpile	42	21	3	0.09	Area (ha)	941	471	71	kg/ha/year									0.5	Watering	USEPA AP-42 13.2.5.3 - Industrial wind erosion of exposed areas	
Upcast vent shafts	31,221	5,046	1,577																		
Diesel diesel combustion	64	64	59																		
Total	95,308	14,689	2,942																		

Table B.2 **Proposed scenario emissions inventory**

Source name	Emission estimate TSP (kg/year)	Emission estimate PM ₁₀ (kg/year)	Emission estimate PM _{2.5} (kg/year)	Activity rate	Units	TSP emission factor	PM ₁₀ emission factor	PM _{2.5} emission factor	Unit	Parameter 1	Unit	Parameter 2	Unit	Parameter 3	Unit	Parameter 4	Unit	Reduction factor	Emission control	Emission factor source
South Drift Conveyor transfer from portal to ROM coal bin	220	44	7	4,500,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation
Unloading coal from conveyor to ROM coal bin	147	29	4	3,000,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation
Loading coal on to export conveyor	73.4	14.6	2.2	1,500,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation
Unloading coal from conveyor to 100,000 t ROM stockpile	135	26.8	4.1	825,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.5	Watering	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation
Unloading coal from 100,000 t stockpile into trucks by FEL	43,449	6,100	826	825,000	t/y	0.0074	0.0017	0.0002	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation
Conveyor unloading coal to truck loading bin	33	7	1	675,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation
Unloading coal from truck loading bin to trucks	220	44	7	675,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.5	Watering	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation
Trucks unloading coal to 3,000 t stockpile (incl. Myuna coal)	39,499	5,546	750	1,500,000	t/y	0.0527	0.0074	0.00100	kg/t									0.85	Watering & reduced drop height	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation
FELS unloading coal from 3,000 t stockpile to reclaimers	11,850	1,664	225	1,500,000	t/y	0.0527	0.0074	0.00100	kg/t									0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 11.9.2.1 - Tertiary crushing
Coal breaking	405	182	34	4,500,000	t/y	0.0006	0.00027	0.00005	kg/t									0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 11.9.2.1 - Screening
Coal screening	743	250	17	4,500,000	t/y	0.0011	0.0004	0.00003	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation
Conveyor transfer to crusher	220	44	7	4,500,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation
Coal crushing	405	182	34	4,500,000	t/y	0.0006	0.00027	0.00005	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 11.9.2.1 - Tertiary crushing
Conveyor transfer from crusher to final product bin	220	44	7	4,500,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation
Conveyor transfer from product bin to enclosed overland conveyor (to Eraring Power Station)	220	44	7	4,500,000	t/y	0.0003	0.0001	0.00001	kg/t	1.71	Average wind speed (m/s)	7.4	Moisture content (%)					0.85	Enclosure and water sprays	USEPA AP-42 13.2.4 - Materials handling equation
Hauling coal around site (excludes private haul roads)	47	9	2	84,096 VKT/year	VKT/year	1.1077	0.2126	0.05144	kg/VKT	4.3	Road silt loading (g/m²)	0.6	Haul distance (km)	140,160 Loads/year	75 Average weight (t)			0.5	Water cart	USEPA AP-42 13.2.1 - Paved roads
Wind erosion of Emergency stockpile	16	8	1	0.05 Area (ha)	Area (ha)	941	471	71	kg/ha/year									0.65	Watering and vegetative windbreaks	USEPA AP-42 13.2.5.3 - Industrial wind erosion of exposed areas
Wind erosion of 100,000 t ROM stockpile	214	107	16	0.85 Area (ha)	Area (ha)	941	471	71	kg/ha/year									0.65	Watering and vegetative windbreaks	USEPA AP-42 13.2.5.3 - Industrial wind erosion of exposed areas
Wind erosion of 3,000 t ROM stockpile	21	42	3	0.09 Area (ha)	Area (ha)	941	471	71	kg/ha/year									0.5	Watering	USEPA AP-42 13.2.5.3 - Industrial wind erosion of exposed areas
Upcast vent shaft	31,221	5,046	1,577																	
Diesel combustion	64	64	59																	
Total	129,443	19,476	3,589																	

B.3 Project-related input data used for particulate matter emission estimates

The main inputs used in the emission estimates are summarised in Table B.3. All material volumes and loads per year were provided by Centennial NCS.

Table B.3 Inputs for emission estimation

Material properties	Value	Source of information
Paved road silt content (%)	4.3	Site-specific data were not available, therefore 4.3% was taken as the average paved road silt content from samples taken at the Wallsend and Tahmoor mines (Xstrata Coal 2012a and Xstrata Coal 2012b).
Coal moisture (%)	7.4	Site-specific data no available and therefore the average of monthly Myuna coal moisture samples taken on-site in 2018 was used.
Diesel consumption for 2018 (L/y)	107,459 (both scenarios)	Total diesel provided by Centennial. Surface diesel use estimated conservatively at 20% of total diesel.
Average wind speed (m/s)	1.71	Calculated from CALMET extract at CES.
Average truck weight (t)	75	Provided by Centennial.
Industrial wind erosion parameters	Number of disturbances per year = 8,760 Erosion potential (fastest mile of wind) (m/s) = 1.27 Threshold friction velocity at 10 m (m/s) = 0.62	No. of disturbances - The entire pile area is conservatively assumed to be disturbed every hour. Erosion potential (fastest mile) - (SKM 2005). 'Scraper trucks on coal pile' per Table 13.2.5-2 of US-EPA AP-42. It is noted that when using the threshold friction velocity corresponding to 'uncrusted coal pile', the wind erosion emission result was 0.







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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

Myuna Colliery (Myuna) is an existing underground coal mine owned and operated by Centennial Myuna Pty Limited (Centennial Myuna). Myuna's pit top is 25 kilometres (km) south-west of Newcastle, New South Wales (NSW), in the Lake Macquarie local government area (LGA) (Figure 1.1).

Myuna operates under two development consents:

- SH110_148, which was granted by Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) in 1977 under the provisions of the now repealed NSW *Local Government Act 1919* for the development and operation of the Myuna and Cooranbong collieries; and
- MP 10_0080, which was granted by the Minister of Planning and Infrastructure on 18 January 2012 under Part 3A of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) for continued mining in areas outside the area defined by SH110_148. MP 10_0080 also authorises the use of bord and pillar methods in the Wallarah, Great Northern and Fassifern coal seams and the continued use of existing infrastructure on-site until 31 December 2032.

MP 10_0080 has since been declared a State significant development (SSD) under Clause 6 of Schedule 2 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (Savings, Transitional and Other Provisions) Regulation 2017. Accordingly, Myuna now operates as an SSD approval.

Coal produced at Myuna is transferred from Myuna's pit top to the Eraring Power Station (about 4 km west of the pit top) by overland conveyor. Coal from Myuna that does not meet Eraring Power Station specifications, is stockpiled at Myuna's emergency coal stockpile until it can be reclaimed and blended with coal to meet these specifications. However, there is limited capacity to store coal at Myuna's pit top prior to blending and dispatch.

The Northern Coal Logistics Project regulates coal handling, processing, and transport operations at the Newstan Colliery Surface Site, Cooranbong Entry Site (CES) and associated private haul roads, and also the use of various other surface infrastructure items. The Northern Coal Logistics Project operates under SSD-5145, which was granted by the Minister for Planning on 29 September 2015.

CES is approximately 2 km north of Dora Creek in the Lake Macquarie LGA (Figure 1.1). It was originally developed as part of Cooranbong Colliery. CES comprises a coal handling plant (CHP), coal stockpiles, workshop building, administration building, car park and water management infrastructure. CES is approved to receive and process ROM coal from Mandalong Mine (SSD-5144). Coal handled at CES can be delivered to either the Eraring Power Station via overland conveyor or to Newstan Colliery for further processing and transfer into the export market.

In recent months, Centennial Myuna has been experiencing fluctuations in coal quality with some product coal not meeting Eraring Power Station specifications. Centennial Myuna has assessed a number of options to ensure that it can continue to meet its contractual obligations to supply coal to Eraring Power Station. This assessment found that the best option is to blend coal from Myuna with coal from Mandalong Mine, with blending occurring at both at Myuna's pit top and at CES. This would allow Centennial Myuna to continue to provide a secure supply of coal to Eraring Power Station and to secure ongoing employment for Myuna's workforce.

Centennial Myuna is seeking to modify MP 10_0080, pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act, to allow coal to be transferred between Myuna's pit top and CES, blending of this coal at Myuna, and associated activities. Coal would be transported between Myuna's pit top and CES by truck.

At the same time Centennial Myuna is seeking to modify MP 10_0080, Centennial Northern Coal Services Pty Limited (Centennial NCS) will submit a modification application for SSD-5145 to allow coal from Myuna to be received, handled and blended at CES.

1.2 Assessment guidelines and requirements

This traffic impact assessment (TIA) has been prepared to accompany the modification report and assesses the traffic impacts of the proposed modification on the local road network.

It has been prepared in accordance with the requirement of the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority's (RTA's) *Guide to Traffic Generating Developments* (RTA 2002). This guideline remains current despite the incorporation of the RTA into NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and now Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

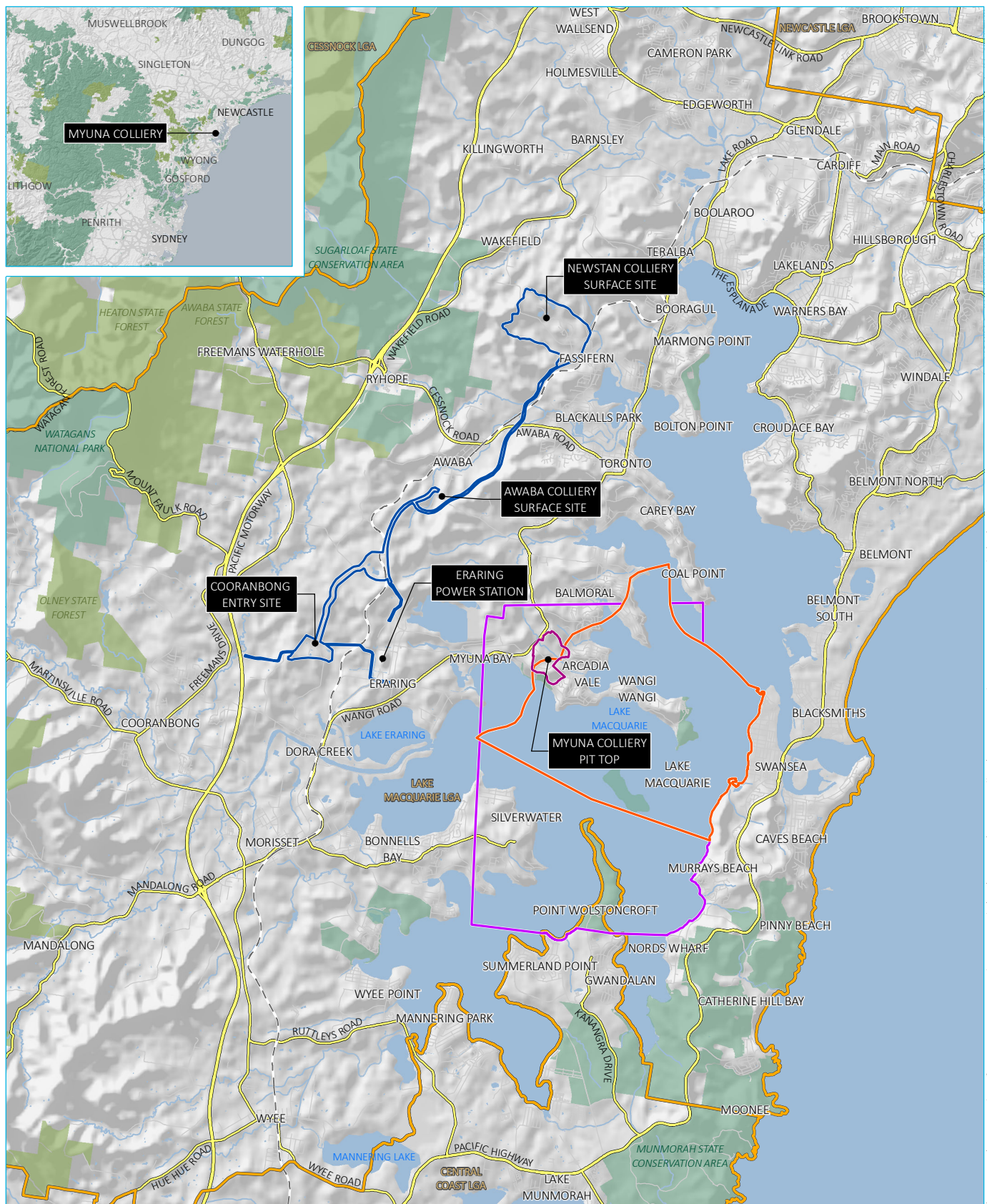
This TIA includes:

- an assessment of Myuna's existing traffic and transport arrangements;
- an assessment of road safety based on publicly available traffic accident data;
- determination of the forecast traffic generation of the proposed modification and its impacts on the local road network;
- an assessment of the vehicular ingress and egress at Myuna and the Awaba Colliery surface site as well as on the local road network; and
- an assessment of the overall impact of the proposed modification on the local road network, transport safety and efficiency.

The TIA has also considered the following guidelines:

- Austroads (2016) *Guide to Traffic Management Part 3: Traffic Studies and Analysis*;
- Austroads (2017a) *Guide to Road Design Part 4: Intersections and Crossings General*; and
- Austroads (2017b) *Guide to Road Design Part 4A: Unsignalised & Signalised Intersections*.

This TIA includes consideration of vehicle movements both to and from Myuna and CES.



Source: EMM (2020); DFSI (2017); GA (2011); ASGC (2006)

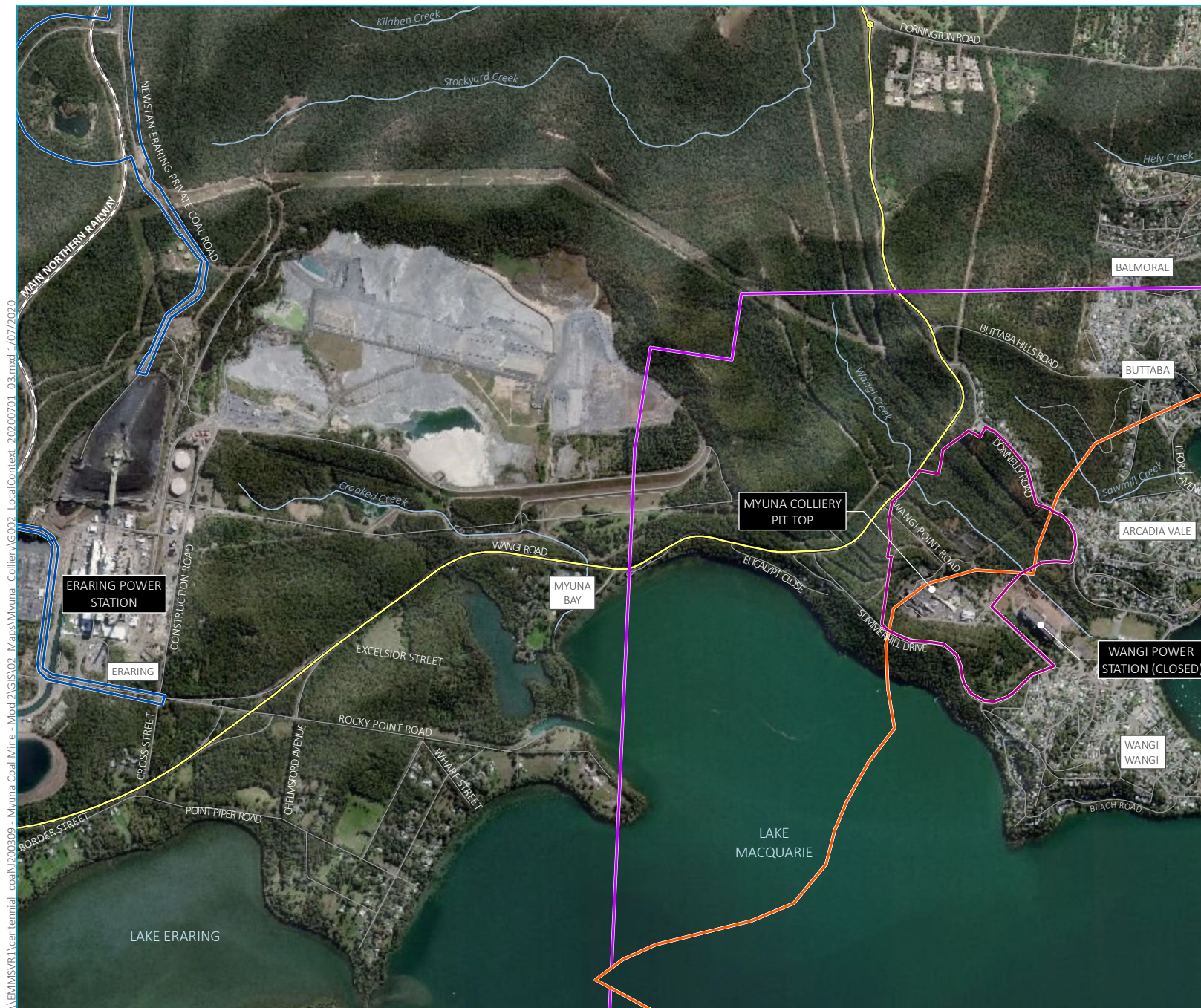


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Regional context

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Local context

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Figure 1.2

2 Existing road network

2.1 Site description

As noted in Section 1.1, Myuna operates under two development consents. The project approval boundary (Figure 1.2) is applicable to MP 10_0080 and encompasses an area of approximately 3,773 hectares (ha). The development consent boundary (Figure 1.2) is applicable to SH110_148 and encompasses an area of approximately 3,105 ha. Myuna's surface facilities area (or pit top) sits within the project approval boundary on land owned by Centennial Fassifern Pty Ltd, a sister company of Centennial Myuna.

Myuna's pit top is currently only accessed directly from Summerhill Drive (Figure 1.2). A locked gate prevents entry to Myuna's pit top via a Centennial-owned section of Wangi Point Road off Wangi Road. Myuna's pit top is west of the residential area of Arcadia Vale, north-west of Wangi Wangi and is adjacent to the site of the former Wangi Power Station (Figure 1.2). Eraring Power Station is approximately 4 km west of Myuna's pit top.

Land uses surrounding Myuna's pit top include a mix of mining, industrial (including the now closed Wangi Wangi Power Station) and residential (including the suburbs of Wangi Wangi and Arcadia Vale). Lake Macquarie is approximately 400 m south of Myuna's pit top at its closest point. Wangi Road, Donnelly Road and Summerhill Drive are to the north-west, north-east and south of Myuna's pit top, respectively (Figure 1.2).

2.2 Road network

The NSW administrative road hierarchy comprises the following classifications, which align with the generic road hierarchy as follows:

- State roads – freeways and primary arterials (TfNSW-managed);
- regional roads – secondary or sub arterials (Council-managed and part funded by the State); and
- local roads – collector and local access roads (Council-managed).

Wangi Road is a State road managed by TfNSW. Wilton Road is a local road managed by LMCC. Wangi Point Road is a private road controlled by Centennial Myuna, which provides access from Myuna directly onto Wangi Road.

A description of Wangi Road, Wilton Road and Wangi Point Road is provided in Table 2.1, Table 2.2 and Table 2.3, respectively.

Table 2.1 Wangi Road (B53)

Aspect	Description
Road classification and connectivity	Part of State road route B53, which connects Mandalong (south-west) and Wallsend (north-east).
Alignment	Generally, north to south between Pacific Motorway at Mandalong and Newcastle Link Road at Wallsend.
Number of lanes	Generally, one lane each way with additional capacity at intersections and passing lanes at some sections. Separate cycleway lanes also available at some intersections.
Carriageway type	Sealed road with narrow road shoulder at some sections.
Carriageway width	Generally, 9–10 m, approximately 3.5 metres (m) travel lane with sealed shoulders.
Posted speed limit	80–90 km/hr at straight and flat sections and lower speed at bends and in urban areas.
Heavy vehicle access	RMS approved 25/26 m B-double route.
Traffic function	Carries local and regional traffic, providing access to many significant traffic generating sites.



Plate 2.1 Wangi Road at Wangi Wangi

(Source: Google Earth)

Table 2.2 **Wilton Road**

Aspect	Description
Road classification and connectivity	Local road between Awaba (west) and Rathmines (east).
Alignment	Generally north-west to south-east between Cessnock Road at Awaba and Wangi Road at Rathmines.
Number of lanes	One lane each way.
Carriageway type	Sealed road with narrow shoulder.
Carriageway width	Generally 8 m, approximately 3.5 m travel lanes with narrow sealed shoulder (typically 0.5 m) at sections.
Posted speed limit	80 km/hr.
Heavy vehicle access	RMS approved 25/26 m B-double route.
Traffic function	Carries local and regional traffic (including access to Awaba Landfill and Waste Transfer Station).



Plate 2.2 **Wilton Road at Awaba**

(Source: Google Earth)

Table 2.3 **Wangi Point Road**

Aspect	Description
Road classification and connectivity	Private road providing access from Wangi Road to Myuna’s surface facilities area.
Alignment	North-west to south-east.
Number of lanes	Two-way; however, no centre or edge line provided.
Carriageway type	Sealed road, no shoulder.
Carriageway width	Approximately 6–6.5 m.
Posted speed limit	None currently, assume 50 km/hr if reopened (at Wangi Road intersection).
Heavy vehicle access	Yes.
Traffic function	Currently closed - Provides direct access to Myuna’s surface facilities area.



Plate 2.3 **Wangi Point Road at Myuna**

(Source: Google Earth)

2.3 Key intersections

Three key intersections have been considered as part of this assessment:

- Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road;
- Wangi Road/Wilton Road; and
- Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road.

The potential safety concerns at all significant T-intersections along the route between Myuna and Awaba Colliery surface site have also been considered. This includes the following intersections:

- Wangi Road/Donnelly Road;
- Wangi Road/Buttaba Hills Road;
- Wangi Road/Dorrington Road;
- Wangi Road and existing substation access; and
- Wilton Road and Awaba Landfill and Waste Transfer Station access.

As these intersections are not key intersections in terms of additional truck turning movements along the proposed transport route, no intersection capacity modelling has been undertaken at these locations.

2.3.1 Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road

This intersection is a 'give way' controlled T-intersection whereby vehicles on Wangi Point Road have to give way to traffic on Wangi Road. A right turn bay is provided (approximately 45 m long) on Wangi Road for vehicles turning right into Wangi Point Road. The geometry of the intersection is large enough for simultaneous left and right turn movements from Wangi Point Road to Wangi Road (Plate 2.4). There is a separate southbound bike lane at this intersection. Access to Myuna is currently closed via Wangi Point Road, hence there is no current traffic activity at this intersection, except the through traffic on both directions of Wangi Road.



Plate 2.4 Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road intersection

(Source: Nearmap and Google Earth)

2.3.2 Wangi Road/Wilton Road

This intersection is approximately 3.3 km north of Wangi Point Road. It is a seagull type T-junction and was upgraded by RMS (now TfNSW) to reduce delays and improve safety for the minor approach (ie Wilton Road). Right-turning vehicles from Wilton Road only need to give way to northbound vehicles and right turning vehicles on Wangi Road. After execution of the right turn, there is sufficient storage to wait and then merge safely with southbound traffic on Wangi Road. An approximately 200-m-long left turn lane allows northbound through traffic on Wangi Road to obtain an uninterrupted flow, separate from the left turning traffic. Additional road width is provided at Wilton Road on approach to the intersection for better visibility and to ensure smoother turns for heavy vehicles (Plate 2.5).



Plate 2.5 Wangi Road/Wilton Road intersection

(Source: Nearmap and Google Earth)

2.3.3 Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road

The intersection of Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road is approximately 2.5 km west of Wangi Road. No road signs are in place at this intersection. It is a T-intersection whereby vehicles leaving Awaba Colliery surface site give way to traffic on Wilton Road. The geometry allows heavy vehicles to execute turns without difficulty (Plate 2.6).

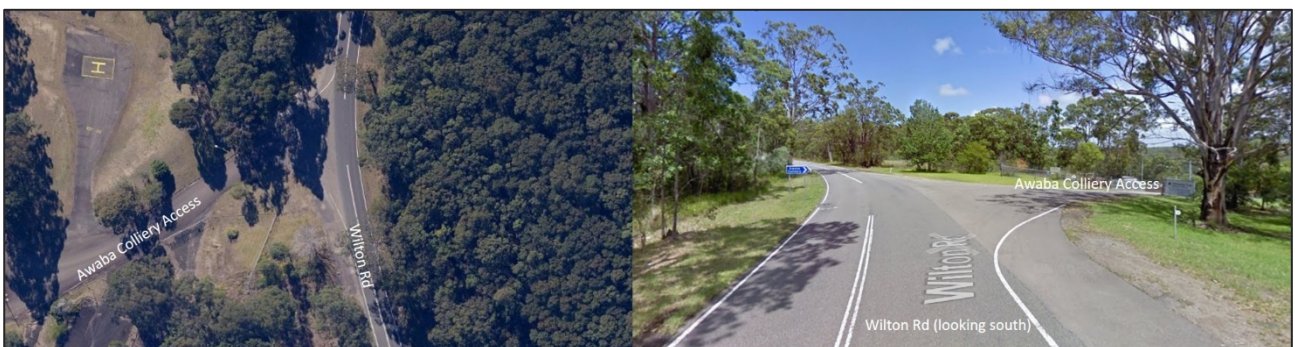


Plate 2.6 Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road intersection

(Source: Nearmap and Google Earth)

2.4 Traffic surveys

To determine existing traffic on Wangi Road and Wilton Road, two forms of traffic surveys were undertaken by private contractors (Roar Data and CFE), namely automatic tube counts and intersection surveys at a number of locations. The results are discussed below.

2.4.1 Tube counts

Tube counts were undertaken on Wangi Road and Wilton Road from 19 to 25 November 2019, which was outside of school holiday periods (Appendix A). A summary of the tube count data is presented in Figure 2.1.

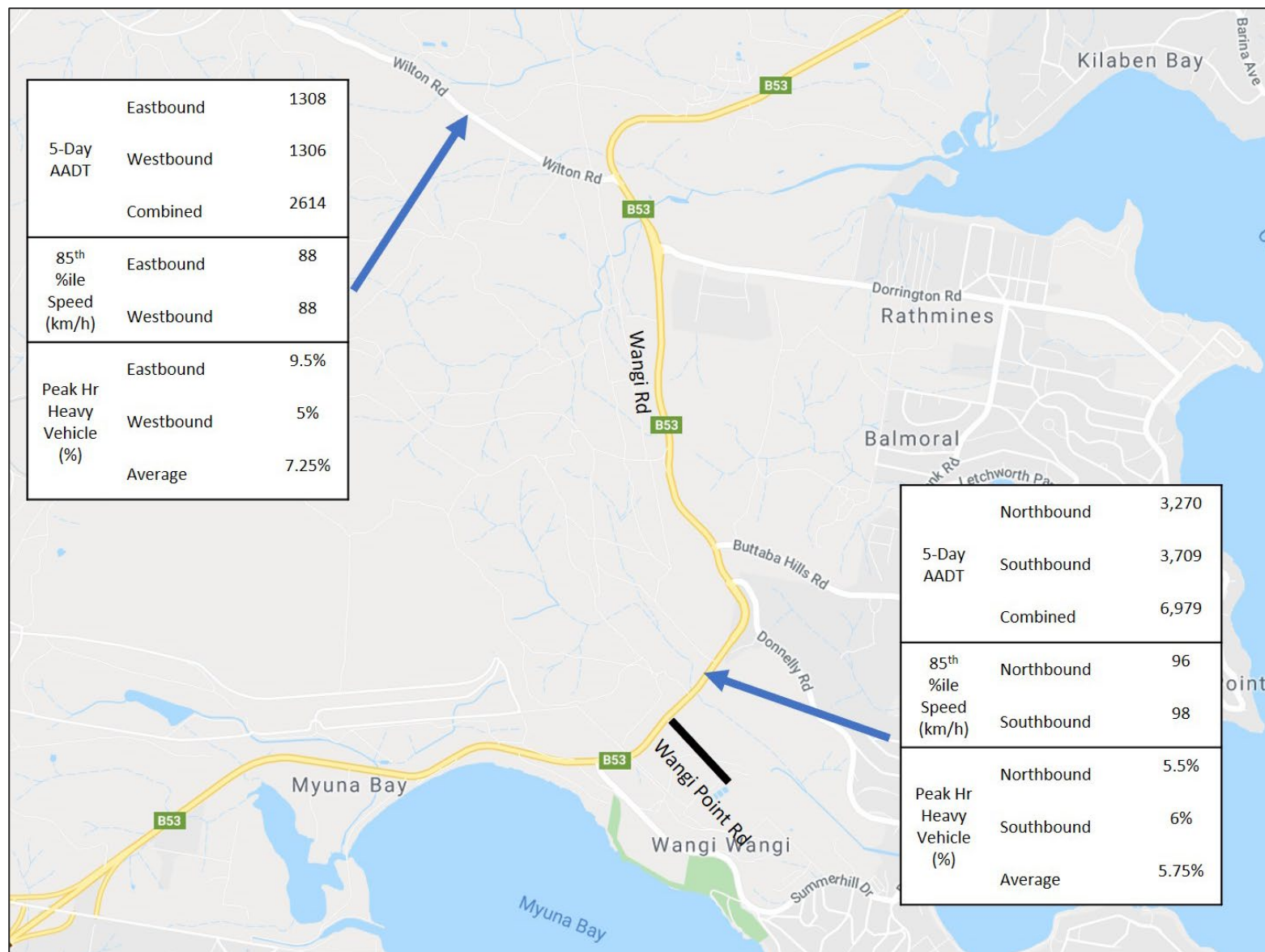


Figure 2.1 Traffic survey results on Wangi Road and Wilton Road

The results indicate that bidirectional daily traffic volumes on Wangi Road near Myuna are approximately 7,000 vehicles. The recorded speed on Wangi Road at this location is, on average, approximately 10% over the posted speed limit of 90 km/hr. Based on the tube count, Wangi Road carries an average of 5.75% heavy vehicles.

The results indicate that Wilton Road carries an average of 2,614 vehicles on a typical weekday. Speed in both directions is, on average, more than the posted speed limit of 80 km/hr; but marginally within 10% of the upper limit. Based on the tube counts, Wilton Road carries an average of 7.25% heavy vehicles. Heavy vehicles related to the Awaba Landfill and Waste Transfer Station use this section of Wilton Road.

2.4.2 Primary intersection counts

Intersection counts were undertaken during peak periods on 21 August 2019 and 19 November 2019 at the intersections of Wangi Road/Wilton Road and Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road, respectively (Appendix B). No intersection counts were undertaken at the intersection of Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road as the locked gate currently prevents access to Myuna at this location. However, the northbound and southbound through traffic volumes on Wangi Road were extracted from the nearby tube count data.

The identified peak hours at each of the three intersections were determined as follows:

- Wangi Road/Wilton Road:
 - morning (AM) peak: 7-8 am; and
 - afternoon (PM) peak: 3-4pm;
- Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road:
 - morning (AM) peak: 7.30-8.30 am; and
 - afternoon (PM) peak: 3.30-4.30 pm;
- Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road:
 - morning (AM) peak: 7-8 am; and
 - afternoon (PM) peak: 3-4 pm.

The three intersections are at least 2.5 km apart. Therefore, as a conservative approach, the AM and PM peak hour traffic volumes at each of the intersections were taken as their individual peaks.

The results of the intersection counts are presented in Figure 2.2.

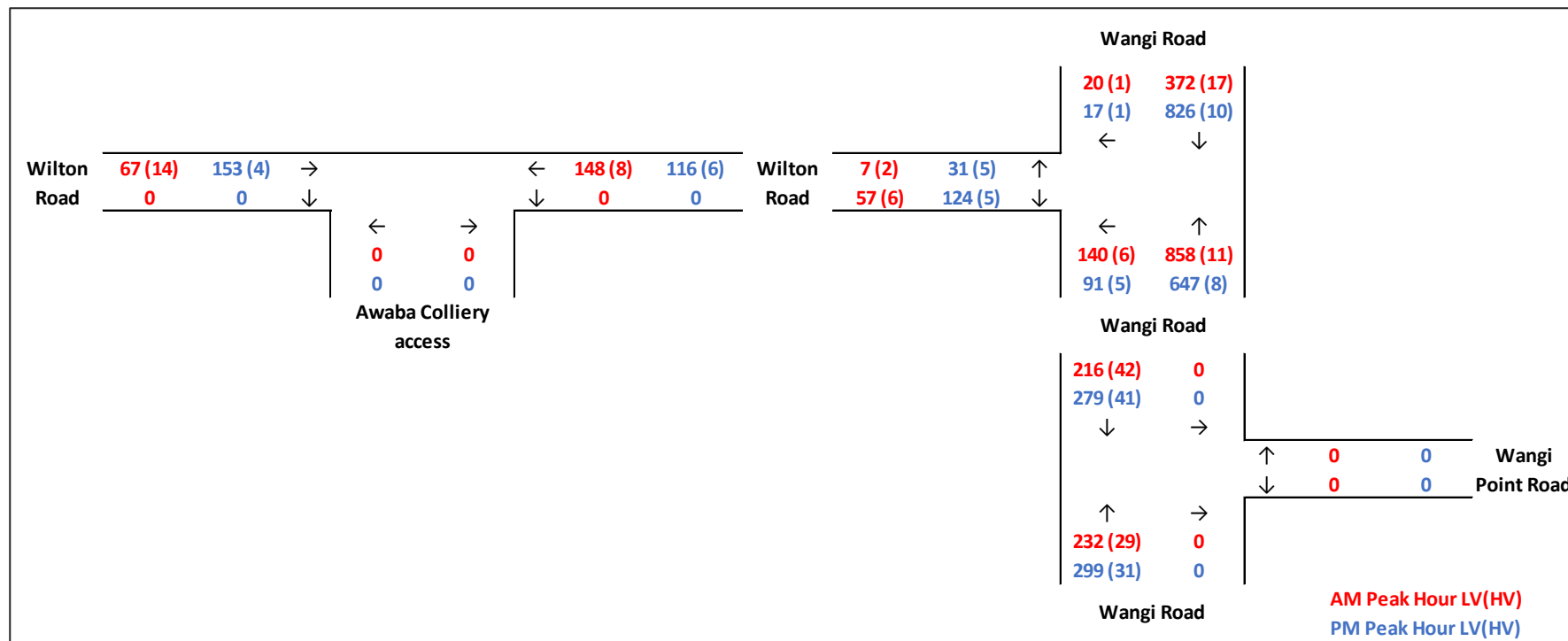


Figure 2.2 Primary intersection counts

2.4.3 Secondary intersection counts

In addition to the key intersection counts, 10-minute sample traffic counts were also undertaken during the morning peak periods on 1 June 2020 at three other intersections as part of a review of their intersection designs and traffic safety considerations for traffic movements along Wangi Road, including:

- Wangi Road/Donnelly Road;
- Wangi Road/Buttaba Hills Road; and
- Wangi Road/Dorrington Road.

There will be no truck traffic turning at these intersections as a result of the proposed modification.

The survey results were multiplied by six to obtain the approximate morning peak hour traffic turning volumes. As the peak hourly traffic movements on Wangi Road are generally tidal (ie heavy northbound bias in the morning and heavy southbound bias in the afternoon), the afternoon peak hour turning volumes were estimated as the reverse of the AM peak hour traffic movements (ie the afternoon peak right turning traffic volumes from Wangi Road into Dorrington Road are equal to the morning peak left turning traffic from Dorrington Road onto Wangi Road). Additionally, the through traffic movements along Wangi Road were available from other nearby intersection counts (Figure 2.2).

Based on their proximity to the nearest surveyed intersection, the through traffic volumes at each intersection were taken as follows:

- Wangi Road/Dorrington Road – adopted from Wangi Road/Wilton Road;
- Wangi Road/Buttaba Hills Road – adopted from Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road; and
- Wangi Road/Donnelly Road – adopted from Wangi Road/ Wangi Point Road.

The combined through traffic and turning traffic volumes for these three intersections are presented in Figure 2.3. As these three intersections are not identified as key access intersections as part of this assessment, their operating safety and intersection design standards have been reviewed; however, no intersection traffic capacity or delay analyses have been undertaken.

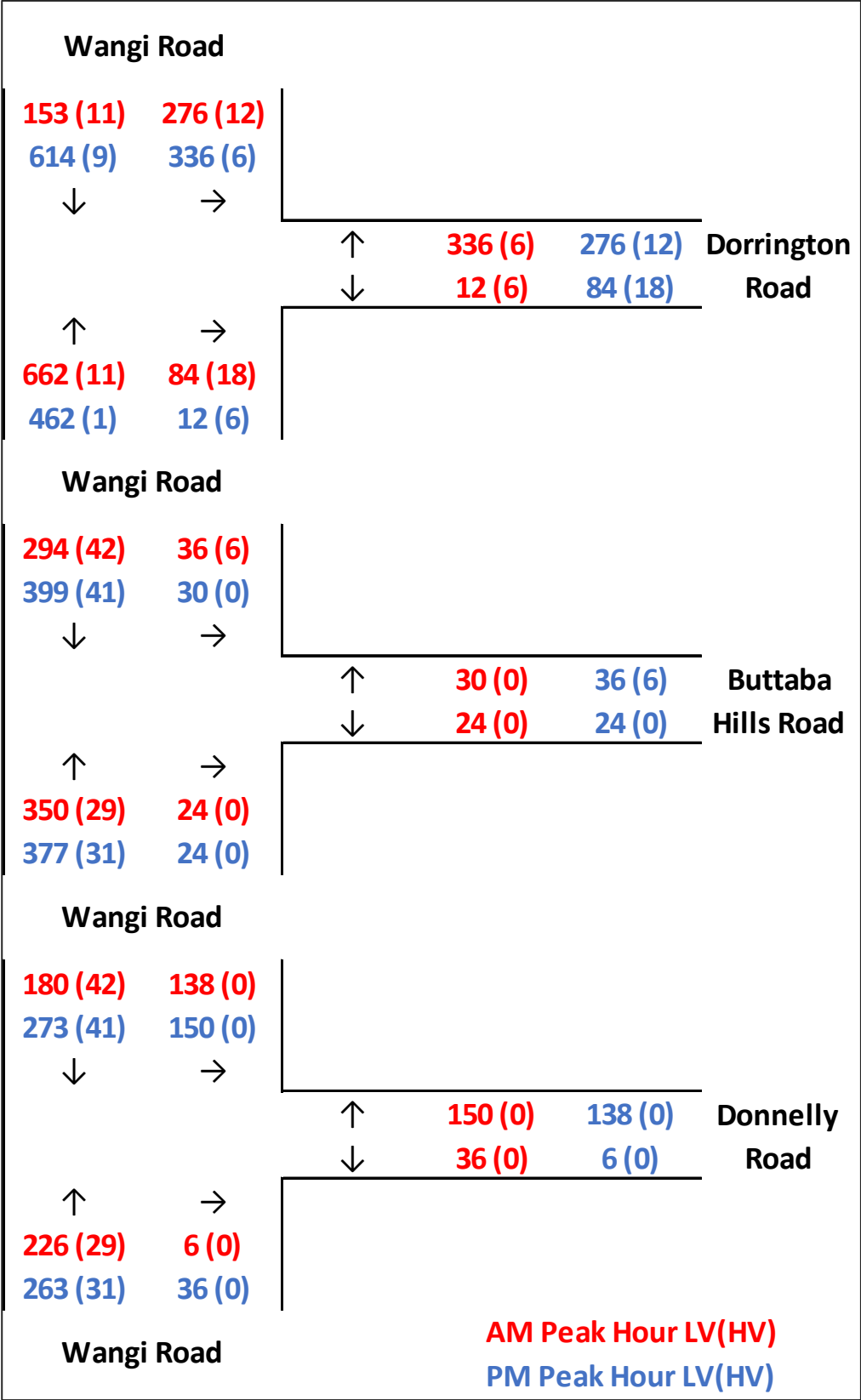


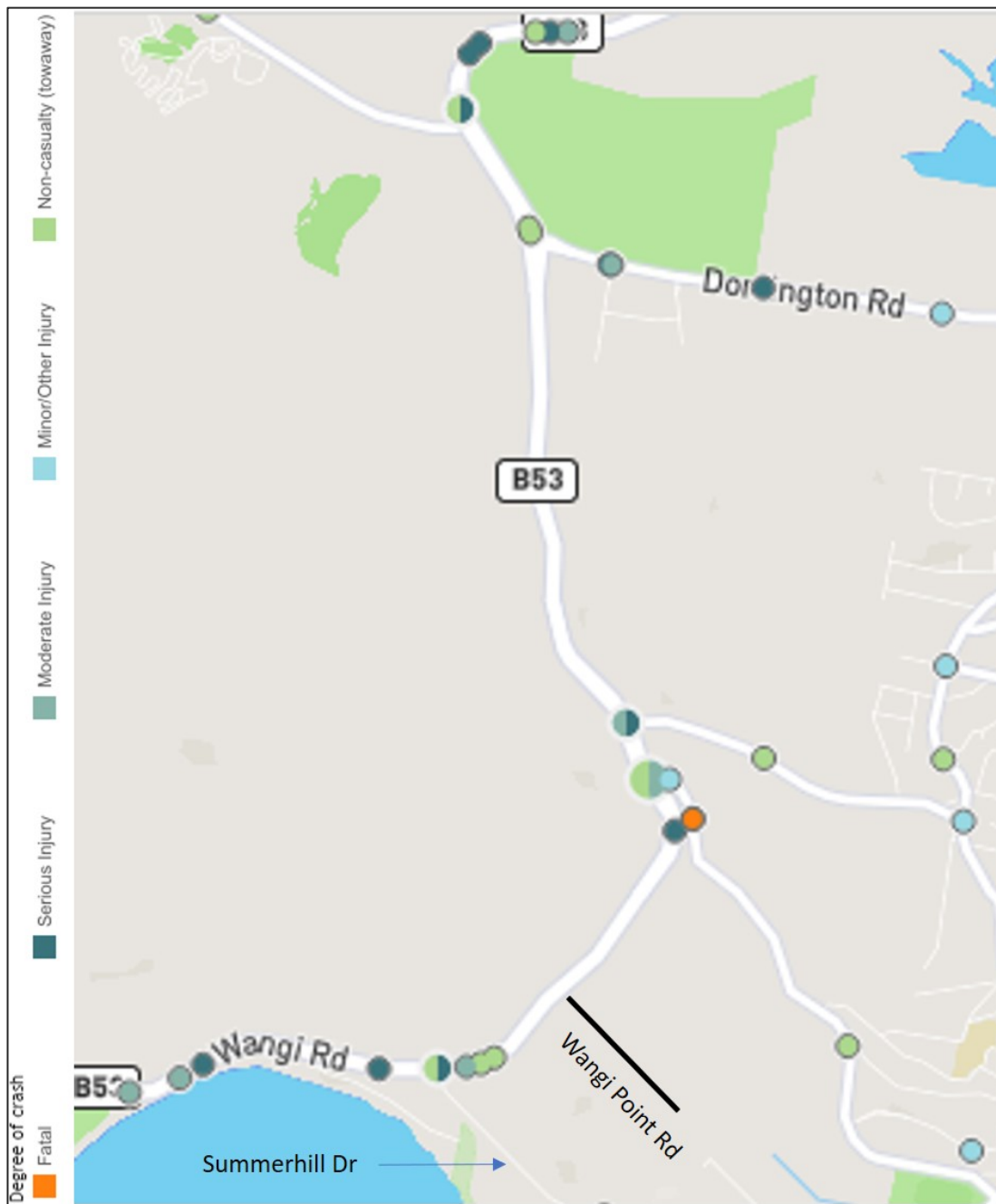
Figure 2.3 Secondary intersection counts

2.5 Road safety

The TfNSW Centre of Road Safety traffic accident data for Wangi Road and Wilton Road has been analysed for the years between 2014 and 2018 inclusive.

2.5.1 Wangi Road (between Wangi Point Road and Wilton Road)

A total of 10 traffic accidents were recorded on Wangi Road, primarily at intersections (Figure 2.4 and Table 2.4).



Source: TfNSW 2019

Figure 2.4 Accident data for Wangi Road (2014–2018)

Table 2.4 Traffic accident data for Wangi Road

Year	Accident ID	Degree of accident	Accident type	Natural lighting	Type of vehicle involved
2014	1029028	Serious Injury	Off road at bend	Daylight	Light vehicle
2014	1024372	Non-casualty	Rear end	Daylight	Light vehicle
2014	1024535	Non-casualty	Cross traffic at T-Junction	Daylight	Light vehicle
2014	1040913	Non-casualty	Rear end	Daylight	Light vehicle
2015	1068733	Moderate Injury	Other straight	Darkness	Light vehicle
2015	1086960	Serious Injury	Cross traffic at T-Junction	Daylight	Light vehicle
2015	1087960	Moderate Injury	Right through	Daylight	Light vehicle
2017	1138384	Non-casualty	Right near at T- junction	Dusk	Light vehicle
2017	1163580	Moderate Injury	Over adjustment at T-junction	Daylight	Light vehicle
2018	1184659	Moderate Injury	Right near at T-junction	Daylight	Light vehicle

The majority of accidents occurred in 2014 and 2015. In more recent years, the magnitude of accidents decreased noticeably. This is evidently a benefit from the various road safety improvements including guard rails and jersey kerbs that have been installed at various locations along Wangi Road over the past five years.

The seagull turning lane and associated intersection geometry upgrade at Wangi Road and Wilton Road are also likely to have contributed to the reduction in the annual number of accidents occurring along this section of Wangi Road.

2.5.2 Wilton Road (between Wangi Road and Awaba Colliery surface site)

A total of three accidents were recorded along the relevant section of Wilton Road (Figure 2.5 and Table 2.5).



Source: TfNSW 2019

Figure 2.5 Accident data for Wilton Road (2014–2018)

Table 2.5 **Accident data for Wilton Road**

Year	Accident ID	Degree of accident	Accident type	Natural lighting	Type of vehicle involved
2014	1048590	Minor Injury	Off left at right bend	Daylight	Light vehicle
2015	1086866	Serious Injury	Struck animal	Daylight	Light vehicle
2018	1179804	Non-casualty	Off Road object	Daylight	Light vehicle

None of the recorded accidents involved heavy vehicles. One of the accidents involved a collision with an animal.

2.5.3 Summary

The annual traffic accident volumes for the assessed road network indicate that safety concerns are relatively minor and do not generally warrant further road safety upgrades along the assessed road network.

3 Proposed modification

3.1 Overview

To ensure that Myuna can continue to meet its contractual obligations to supply coal to Eraring Power Station and secure ongoing employment for Myuna's workforce, Centennial Myuna proposes to blend coal from Myuna with coal from Mandalong Mine both on-site at Myuna's pit top and at CES.

It is proposed to modify MP 10_0080 to:

- allow up to 1 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of Myuna coal to be trucked from Myuna's pit top to CES via the public and private road networks and blending with coal from Mandalong Mine before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- allow up to 0.2 Mtpa of Mandalong Mine coal to be backloaded by truck from CES to Myuna's pit top and blending with coal from Myuna before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- allow construction and operation of a vehicle weighbridge at Myuna's pit top;
- allow trucks to access Myuna's pit top via Wangi Road and Wangi Point Road; and
- include a consent condition to address the environmental management of exploration activities and minor surface infrastructure.

The proposed transport route consists of Wangi Point Road from Myuna's pit top area, public roads (ie Wangi Road and Wilton Road) between Myuna and the Awaba Colliery surface site and private haul roads between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES. The proposed transport route is shown on Figure 3.1.

Truck movements will be limited to 7.00 am–6.00 pm Monday to Saturday.

Truck numbers along the private haul road network between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES will be within previously assessed and approved limits under SSD-5145 (ie 32 truck movements per hour).

All trucks leaving Myuna will be weighed using a new vehicle weighbridge that will be constructed at Myuna's pit top. A truck wheel wash will also be used by all trucks before leaving site via a privately-owned section of Wangi Point Road (Figure 3.1).

No revisions to the project approval (MP 10_0080) or development consent (SH110_148) boundaries for Myuna are required as part of the proposed modification. The proposed modification will not change the approved life of mining operations and does not include an increase to Myuna's approved extraction rate of 3 Mtpa.

3.1.1 Construction activities

As described above, a new vehicle weighbridge and wheel wash will be installed at Myuna's pit top.

The weighbridge will be installed on previously disturbed, cleared land adjacent to a privately-owned section of Wangi Point Road (Figure 3.2). There is an inactive weighbridge and supporting infrastructure at this location that will need to be removed.

It is anticipated that construction will be completed in three stages:

- Stage 1 – mobilisation and site preparation (approximately two days) – including decommissioning the existing weighbridge and supporting infrastructure;
- Stage 2 – installation (approximately five days) – including establishing a concrete pad and securing the new weighbridge and supporting infrastructure; and
- Stage 3 – commissioning (approximately one day) – including testing with empty and full loads.

Due to the short-term nature of construction activities, construction traffic volumes have not been considered.

No additional employees will be required during construction.

A truck wheel wash will also be constructed on-site. It is anticipated that this infrastructure will be constructed adjacent to the proposed weighbridge. All waste water from the truck wheel wash will be treated and reused on-site or disposed of at a licensed waste management facility.

3.1.2 Material handling

Up to 1 Mtpa of ROM coal from Myuna will be transferred by truck directly from Myuna to the middlings coal stockpile at CES.

Up to 0.2 Mtpa of Mandalong Mine coal will be backloaded from CES to Myuna's pit top. A front end loader will be used to load trucks at CES.

On arrival at Myuna's pit top, coal from CES will be tipped onto, and temporarily stored at, Myuna's emergency coal stockpile area before being reclaimed through Myuna's existing coal handling infrastructure (Figure 3.2).

A front end loader will be used at Myuna's emergency coal stockpile to load the trucks that will transport the coal to Myuna's existing below ground reclaimer.

Blending of Myuna coal with Mandalong Mine coal will occur either at Myuna's emergency coal stockpile or within Myuna's CHP.

Coal from Myuna will continue to be transferred to Eraring Power Station via the existing coal handling plant and overland conveyor system (Figure 3.2).

3.1.3 Proposed truck transport

i Overview

The proposed transport route (Figure 3.1) consists of:

- the private access road (Wangi Point Road) between Wangi Road and Myuna's pit top;
- public roads (Wangi Road and Wilton Road) between Myuna and Awaba Colliery surface site; and
- the private haul road between Awaba Colliery surface site and CES.

This route has been selected by Centennial Myuna to avoid trucks travelling through residential areas. There are no residences immediately adjacent to, or with driveways on, the parts of Wangi Road and Wilton Road that are part of the transport route. The closest residences to the proposed transport route are residences on Donnelly Road, Arcadia Vale, which are approximately 80 m from Wangi Road at their closest point.

Truck movements between Myuna's pit top and CES will be limited to 7.00 am–6.00 pm Monday to Saturday. There will be a maximum of 10 loaded trucks (20 truck movements) per hour departing from Myuna's pit top. Between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday, truck movements will be restricted to 5 loaded trucks (10 truck movements) per hour to minimise impacts during the afternoon peak hour.

All trucks leaving Myuna will be weighed using the proposed vehicle weighbridge. The truck wheel wash will also be used by all trucks before leaving site (Figure 3.1). All loads will be covered.

ii Public roads

The proposed transport route includes part of Wangi Road and Wilton Road. Wangi Road is a State road managed by TfNSW. Wilton Road is a local road managed by LMCC. Photographs from the public roads to be used for coal transport between Myuna and Awaba Colliery surface site have been provided in Appendix E.

iii Private roads

Private haul roads connect the Newstan Colliery surface site, Awaba Colliery surface site, CES, Hawkmount Quarry and Eraring Power Station:

- Newstan–Eraring Private Haul Road – approximately 13-km long, linking the Newstan Colliery surface site with Eraring Power Station;
- Cooranbong Private Haul Road – approximately 3.4-km long, linking the Newstan–Eraring Private Haul Road and CES; and
- Awaba Private Haul Road – approximately 770-m long, linking Awaba Colliery surface site to the Newstan–Eraring Private Haul Road.

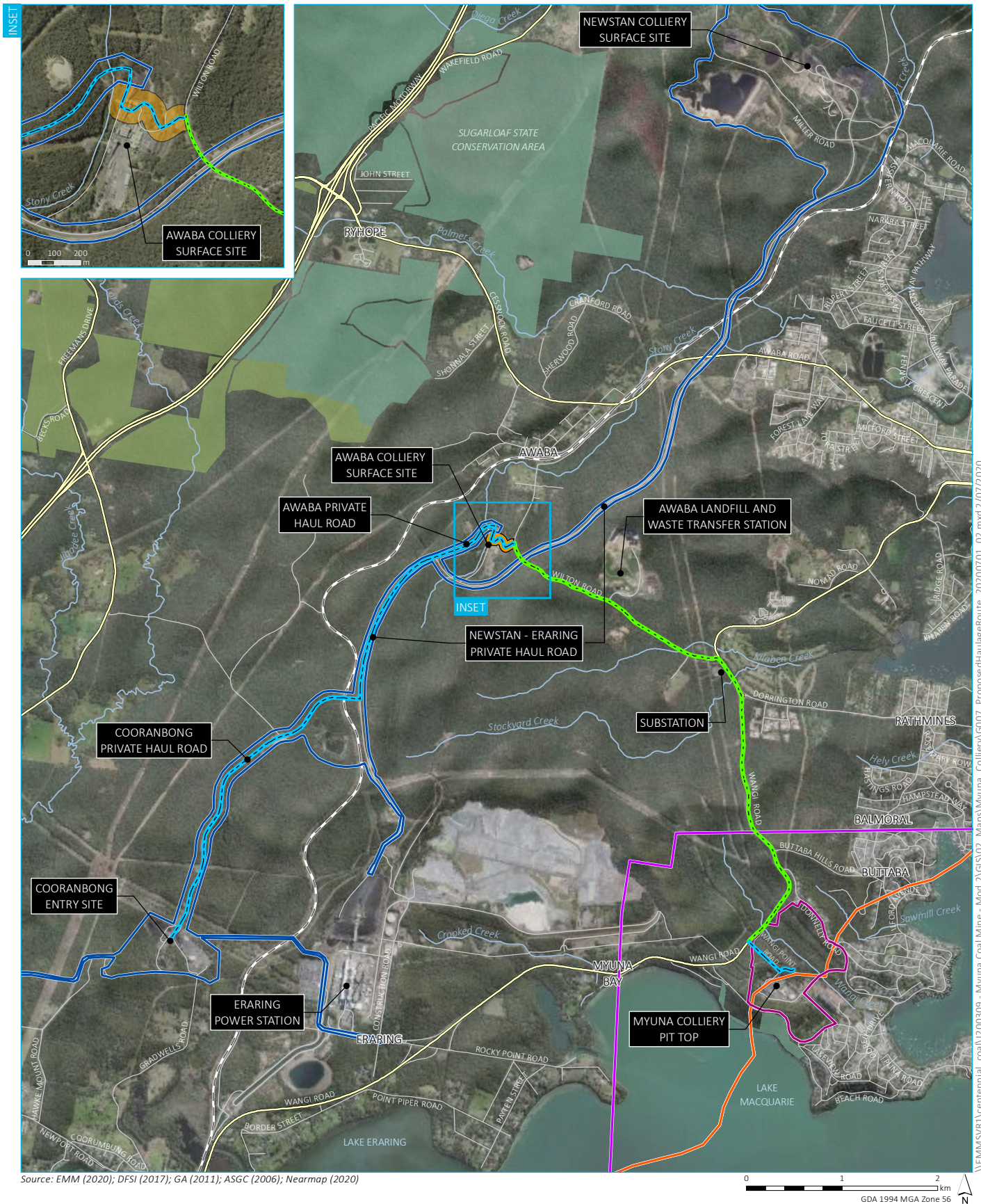
These roads are approved under SSD-5145 to be used to haul coal, coal rejects and stone material. These private haul roads are sealed to minimise dust and noise generation and have been constructed to include surface water drainage and management. Any coal spilt on the road is removed regularly.

Centennial will manage truck numbers along the private haul road network between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES to ensure they remain within previously assessed and approved limits under SSD-5145 (ie 32 truck movements per hour). The relatively low number of heavy vehicle movements is primarily due to the large capacity of the trucks and the ability to backload.

Photographs from the private haul roads to be used for coal transport between Awaba Colliery surface site and CES have been provided in Appendix F.

Vehicle numbers on the private haul road network will not exceed previously assessed and approved limits as part of the proposed modification.

As part of the proposed modification to SSD-5145, the development consent boundary will be extended approximately 450 m from the Awaba Private Haul Road through to Wilton Road (. This section of road has historically been used by light and heavy vehicles accessing the Awaba Colliery surface site and the private haul road network.



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 - Myuna Colliery project approval boundary (MP 10_0080)
 - Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)
 - Proposed amendment to Northern Coal Logistics development consent boundary (SSD-5145)

Proposed transport route between Myuna Colliery and Cooranbong Entry Site

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Figure 3.1



KEY

- Myuna Colliery surface facilities area
- Major road
- Named watercourse
- Proposed weighbridge

Existing surface features

1. Emergency coal stockpile sediment dam pumphouse
2. Emergency coal stockpile sediment dam
3. Emergency coal stockpile area
4. Power factor correction banks
5. ROM bin
6. Overland conveyor switch room
7. Finished prospect bin
8. Breaker
9. Downcast air shaft
10. Materials reclaim area
11. Drive house
12. Crusher
13. Conveyor drop portal
14. Materials yard
15. Oil storage
16. Washdown bay & oily water separator
17. Hydrocarbon recycling depot
18. Workshop and store
19. Washhouse
20. Upcast shaft
21. Main gate
22. Bathhouse & administration office
23. Service bay
24. Employee & materials portal
25. Ramp
26. Winder
27. Water management infrastructure
28. Haul road

Myuna Colliery surface
facilities area

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Figure 3.2

3.2 Traffic generation

Traffic generation for the proposed transport of coal between Myuna and CES has been calculated based on an average truck carrying capacity of 32 t and 300 active days per annum (excludes Sundays and public holidays). Transportation of 1 Mtpa of coal requires 31,250 trucks per annum or approximately 104 trucks per active day.

Assuming inbound and outbound truck movements occur within the same hour, the morning peak hour, other daytime and afternoon peak hour truck return trips of 10, 10 and 5, respectively, will generate an additional 20, 20 and 10 truck movements per hour. The additional traffic generation from the backloading of coal from CES to Myuna has not been considered specifically as it is assumed that all trucks will need to travel back to Myuna (with/without a load).

As noted in Section 3.1.1, due to the short-term nature of construction, construction traffic volumes have not been considered as part of this assessment.

In terms of additional employee trips, the future truck fleet involved in the proposed transport of coal will be based off-site and there will not be any additional staff or light vehicle traffic movements during Myuna's existing shift change times (ie beyond what has previously been assessed and approved under MP 10_0080).

The forecast additional truck traffic during the morning and afternoon peak hours is presented in Figure 3.3. The future total traffic is obtained by combining the surveyed traffic volumes and the proposed additional traffic and is presented in Figure 3.4.

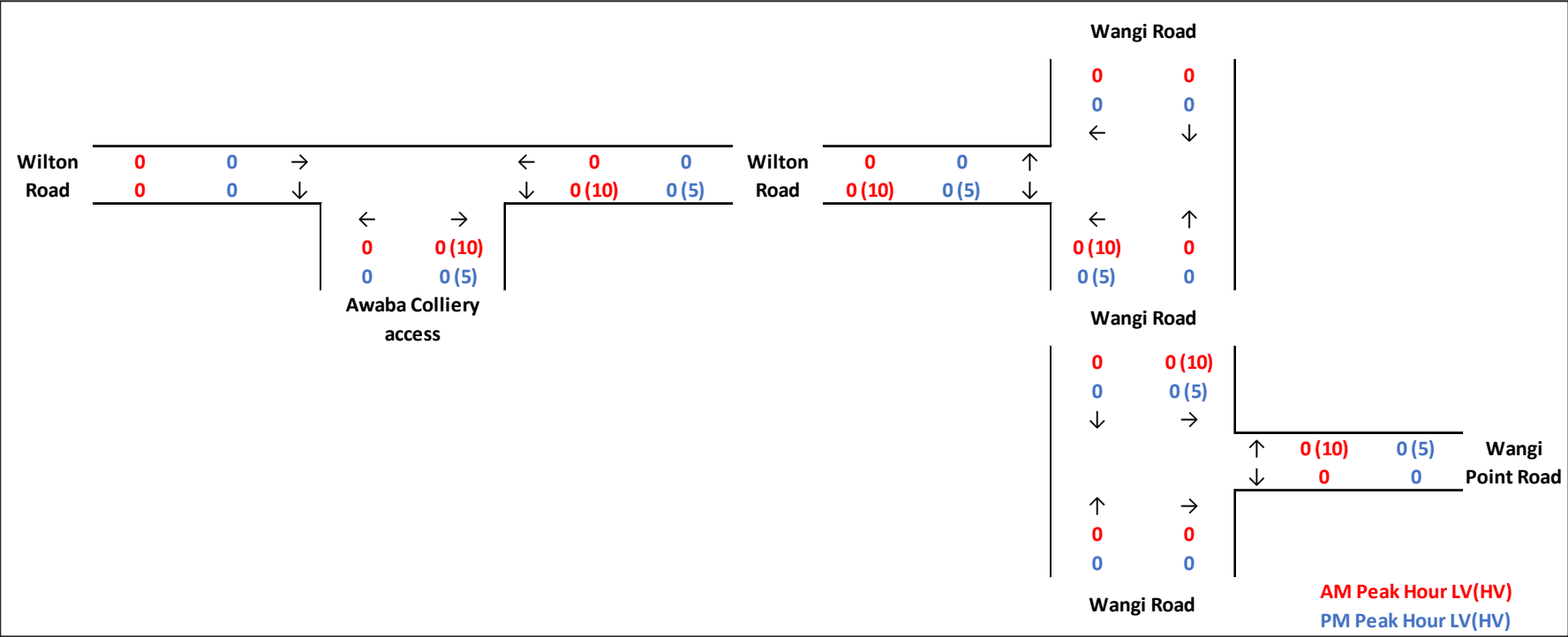


Figure 3.3 Forecast additional project-related traffic during peak hour periods

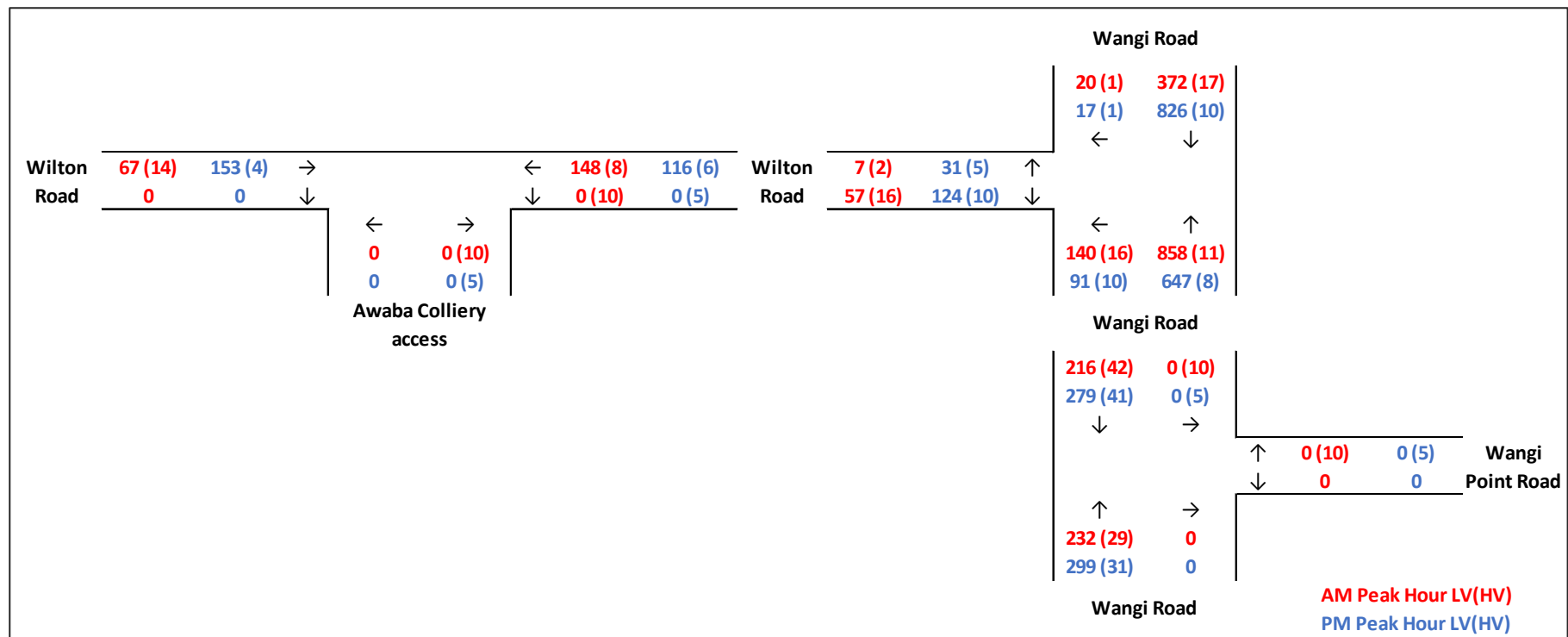


Figure 3.4 Total peak hour traffic volumes (existing and project-related)

3.3 Consideration of cumulative impacts

LMCC's website does not show any current major development applications within proximity of the assessed roads. Therefore, no analysis of potential cumulative traffic impacts has been undertaken.

As part of the Newstan Mine Extension Project (SSD-10333), Centennial Newstan Pty Ltd (Centennial Newstan) is seeking approval for the construction of a new gas flaring facility and two new ventilation fans within the existing disturbance footprint of the Awaba Colliery surface site.

Within the TIA prepared by EMM (2019) as part of the Newstan Mine Extension Project, it was assumed that up to 50 personnel will be required during the proposed construction activities. All personnel will likely access the Awaba Colliery surface site via Wilton Road using their own car, representing up to 100 daily light vehicle movements.

Should the Newstan Mine Extension Project (SSD-10333) be approved, no coal transport will take place between CES and Myuna for the duration of the proposed construction activities. This will eliminate potential for cumulative traffic impacts on the local road network.

Newstan Mine Extension Project will generate some additional daily traffic movements along Wangi Road and Wilton Road; however, this will primarily be restricted to the short-term construction of the aforementioned infrastructure at the Awaba Colliery surface site. No long-term impacts on the assessed road network are anticipated as a result of the Newstan Mine Extension Project.

4 Impact assessment

4.1 Intersection performance

Using the intersection baseline traffic survey data and proposed heavy vehicle traffic volumes, an analysis was performed using SIDRA Intersection 8.0 software and included consideration of the following performance indicators:

- degree of saturation (DoS) – the total usage of the intersection expressed as a factor of 1 with 1 representing 100% use or saturation (eg 0.8=80% saturation);
- average delay – the average delay encountered by all vehicles passing through the intersection (Note: it is important to review the average delay of each approach as a side road could have a long delay time, while the large free flowing major traffic will provide an overall low average delay);
- level of service (LoS) – this is a categorisation of average delay and is a good indicator of overall performance for individual intersections (Table 4.1); and
- 95% queue lengths (Q95) – the queue length in metres that has only a 5% probability of being exceeded during the analysis time period, transforming average delay into measurable distance units.

Table 4.1 Intersection performance – level of service standards

Level of service	Average delay (seconds/vehicle)	Intersection treatment	
		Traffic signals or roundabout	Give-way or stop signs
A	<14 seconds	Good operation.	Good operation.
B	15–28 seconds	Good with acceptable delays and spare capacity.	Acceptable delays and spare capacity.
C	29–42 seconds	Satisfactory.	Satisfactory, but accident study required.
D	43–56 seconds	Operating near capacity.	Near capacity and accident study required.
E	57–70 seconds	At capacity. At signals, incidents would cause excessive delays. Roundabouts require other control mode.	At capacity, requires other control mode.
F	>70 seconds	Extra capacity required.	Extreme delay, major treatment required.

Source: *Guide to Traffic Generating Developments* (RTA 2002).

Existing and forecast SIDRA intersection capacity analyses for the three primary intersections are presented in Table 4.2 and Appendix C.

Table 4.2 Existing and proposed SIDRA intersection analysis results

Intersection	Assessment period	Period	Level of service (LoS)*	Average delay (seconds)*	Degree of saturation (DoS)	95% queue length (m)
Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road	Morning peak	Existing	A	7.0	0.155	0.0
	7-8am	Proposed coal transport	A	9.9	0.164	0.9
	Afternoon peak	Existing	A	7.0	0.189	0.0
	3-4pm	Proposed coal transport	A	11.8	0.192	0.6
Wangi Road/Wilton Road	Morning peak	Existing	B	17.5	0.473	4.6
	7-8am	Proposed coal transport	B	20.6	0.473	7.2
	Afternoon peak	Existing	A	13.3	0.455	6.4
	3-4pm	Proposed coal transport	A	13.8	0.455	7.3
Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road	Morning peak	Existing	A	6.9	0.080	0.1
	7.30-8.30am	Proposed coal transport	A	7.7	0.089	0.7
	Afternoon peak	Existing	A	6.9	0.087	0.1
	3.30-4.30pm	Proposed coal transport	A	7.8	0.087	0.4

Note * The table presents the maximum average delay and worst LoS of any particular movement (usually the longest delay occurs for the right-turning movement from the minor road).

4.1.1 Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road

The intersection is currently operating at LoS A on both approaches of Wangi Road during the morning and afternoon peak hours. The intersection has approximately 81% spare capacity to accommodate additional vehicles on the through traffic movements, which are the only traffic movements using the intersection currently.

With the addition of the proposed heavy vehicles, the intersection will continue to operate at LoS A, including right-turn movements from Wangi Point Road onto Wangi Road. All assessed parameters will marginally increase but remain within acceptable levels with significant spare capacity (approximately 80%) to accommodate additional vehicles on both the through traffic and turning traffic movements.

4.1.2 Wangi Road/Wilton Road

As noted in Section 2.3.2, this intersection was recently upgraded by RMS (now TfNSW). Currently during the morning peak hour, all approaches are operating at LoS A, except the left and right-turn movement from Wilton Road onto Wangi Road (LoS B). Queuing is approximately one vehicles (4.6 m) for the right-turning lane on Wilton Road during the morning peak hour. During the afternoon peak hour, all approaches are currently operating at LoS A.

With the addition of the proposed heavy vehicles during the morning peak, the LoS for the right-turning vehicles from Wilton Road to Wangi Road will remain at LoS B and there will be marginal increases to the average delay and queue length. The intersection will still have approximately 53% spare capacity following addition of the proposed heavy vehicles during the morning peak.

With the addition of the proposed heavy vehicles during the afternoon peak, the LoS for the right-turning vehicles from Wilton Road to Wangi Road will remain at LoS A. All the assessed intersection parameters will remain within acceptable levels. It is anticipated that the intersection will still have 54% spare capacity following addition of the proposed heavy vehicles during the afternoon peak.

4.1.3 Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road

This intersection is operating at LoS A on both approaches along Wilton Road during the morning and afternoon peak hours. There are currently only limited amounts of light vehicle traffic using the intersection (associated with care and maintenance activities at Awaba Colliery surface site).

With the addition of the proposed heavy vehicles, the intersection will continue to operate at LoS A for all approaches, including the future right-turning traffic from the Awaba Colliery surface site onto Wilton Road.

4.2 Mid-block capacity of Wangi Road and Wilton Road

As intersections are less frequent on two-lane major roads in rural areas, mid-block traffic flow (including requirements for overtaking opportunities) need to be considered. The mid-block LoS is determined by average travel speeds and the percentage of time spent delayed. The key assessment criterion is to check the maximum volume threshold for each LoS transition from A/B to E/F.

Section 4.2 and Table 4.5 of *Guide to Traffic Generating Developments* (RTA 2002) provides the two-way hourly road capacities for two-lane roads for different LoS with a design speed of 100 km/hr based on different terrain types. The mid-block traffic flow conditions for each LoS are defined by the RTA (2002) as:

- LoS A - free flow unrestricted travel speed;
- LoS B - stable flow reasonably constrained travel speed;
- LoS C - stable flow significantly constrained travel speed;
- LoS D - approaching unstable flow;
- LoS E - unstable flow, no freedom to select desired travel speed; and
- LoS F - forced flow with traffic delays and queuing.

The capacity assumes a 60/40 directional split of traffic. For 80 km/hr design speed, the resulting capacities need to be adopted between 85-95% of figures quoted for 100 km/hr design speed.

As the speed limits along Wangi Road and Wilton Road vary from 80–90 km/hr, 90% of the peak hour flow is considered appropriate as suggested in RTA (2002).

The recalculated traffic volume thresholds for each LoS transition are outlined in Table 4.3.

Table 4.3 RMS roadway hourly capacity analysis for two-lane two-way rural roads

Terrain	Level of service transition	Effect of percentage of heavy vehicles (in traffic flow)			
		0%	5%	10%	15%
Level	A/B*	284	266	252	239
	B/C	567	531	504	477
	C/D	927	873	828	783
	D/E	1467	1395	1332	1269
	E/F	2367	2250	2151	2061

Notes: *Assumed as 50% of upper limit of B/C LoS

The morning and afternoon peak hour traffic flow and heavy vehicle proportions for the existing traffic flows using Wangi Road and Wilton Road are presented in Table 4.4 and Table 4.5, respectively.

Table 4.4 Heavy vehicle proportions for Wangi Road and Wilton Road (morning peak)

Road	Direction	Hourly volume	Heavy vehicle volume
Wangi Road	Northbound	1015	17
	Southbound	452	23
	Combined	1467	40 (3%)
Wilton Road	Eastbound	81	14
	Westbound	167	7
	Combined	248	21 (9%)

Table 4.5 Heavy vehicle proportions for Wangi Road and Wilton Road (afternoon peak)

Road	Direction	Hourly volume	Heavy vehicle volume
Wangi Road	Northbound	751	13
	Southbound	965	15
	Combined	1716	28 (2%)
Wilton Road	Eastbound	165	10
	Westbound	122	6
	Combined	287	16 (6%)

The comparison of the existing and future forecast peak hour mid-block LoS for Wangi Road and Wilton Road, immediately to the south and east of their intersecting point (with and without the proposed additional heavy vehicle traffic) has been calculated from the data presented in Table 4.3, Table 4.4 and Table 4.5 and the results are summarised in Table 4.6.

Table 4.6 Comparison of mid-block peak hourly LoS (existing and proposed)

Road	Peak hour	Existing			Proposed coal transport		
		Volume (HV)	HV%	LoS	Volume (HV)	HV%	LoS
Wangi Road	Morning	1,467 (40)	3	E	1,487 (60)	4	E
	Afternoon	1,716 (28)	2	E	1,726 (38)	3	E
Wilton Road	Morning	248 (21)	9	A	268 (41)	16	B
	Afternoon	287 (16)	6	B	297 (26)	9	B

On the busiest section of Wangi Road, near the Wilton Road intersection, the peak hour LoS will be E, which is defined as ‘unstable flow with no freedom for traffic to select a desired travel speed’, with or without the proposed additional heavy vehicle traffic.

On Wilton Road, there will be a transition from LoS A to LoS B with the proposed heavy vehicle traffic in the morning peak hour but the afternoon peak hour traffic will remain at LoS B. Both these levels of service provide either excellent or generally good traffic flow conditions.

4.3 Safety assessment

4.3.1 Accident data

As stated in Section 2.5, TfNSW traffic accident data between 2014 and 2018 indicates that there have been a low number of accidents along Wangi Road (n=10) and Wilton Road (n=3) during this period. The accident volumes along the assessed road network are minor and do not warrant any immediate upgrades based on either the existing or proposed traffic volumes.

4.3.2 Sight distances at assessed intersections

i Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road

There are adequate sight distances to the left and right from Wangi Point Road to Wangi Road (see Plate 4.1). The sight distances have been estimated based on a 100 km/hr design speed due to known speeding at this section of Wangi Road (based on tube count data – Section 2.4.1). Estimates are based on ‘line of sight’ as confirmed by photographs taken at the intersection and measurement of distances using Google Earth.

In accordance with *Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 4A: Unsignalised & Signalised Intersections* (Austroads 2017b) for a 100 km/hr road, the minimum safe intersection sight distance (SISD) required for a general minimum 2 second driver reaction time is 248 m.

At Wangi Point Road, the observed intersection sight distances to the right and left are 330 m and 250 m respectively, which both exceed the minimum requirements as illustrated by (Figure 4.1). Hence, there are no issues associated with sight distance at the intersection of Wangi Road and Wangi Point Road. Also, no adverse safety impacts associated with the continued use of the existing cycleway lane are expected.



Looking left



Looking right

Plate 4.1 Sight distance from Wangi Point Road looking onto Wangi Road



Figure 4.1 Sight distance from Wangi Point Road onto Wangi Road

ii Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road intersection

There are adequate sight distances to the left and right from the Awaba Colliery surface site access road onto Wilton Road (Plate 4.2). The posted speed limit on Wilton Road at this location is 80 km/hr; however, vehicle speeds along this road were recorded close to 90 km/hr (based on tube count data – Section 2.4.1). Therefore, this assessment has been undertaken based on a speed limit of 90 km/hr.

In accordance with Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 4A: Unsignalised & Signalised Intersections (Austroads 2017b), for a 90 km/hr design speed road, the minimum SISD required for the general minimum 2 second driver reaction time is 214 m.

The observed sight distances to the right and left (Figure 4.2) are slightly below the minimum requirement. However, this is considered acceptable given the generally level alignment and low volumes of existing traffic on Wilton Road at this location. It is also noted that truck drivers will generally be higher in their vehicle than a standard light vehicle enabling better visibility of oncoming light vehicle traffic.



Looking left



Looking right

Plate 4.2 Sight distance from Awaba colliery surface site access road looking onto Wilton Road



Figure 4.2 Sight distance from Awaba Colliery surface site access road onto Wilton Road

iii Donnelly Road

The 'seagull' intersection layout allows for a two-stage right turn from the minor road (Plate 4.3). The sight distance requirement to the left is not generally relevant as the right-turning traffic from Donnelly Road can merge with the other northbound traffic after making the right turn. Based on a 100 km/hr design speed, the minimum SISD required for a general minimum 2 second driver reaction time is 248 m for drivers giving way to vehicles on their right.

The estimated intersection sight distance to the right is 180 m (Figure 4.3), which is below the minimum requirement. However, this is considered acceptable given the generally lower volumes of existing traffic on this section of Wangi Road, compared to on other sections further to the north and the good locality accident history based on the analysis of traffic accident data in Figure 2.4. No adverse safety impacts associated with the use of the existing cycleway lane are expected.



Looking left



Looking right

Plate 4.3 Sight distance from Donnelly Road looking onto Wangi Road



Figure 4.3 Sight distance from Donnelly Road onto Wangi Road

iv Buttaba Hills Road

In accordance with *Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 4A: Unsignalised & Signalised Intersections* (Austroads 2017b), for 100 km/hr design speed, the minimum SISD required for a general minimum 2 second driver reaction time is 248 m. There is adequate sight distance to the right from Buttaba Hills Road onto Wangi Road (Figure 4.4).

The estimated sight distance to the left is 190 m (Figure 4.4), which is below the minimum requirement; however, this is considered acceptable given the generally level alignment and low volumes of existing traffic on this section of Wangi Road and good locality accident history based on the analysis of traffic accident data.



Looking left



Looking right

Plate 4.4 Sight distance from Buttaba Hills Road looking onto Wangi Road

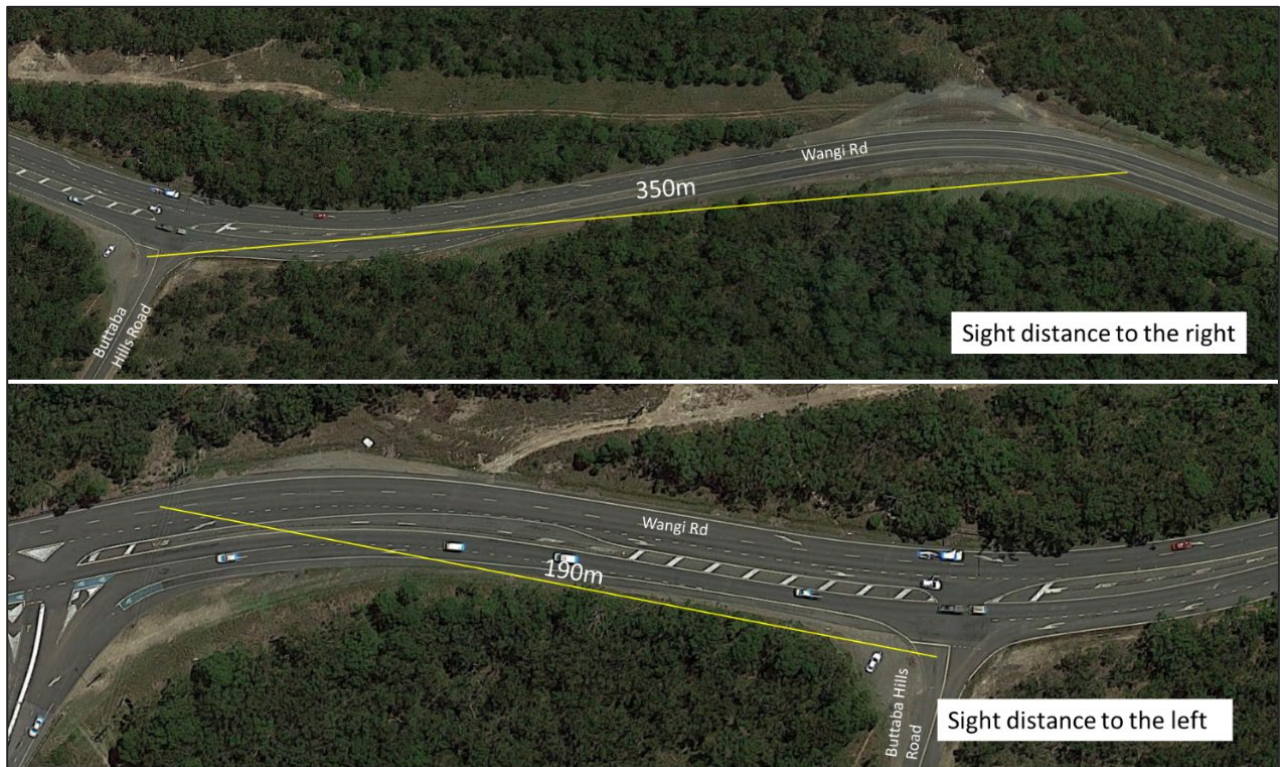


Figure 4.4 Sight distance from Buttaba Hills Road onto Wangi Road

v **Dorrington Road**

There are generally fewer sight distance issues associated with a roundabout as vehicles slow down on their approach to the roundabout. The sight distance from Dorrrington Road (Plate 4.5) are considered adequate for a roundabout.



Looking left



Looking right

Plate 4.5 Sight distance from Dorrrington Road looking onto Wangi Road

vi **Substation access**

At the Wangi Road and substation access intersection a median barrier prohibits right turn movements from the substation access (Plate 4.6). Therefore, the sight distance to the left has not been considered in this assessment. The sight distance to the right is 260 m (Figure 4.5), which meets the minimum SISD requirement of 248 m set out in *Austrroads Guide to Road Design Part 4A: Unsignalised & Signalised Intersections* (Austrroads 2017b).



Left turn only



Looking right

Plate 4.6 Sight distance from the substation access intersection looking onto Wangi Road



Figure 4.5 Sight distance from the substation access intersection onto Wangi Road

vii Wangi Road and Wilton Road

The sight distances to the left and right from Wilton Road to Wangi Road are shown in Plate 4.7. There are generally fewer sight distance issues associated with a ‘seagull’ type intersection such as this as vehicles turning right from the minor road (Wilton Road) can merge with the other southbound traffic after making the right turn across the northbound traffic. The sight distance from Wilton Road looking to the right is adequate as the road is straight with clear visibility for at least 500 m in this direction.



Looking left



Looking right

Plate 4.7 Sight distance from Wilton Road looking onto Wangi Road

viii Awaba Landfill and Waste Transfer Station access

There is a posted speed limit sign of 80 km/hr on Wilton Road in the vicinity of this access (Plate 4.8). In accordance with *Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 4A: Unsignalised & Signalised Intersections* (Austroads 2017b), for a 80 km/hr design speed road, the minimum SISD required for the general minimum 2 second driver reaction time is 181 m.

The estimated intersection sight distance to the right and left are 190 m and 240 m, respectively, which both exceed the minimum requirement (Figure 4.6). Hence, there are no traffic safety issues associated with sight distance at this intersection.



Looking left



Looking right

Plate 4.8 Sight distance from the Awaba Landfill and Waste Transfer Station access intersection looking onto Wilton Road



Figure 4.6 Sight distance from the Awaba Landfill and Waste Transfer Station access intersection onto Wilton Road

4.3.3 Cycling safety

As shown in Plate 4.1, the existing intersection design at Wangi Road and Wangi Point Road incorporates a cycle lane. Given the generally low observed volumes of existing cycling traffic and proposed truck turning traffic at this intersection, the potential for future traffic conflicts between cyclists using the cycleway (ie travelling in a southbound direction) and traffic turning either left from Wangi Road onto Wangi Point Road or right from Wangi Point Road onto Wangi Road are likely be minor.

4.4 Austroads intersection guidelines

Rural intersection operations are assessed from a combination of the peak hourly through and turning traffic movements that occur at each intersection. This determines the need for additional intersection turning lanes in accordance with the current intersection design standards *Guide to Road Design Part 4: Intersections and Crossings General* (Austroads 2017a). The warrant criteria are presented in Figure 4.7, where:

- Curve 1 (red line) represents the boundary between a basic right turn (BAR) and a channelised short right turn (CHR(S)) turn treatment and between a basic left turn (BAL) and an auxiliary short left turn (AUL(S)) turn treatment; and
- Curve 2 (blue line) represents the boundary between a CHR(S) and a full length CHR treatment and between an AUL(S) and a full length AUL or channelised left turn bay (CHL) treatment. The choice of CHL over an AUL will depend on factors such as the need to change the give way rule in favour of other manoeuvres at the intersection and the need to define more appropriately the driving path by reducing the area of bitumen surfacing.

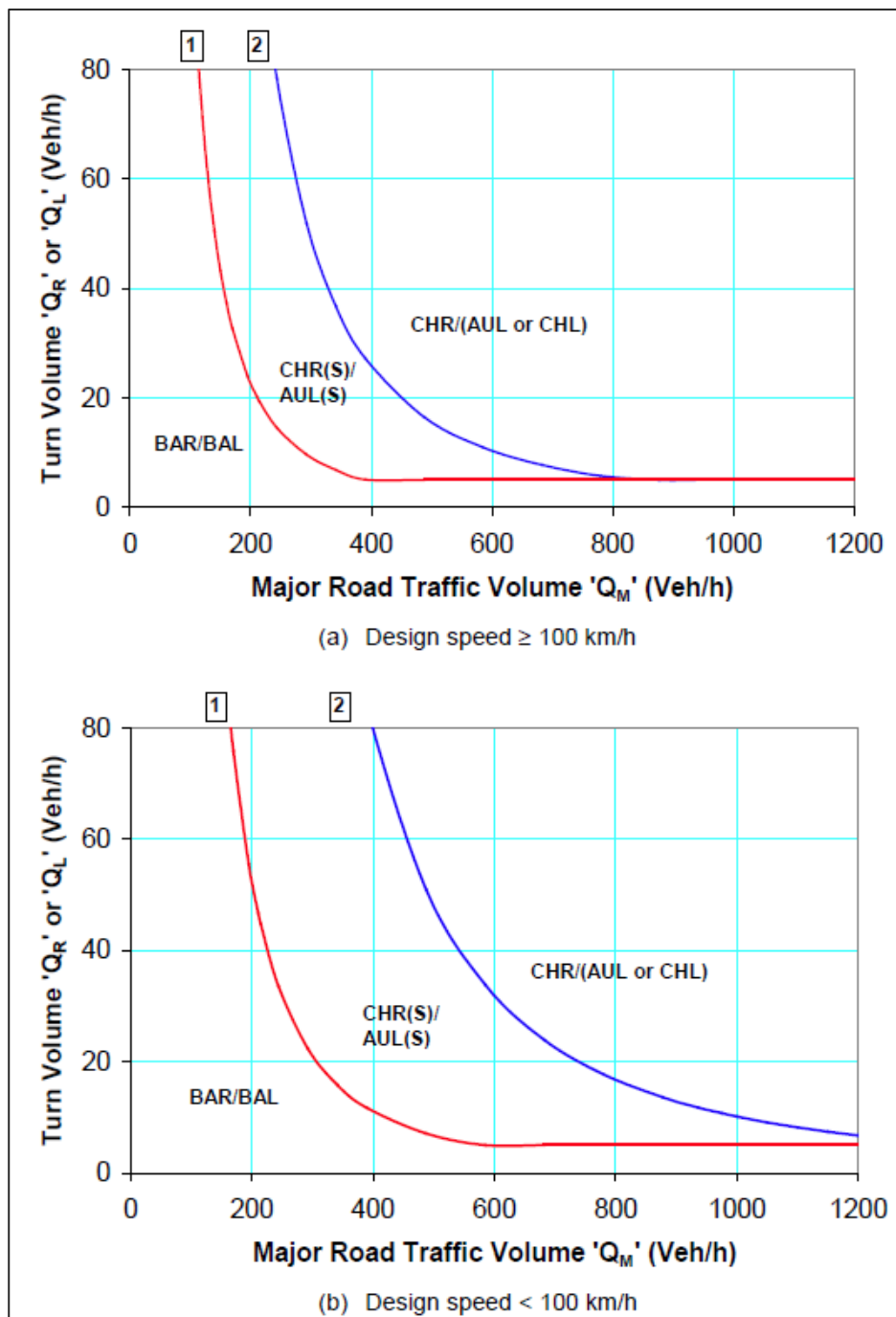


Figure 4.7 Austroads warrant design charts for rural intersection turning lanes

There are separate design charts for roads with design speeds either 100 km/hr and greater ((a) in Figure 4.7), or less than 100 km/hr ((b) in Figure 4.7). TfNSW recommends intersections should be designed for a travel speed 10 km/hr greater than the posted speed limit. As Wangi Road and Wilton Road have posted speed limits of 90 km/hr and 80 km/hr, respectively, their intersections (including any requirements for turning bays at Wangi Point Road and Awaba Colliery surface site access road) should be designed for 100 km/hr and 90 km/hr, respectively.

The Austroads turning lane requirements for each of the assessed intersections are summarised below.

4.4.1 Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road

For a design speed of 100 km/hr or greater, the requirements for additional left or right-turn traffic lanes are measured from Chart (a) of Figure 4.7. There is no right-turn requirement for Wangi Road as all incoming trucks will turn left from Wangi Road onto Wangi Point Road. Hence, the assessment is only required for a possible left-turn bay from Wangi Road.

For the projected increase of 10 turning vehicles per hour (ie trucks turning left from Wangi Road onto Wangi Point Road) and an existing average of 258 southbound vehicles on Wangi Road in the morning peak as well as 5 turning vehicles with 320 southbound through traffic movements in the afternoon peak, no turn treatment is warranted.

4.4.2 Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road

For design speeds lower than 100 km/hr, requirements for additional left or right-turn traffic lanes are measured from Chart (b) of Figure 4.7. There is no right-turn requirement for Wilton Road to the Awaba Colliery surface site access road as all incoming trucks will turn left from Wilton Road into Awaba Colliery surface site. Hence, this assessment has been done for the requirement for a left-turn bay from Wilton Road only.

For the projected increase of 10 turning vehicles per hour (ie trucks turning left from Wilton Road into Awaba Colliery surface site) and an existing peak hourly average of 156 westbound vehicles on Wilton Road, no auxiliary left-turn lane is required.

4.4.3 Wangi Road/Donnelly Road

The Wangi Road/Donnelly Road intersection currently has a full length (minimum length over 60 m) CHL and CHR for traffic turning into Donnelly Road, which are the highest level of turn treatment, plus a seagull type treatment for right turning traffic turning out of Donnelly Road. The turn warrant assessment will determine whether the existing CHL and CHR turn treatments are appropriate for the existing level of turning traffic which will not change at this intersection.

The existing morning and afternoon peak hour traffic volumes (Figure 2.3) are presented in Table 4.7 where the major road traffic for assessment of left-turn treatment includes only the southbound through movements. For assessment of right-turn treatment, the major road traffic includes through movements from both directions as well as the left turning traffic into Donnelly Road.

Table 4.7 Traffic volumes for turn treatment warrant - Wangi Road/Donnelly Road

Assessed movement	Major road traffic volume	Turn volume
Left turn into Donnelly Road	222 (morning)/314 (afternoon) – southbound only	138 (morning)/150 (afternoon)
Right turn into Donnelly Road	615 (morning)/758 (afternoon) – both directions	6 (morning)/36 (afternoon)

The presented traffic volumes indicate the CHL and CHR treatments are appropriate for the existing and proposed levels of traffic at this intersection.

4.4.4 Wangi Road/Buttaba Hills Road

The Wangi Road/Buttaba Hills Road intersection currently has a full length AUL and CHR for traffic turning into Buttaba Hills Road which are the highest level of turn treatment. Therefore, the turn warrant assessment will determine whether the existing turn treatments are appropriate for the level of traffic.

The existing morning and afternoon peak hour traffic volumes (Figure 2.3) are presented in Table 4.8.

Table 4.8 Traffic volume for turn treatment warrant - Wangi Road/Buttaba Hills Road

Assessed movement	Major road traffic volume	Turn volume
Left turn into Buttaba Hills Road	336 (morning)/440 (afternoon) - southbound only	42 (morning)/30 (afternoon)
Right turn into Buttaba Hills Road	757 (morning)/878 (afternoon) – both directions	24 (morning)/24 (afternoon)

The presented traffic volumes indicate the AUL and CHR treatments are appropriate for the current and proposed levels of traffic at this intersection.

4.4.5 Wangi Road/Dorrington Road

The Wangi Road/Dorrington Road intersection is a one-lane roundabout with a bypass lane for northbound traffic where the overall intersection traffic volumes are 1,587 and 1,836 vehicles in the morning and afternoon peak hours, respectively. This level of traffic is within the typical capacity range of this type of 'bypass lane' roundabout and does not warrant any intersection improvements.

4.4.6 Substation access

This access point would only attract a limited amount of turning traffic associated with the operation of the substation. No right-turns are permitted and there is no requirement for any additional turning lane treatments.

4.4.7 Wangi Road/Wilton Road

The Wangi Road/Wilton Road intersection has recently been widened and upgraded by RMS (now TfNSW) to provide high standard type CHL and CHR turning lanes for traffic turning into Wilton Road and a 'seagull' type acceleration and merge lane for the right-turning traffic turning out from Wilton Road.

These intersection improvements are considered to have been constructed to the required design standard and additional intersection improvements are not required for either the current or proposed levels of turning traffic at this intersection.

4.4.8 Awaba Landfill and Waste Transfer Station access

The Wilton Road and Awaba Landfill and Waste Transfer Station access intersection currently has a full length (minimum length over 70 m) CHR and minimum standard BAL for right and left turning traffic heading into the waste management facility, respectively. These turning lanes are considered to be an appropriate standard of turn treatment for this T-intersection as it is anticipated that the majority of the facility's light and heavy vehicle traffic travels to and from the east on Wilton Road, in the direction of where the Lake Macquarie LGA's major population centres are located. It is anticipated that this access intersection will not require any additional intersection treatment for the proposed additional through traffic on Wilton Road.

4.5 Swept path assessment

A swept path assessment has been undertaken by a 19 m articulated vehicle (AV) to ensure that both the Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road and Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site intersections can adequately accommodate the proposed truck turning movements. The results are presented in Appendix D and discussed below.

4.5.1 Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road

The results indicate that no widening or improvement works are required along Wangi Road to facilitate the efficient entry/exit of heavy vehicles proposed to be used to transport coal from Myuna to Awaba Colliery surface site.

Road widening works (to a minimum sealed width of 7 m) are required along Wangi Point Road for a distance of approximately 50 m from the nearest traffic lane on Wangi Road. This is to allow two trucks to safely pass each other when entering/existing Wangi Point Road.

The concrete blocks at the entrance to Wangi Point Road will also need to be removed to allow two trucks to safely pass each other.

4.5.2 Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road

The results of the swept path analysis indicate that some minor widening works may be justified on the approach to the Awaba Colliery surface site access road in order to fully separate the entering and exiting vehicle swept paths. However, depending on the likelihood of simultaneous entry/exit of trucks, the slight overlap shown in Appendix D may be acceptable.

Widening of the existing access gate may help to provide more room for inbound/outbound trucks, further reducing the potential overlap identified in the swept path analysis (Appendix D).

4.5.3 Wangi Road/Wilton Road

The Wangi Road/Wilton Road intersection has recently been widened and upgraded by RMS (now TfNSW) to provide high standard type CHL and CHR turning lanes for traffic turning into Wilton Road and a 'seagull' type acceleration and merge lane for the right-turning traffic turning out from Wilton Road.

These intersection improvements are considered to have been constructed to the required design standard to accommodate turning movements by heavy vehicles (such as semi-trailers) and further assessment of the intersection design by swept path analysis is not considered necessary for this intersection.

4.6 Road pavement condition

An inspection has been undertaken along the public and private road sections of the proposed transport route to confirm that the existing road width and alignment and the structural/surface condition are adequate and acceptable to accommodate the proposed truck movements without adverse impacts to traffic safety or the road pavement condition/durability.

Photos captured during the inspection are presented in Appendix E (public roads) and Appendix F (private roads).

The existing road pavement width and surface conditions along both Wangi Road and Wilton Road are considered to be generally good such that significant additional road pavement damage is considered unlikely to occur.

5 Management and mitigation measures

5.1 Truck volumes

5.1.1 Public roads

Between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday, truck movements will be restricted to 5 trips (10 movements) per hour to avoid potential impacts during the local road network's busiest peak hour period.

5.1.2 Private roads

Truck numbers along the private haul road network between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES will be within previously assessed and approved limits under SSD-5145 (ie 32 truck movements per hour).

5.2 Road upgrades

Road widening works will be undertaken on Wangi Point Road to establish a minimum sealed width of 7 m for a distance of approximately 50 m from the nearest traffic lane on Wangi Road.

This will allow two trucks to safely pass each other when entering/exiting Wangi Point Road.

No vegetation clearing is required to undertake the proposed works.

5.3 Additional signage

To facilitate the safe transport of coal on the public road network, signage will be installed approximately 100 m from the intersection of Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road and Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road to warn motorists of turning trucks.

Approval under Section 138 of the *NSW Roads Act 1993* will be obtained prior to the installation of any signage along the public road network.

5.4 Driver awareness and training

A Code of Conduct will be developed for all truck drivers operating on the public road network as part of the proposed modification and will focus on good driver behaviour including:

- keeping appropriate distances between vehicles;
- overtaking with care;
- observing designated speed limits;
- making sufficient allowance for slowing down and stopping of vehicle;
- exercising caution in reduced visibility conditions;
- considering cyclists and pedestrians; and
- convoying.

6 Conclusion and recommendations

Myuna is an underground coal mine that supplies coal directly to Eraring Power Station via overland conveyor. Due to recent issues with coal quality, it is proposed to transport up to 1 Mtpa of coal by road to CES (via Awaba Colliery surface site) and up to 0.2 Mtpa of coal back to Myuna for on-site blending.

This report has considered the potential road transport impacts, primarily road capacity and safety, for the proposed transport of coal from Myuna to CES (via the Awaba Colliery surface site), which includes sections of the public road network (ie sections of Wangi Road and Wilton Road). On average, up to 105 loaded trucks per day will travel over the proposed transport route to facilitate coal transfers between Myuna and CES (excluding Sundays and public holidays).

In summary:

- The proposed modification will generate up to 10 loaded trucks per hour Monday to Saturday (with the exception of 3-4 pm where truck movements will be restricted to 5 loaded trucks per hour). The proposed truck movements can be accommodated by the existing road network with minimal overall impact to road capacity or traffic delays and no intersection improvements are warranted.
- Assuming inbound and outbound truck movements occur within the same hour, the morning peak hour, other daytime and afternoon peak hour truck return trips of 10, 10 and 5, respectively, will generate an additional 20, 20 and 10 truck movements per hour. The additional traffic generation from the backloading of coal from CES to Myuna has not been considered specifically as it is assumed that all trucks will need to travel back to Myuna (with/without a load).
- Sight distances and other safety concerns at intersections along the route between Myuna and Awaba Colliery surface site have been inspected and assessed. All minor road T-intersections have adequate sight distance and generally low minor road traffic volumes such that the existing intersection designs are acceptable and do not warrant any intersection turning lane or other capacity upgrades.
- The intersection of Wangi Road and Wilton Road will continue to operate at acceptable delay levels. The SIDRA analysis shows no change in the peak hour LoS and only slightly higher average vehicle delays as a result of the proposed modification.
- From the peak hour SIDRA intersection analysis, minimal additional traffic delays are anticipated at the intersection of Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road and Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road.
- The swept path analysis for the intersection of Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road indicates that widening works are required along Wangi Point Road for a distance of approximately 50 m from the nearest traffic lane on Wangi Road (to provide a minimum sealed width of 7 m).
- The swept path analysis for the intersection of Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road indicates that no widening works are likely to be required at this intersection due to the low likelihood of simultaneous truck turning movements in both directions occurring at this intersection.
- Additional warning signs will be installed on Wilton Road and Wangi Road approximately 100 m from the intersection of Wangi Road/Wangi Point Road and Wilton Road/Awaba Colliery surface site access road to warn motorists of turning trucks. A Code of Conduct will also be developed for all truck drivers operating on the public road network as part of the proposed modification and will focus on good driver behaviour.

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Appendix A

Tube counts



WANGI ROAD, MYUNA Between WANGI POINT ROAD and WILTON ROAD
710 3@2M NB ABC 711 3@2M SB BCD
On guard rails 250m north of Wangi Point Road

Lane	Count	Num	Time	Mon			Tue			Wed			Thu			Fri			Sat			Sun		
				18-Nov-19			19-Nov-19			20-Nov-19			21-Nov-19			22-Nov-19			23-Nov-19			24-Nov-19		
				Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13
Direction 1	8033	100		3	0	0	20	1	0	19	3	0	18	4	0	12	1	0	10	0	1	10	0	0
Direction 1	8033	200		2	1	0	5	0	0	4	0	0	8	0	0	5	1	0	10	0	0	10	1	0
Direction 1	8033	300		3	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	0	4	1	0	3	1	0	6	0	0	3	0	0
Direction 1	8033	400		7	3	1	8	1	1	5	0	0	6	3	1	6	1	2	3	0	0	5	0	0
Direction 1	8033	500		25	6	1	16	1	0	13	3	4	19	2	0	17	0	2	14	0	0	11	1	0
Direction 1	8033	600		71	5	1	92	6	0	71	11	1	73	4	0	77	9	1	36	3	0	18	1	1
Direction 1	8033	700		181	24	2	184	20	4	176	24	1	197	17	4	153	15	3	60	6	2	49	3	0
Direction 1	8033	800		218	30	0	230	19	0	255	29	1	254	25	3	203	35	2	98	8	0	36	2	0
Direction 1	8033	900		245	19	0	275	35	2	255	18	1	277	19	0	234	21	0	131	7	0	67	9	0
Direction 1	8033	1000		226	18	1	208	16	2	218	27	2	192	26	1	197	27	4	178	21	0	136	10	0
Direction 1	8033	1100		188	17	1	170	17	4	179	35	0	179	15	1	147	29	0	171	12	0	149	11	0
Direction 1	8033	1200		191	14	3	179	24	1	182	19	1	197	16	1	167	16	2	171	19	0	159	10	0
Direction 1	8033	1300		149	18	1	169	25	3	173	21	4	141	21	1	182	23	6	164	15	3	164	9	1
Direction 1	8033	1400		157	26	0	151	15	2	160	30	2	191	17	1	193	21	2	148	5	2	133	9	0
Direction 1	8033	1500		202	20	3	201	22	1	206	20	2	196	26	2	204	17	3	143	8	1	131	12	0
Direction 1	8033	1600		266	27	1	299	23	1	304	35	2	325	31	1	300	30	4	116	7	0	104	13	0
Direction 1	8033	1700		232	28	1	228	16	2	260	21	2	232	24	3	200	14	0	113	3	1	114	7	0
Direction 1	8033	1800		218	21	1	217	9	0	216	20	1	206	13	0	190	17	2	146	10	1	115	16	0
Direction 1	8033	1900		105	7	0	110	4	0	117	9	0	117	7	0	128	12	0	93	7	0	81	2	0
Direction 1	8033	2000		70	10	0	60	5	0	68	3	0	77	4	0	71	2	0	59	8	0	60	3	0
Direction 1	8033	2100		43	4	1	48	0	0	63	2	0	54	2	0	50	4	0	56	4	0	56	3	0
Direction 1	8033	2200		30	1	1	37	1	0	43	4	0	37	1	0	51	2	0	41	1	0	29	0	0
Direction 1	8033	2300		25	1	0	26	0	1	21	1	0	27	1	0	27	0	1	37	3	0	20	1	0
Direction 1	8033	2400		14	0	0	14	2	0	12	1	0	20	3	0	20	0	0	24	1	0	10	0	1

WANGI ROAD, MYUNA Between WANGI POINT ROAD and WILTON ROAD
710 3@2M NB ABC 711 3@2M SB BCD
On guard rails 250m north of Wangi Point Road

Lane	Count	Num	Time	Mon			Tue			Wed			Thu			Fri			Sat			Sun		
				18-Nov-19			19-Nov-19			20-Nov-19			21-Nov-19			22-Nov-19			23-Nov-19			24-Nov-19		
				Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13
Direction 2	8033	100		7	0	0	10	1	1	12	1	0	7	3	1	9	0	0	14	2	0	18	5	0
Direction 2	8033	200		6	0	0	4	1	0	6	2	0	4	1	0	8	1	0	8	1	0	11	0	0
Direction 2	8033	300		4	1	1	5	1	0	6	1	0	4	2	0	7	0	0	7	1	0	5	2	1
Direction 2	8033	400		11	1	0	15	2	1	8	2	0	12	1	0	10	1	1	3	1	0	11	0	0
Direction 2	8033	500		31	5	0	31	6	0	27	6	1	27	11	2	28	4	2	11	4	0	9	4	0
Direction 2	8033	600		132	21	0	133	31	1	145	34	0	128	29	0	124	21	1	53	9	0	42	3	0
Direction 2	8033	700		234	62	2	287	62	1	272	62	1	267	71	3	243	52	2	71	8	0	41	10	0
Direction 2	8033	800		198	36	1	229	53	1	235	44	3	224	40	1	190	26	1	72	8	0	57	7	1
Direction 2	8033	900		197	32	2	218	38	2	219	37	2	223	32	1	185	29	1	117	24	0	84	8	1
Direction 2	8033	1000		185	30	1	187	32	0	166	34	1	182	27	1	157	30	3	147	26	2	117	15	2
Direction 2	8033	1100		152	33	2	172	22	0	173	30	1	175	32	1	151	16	0	176	13	0	143	24	0
Direction 2	8033	1200		163	35	6	159	25	4	178	35	1	175	33	3	179	27	6	150	28	1	154	22	1
Direction 2	8033	1300		153	26	2	207	29	0	179	30	4	177	37	0	188	23	3	164	23	2	153	23	1
Direction 2	8033	1400		195	16	4	203	24	2	178	26	4	198	37	0	205	20	0	156	17	3	139	12	0
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Direction 2	8033	1600		273	34	4	274	38	4	272	40	1	292	50	1	281	29	2	173	20	2	164	14	0
Direction 2	8033	1700		269	20	0	236	30	0	274	21	1	249	38	1	254	30	3	146	10	1	138	19	0
Direction 2	8033	1800		218	22	0	231	25	0	233	35	3	231	23	1	240	41	1	117	16	3	118	18	0
Direction 2	8033	1900		153	20	0	171	20	1	182	23	2	146	12	1	153	24	1	98	18	0	82	8	0
Direction 2	8033	2000		80	14	0	67	4	1	86	17	0	80	21	0	67	13	0	76	8	0	56	11	1
Direction 2	8033	2100		65	8	0	87	6	0	83	12	1	92	10	1	54	13	0	60	3	0	78	7	0
Direction 2	8033	2200		61	10	0	72	12	1	82	2	0	105	11	0	70	8	0	91	8	0	53	7	0
Direction 2	8033	2300		18	3	0	29	1	2	32	2	1	28	5	0	45	3	0	50	1	0	27	4	0
Direction 2	8033	2400		11	0	1	10	3	0	12	2	0	17	1	0	28	3	0	33	4	0	19	2	1

WILTON ROAD, MYUNA Between WANGI ROAD and AWABA
712 NB 3@2M ABC713 SB 3@2M BCD
Midblock between Wangi Rd and Awaba Community Recycling Centre ELP 7010

Lane	Count	Nurr	Time	Mon			Tue			Wed			Thu			Fri			Sat			Sun		
				18-Nov-19			19-Nov-19			20-Nov-19			21-Nov-19			22-Nov-19			23-Nov-19			24-Nov-19		
				Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13
Direction 1	8034	100	2	0	0	6	0	0	8	3	0	6	2	0	8	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	
Direction 1	8034	200	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
Direction 1	8034	300	2	0	0	4	1	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	
Direction 1	8034	400	5	1	0	6	0	0	7	0	0	0	2	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	
Direction 1	8034	500	42	4	1	29	1	1	27	3	0	30	7	1	32	4	1	7	0	0	8	1	0	
Direction 1	8034	600	58	9	0	71	8	1	72	11	0	80	10	0	66	10	0	20	5	0	14	2	0	
Direction 1	8034	700	106	12	2	99	13	0	100	19	0	91	10	2	85	11	1	20	5	0	17	2	0	
Direction 1	8034	800	119	24	3	125	22	1	128	26	2	115	18	4	99	21	3	42	4	0	24	2	1	
Direction 1	8034	900	99	21	3	102	13	1	91	20	2	83	17	2	69	19	4	58	9	1	35	4	1	
Direction 1	8034	1000	58	24	3	50	26	2	66	15	2	66	21	1	62	21	2	58	10	3	46	3	2	
Direction 1	8034	1100	45	8	3	47	14	3	43	22	2	35	16	3	35	22	6	57	6	1	64	10	1	
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Direction 1	8034	1300	43	25	3	28	15	5	41	18	6	45	19	1	38	14	2	66	9	1	49	5	1	
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Direction 1	8034	2000	12	0	0	18	2	0	15	1	1	14	2	1	24	2	1	17	1	0	13	2	0	
Direction 1	8034	2100	19	0	0	22	0	0	17	2	0	11	0	0	10	2	0	9	1	1	15	1	0	
Direction 1	8034	2200	13	0	0	7	2	0	9	0	0	9	2	0	11	0	0	9	0	0	3	1	0	
Direction 1	8034	2300	4	0	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	8	0	0	12	2	0	8	0	0	2	1	0	
Direction 1	8034	2400	2	0	0	3	1	0	3	0	0	6	0	0	3	0	0	8	0	0	4	0	0	

WILTON ROAD, MYUNA Between WANGI ROAD and AWABA
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Midblock between Wangi Rd and Awaba Community Recycling Centre ELP 7010

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			Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13	Class 1-2	Class 3-5	Class 6-13
Direction 2	8034	100	0	0	0	3	2	0	3	3	1	4	2	0	4	2	0	4	2	1	5	0	0
Direction 2	8034	200	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	4	0	2	2	0	2	0	1	2	1	0	4	0	0
Direction 2	8034	300	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	1	0
Direction 2	8034	400	0	1	0	1	4	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Direction 2	8034	500	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	5	2	0	6	4	0	5	3	0	1	2	0
Direction 2	8034	600	21	14	0	24	16	1	31	14	0	19	16	0	17	18	0	11	5	0	5	3	0
Direction 2	8034	700	60	26	0	61	38	0	57	44	1	71	25	3	63	29	1	13	6	0	6	4	0
Direction 2	8034	800	39	22	4	44	17	1	49	23	1	46	19	0	30	23	1	16	10	0	17	5	0
Direction 2	8034	900	49	22	3	53	34	2	51	28	1	37	18	4	40	24	4	22	12	0	20	6	0
Direction 2	8034	1000	35	31	0	51	27	0	30	29	2	50	25	0	42	20	3	50	11	0	35	10	1
Direction 2	8034	1100	42	19	2	48	20	3	54	22	1	42	26	1	45	15	1	57	12	0	50	12	1
Direction 2	8034	1200	43	24	3	38	21	7	36	23	1	49	16	1	42	27	2	66	19	1	72	16	0
Direction 2	8034	1300	52	27	2	48	23	3	59	25	1	56	24	2	44	20	0	54	12	4	63	8	1
Direction 2	8034	1400	41	23	4	40	18	1	39	24	2	41	22	2	61	31	2	47	10	2	42	11	1
Direction 2	8034	1500	64	17	4	55	19	3	56	32	1	48	18	1	60	35	0	45	3	0	43	10	2
Direction 2	8034	1600	75	36	0	85	34	1	96	38	0	77	33	5	85	26	0	33	23	1	48	14	1
Direction 2	8034	1700	102	25	1	121	29	1	126	36	0	102	36	3	103	32	3	44	11	2	37	17	1
Direction 2	8034	1800	99	33	0	115	27	0	110	35	1	93	51	0	98	24	1	45	9	0	37	9	0
Direction 2	8034	1900	48	22	1	49	9	0	46	18	1	36	28	2	51	18	0	17	14	0	21	9	0
Direction 2	8034	2000	24	7	0	29	19	0	18	12	0	22	10	1	16	5	0	20	3	0	13	9	0
Direction 2	8034	2100	10	7	0	13	6	0	17	6	0	9	10	0	11	8	0	15	6	0	18	6	0
Direction 2	8034	2200	14	6	0	8	10	1	14	9	0	13	3	0	26	9	0	9	7	0	9	3	1
Direction 2	8034	2300	7	2	0	7	2	0	5	4	0	5	3	1	14	3	0	13	2	0	7	2	0
Direction 2	8034	2400	6	3	0	7	0	0	6	3	0	8	5	0	8	2	1	8	2	0	3	1	0



Appendix B

Intersection counts





ROAR DATA

Reliable, Original & Authentic Results

Ph.88196847, Mob.0418-239019

Client : EMM

Job No/Name : 7163 FASSIFERN Intersection Counts

Day/Date : Wednesday 21st August 2019

Lights

<u>Lights</u>	NORTH		WEST		SOUTH		
	<i>Wangi Rd</i>		<i>Wilton Rd</i>		<i>Wangi Rd</i>		
Time Per	<u>I</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>	TOT
0600 - 0615	8	1	0	15	23	127	174
0615 - 0630	119	0	0	23	25	138	305
0630 - 0645	114	1	0	35	28	158	336
0645 - 0700	153	0	1	30	26	16	226
0700 - 0715	77	5	0	11	29	158	280
0715 - 0730	77	9	1	14	41	230	372
0730 - 0745	96	5	3	17	32	184	337
0745 - 0800	122	1	3	15	38	286	465
Per End	766	22	8	160	242	1297	2495

Lights

Lights	NORTH		WEST		SOUTH		TOT
	Wangi Rd		Wilton Rd		Wangi Rd		
Peak Per	<u>I</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>	
0600 - 0700	394	2	1	103	102	439	1041
0615 - 0715	463	6	1	99	108	470	1147
0630 - 0730	421	15	2	90	124	562	1214
0645 - 0745	403	19	5	72	128	588	1215
0700 - 0800	372	20	7	57	140	858	1454

PEAK HR	372	20	7	57	140	858	1454
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Peds

<u>Peds</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	
<u>Time Per</u>	<u>Wangi Rd</u>	<u>Wilton Rd</u>	<u>Wangi Rd</u>	<u>TOT</u>
0600 - 0615	0	0	0	0
0615 - 0630	0	0	0	0
0630 - 0645	0	0	0	0
0645 - 0700	0	0	0	0
0700 - 0715	0	0	0	0
0715 - 0730	0	0	0	0
0730 - 0745	0	0	0	0
0745 - 0800	0	0	0	0
Per End	0	0	0	0

	NORTH	WEST	SOUTH	
Peak Per	Wangi Rd	Wilton Rd	Wangi Rd	TOT
0600 - 0700	0	0	0	0
0615 - 0715	0	0	0	0
0630 - 0730	0	0	0	0
0645 - 0745	0	0	0	0
0700 - 0800	0	0	0	0
PEAK HR	0	0	0	0

Heavies

Heavies	NORTH		WEST		SOUTH		
	Wangi Rd		Wilton Rd		Wangi Rd		
Time Per	I	R	L	R	L	I	TOT
0600 - 0615	3	1	0	1	0	1	6
0615 - 0630	2	0	0	1	1	0	4
0630 - 0645	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
0645 - 0700	1	0	1	0	0	2	4
0700 - 0715	1	0	0	1	1	3	6
0715 - 0730	7	1	1	3	2	5	19
0730 - 0745	4	0	0	1	1	2	8
0745 - 0800	5	0	1	1	2	1	10
Per End	25	2	3	8	7	15	60

Heavies

Heavies	NORTH		WEST		SOUTH		
	Wangi Rd		Wilton Rd		Wangi Rd		
Peak Per	<u>I</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>	TOT
0600 - 0700	8	1	1	2	1	4	17
0615 - 0715	6	0	1	2	2	6	17
0630 - 0730	11	1	2	4	3	11	32
0645 - 0745	13	1	2	5	4	12	37
0700 - 0800	17	1	2	6	6	11	43

PEAK HR	17	1	2	6	6	11	43
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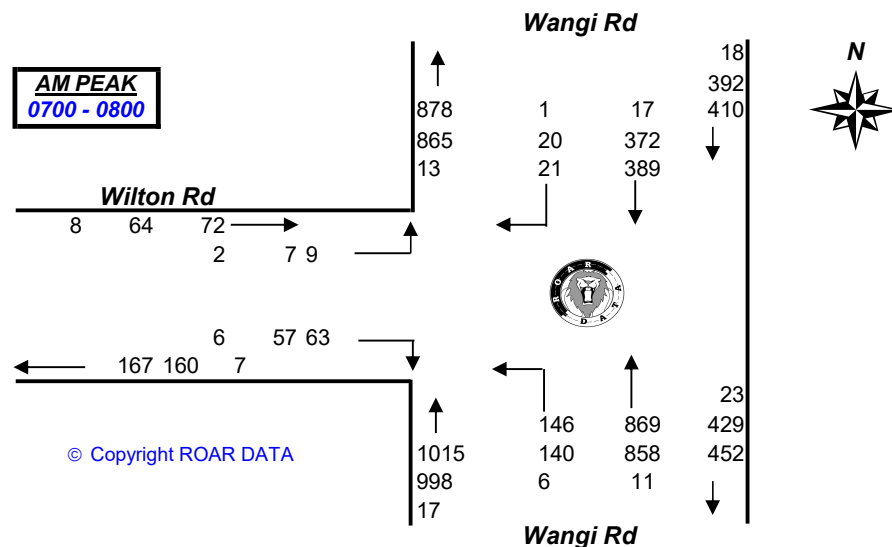
Combined

Combined	NORTH		WEST		SOUTH		
	Wangi Rd		Wilton Rd		Wangi Rd		
Time Per	I	R	L	R	L	I	TOT
0600 - 0615	11	2	0	16	23	128	180
0615 - 0630	121	0	0	24	26	138	309
0630 - 0645	116	1	0	35	28	159	339
0645 - 0700	154	0	2	30	26	18	230
0700 - 0715	78	5	0	12	30	161	286
0715 - 0730	84	10	2	17	43	235	391
0730 - 0745	100	5	3	18	33	186	345
0745 - 0800	127	1	4	16	40	287	475
Per End	791	24	11	168	249	1312	2555

Combined

Combined	NORTH		WEST		SOUTH		
	Wangi Rd		Wilton Rd		Wangi Rd		
Peak Per	<u>I</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>	TOT
0600 - 0700	402	3	2	105	103	443	1058
0615 - 0715	469	6	2	101	110	476	1164
0630 - 0730	432	16	4	94	127	573	1246
0645 - 0745	416	20	7	77	132	600	1252
0700 - 0800	389	21	9	63	146	869	1497

PEAK HR	389	21	9	63	146	869	1497
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Day/Date : Wednesday 21st August 2019

Lights

Lights	NORTH		WEST		SOUTH		
	Wangi Rd		Wilton Rd		Wangi Rd		
Time Per	I	R	L	R	L	I	TOT
1400 - 1415	123	4	0	9	7	104	247
1415 - 1430	171	2	6	14	14	127	334
1430 - 1445	170	5	5	21	11	132	344
1445 - 1500	146	3	3	19	14	104	289
1500 - 1515	182	3	6	16	14	146	367
1515 - 1530	203	5	14	38	15	122	397
1530 - 1545	195	4	6	29	21	185	440
1545 - 1600	246	5	5	41	41	194	532
Per End	1436	31	45	187	137	1114	2950

Lights

<u>Lights</u>	NORTH		WEST		SOUTH		
	Wangi Rd		Wilton Rd		Wangi Rd		
Peak Per	<u>I</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>	TOT
1400 - 1500	610	14	14	63	46	467	1214
1415 - 1515	669	13	20	70	53	509	1334
1430 - 1530	701	16	28	94	54	504	1397
1445 - 1545	726	15	29	102	64	557	1493
1500 - 1600	826	17	31	124	91	647	1736

PEAK HR	826	17	31	124	91	647	1736
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Peds

<u>Peds</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	
<u>Time Per</u>	<u>Wangi Rd</u>	<u>Wilton Rd</u>	<u>Wangi Rd</u>	<u>TOT</u>
1400 - 1415	0	0	0	0
1415 - 1430	0	0	0	0
1430 - 1445	0	0	0	0
1445 - 1500	0	0	0	0
1500 - 1515	0	0	0	0
1515 - 1530	0	0	0	0
1530 - 1545	0	0	0	0
1545 - 1600	0	0	0	0
<u>Per End</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	NORTH	WEST	SOUTH	
Peak Per	Wangi Rd	Wilton Rd	Wangi Rd	TOT
1400 - 1500	0	0	0	0
1415 - 1515	0	0	0	0
1430 - 1530	0	0	0	0
1445 - 1545	0	0	0	0
1500 - 1600	0	0	0	0
PEAK HR	0	0	0	0

Heavies

Heavies	NORTH		WEST		SOUTH		TOT
	Wangi Rd		Wilton Rd		Wangi Rd		
Time Per	I	R	L	R	L	I	
1400 - 1415	2	0	2	1	0	1	6
1415 - 1430	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
1430 - 1445	2	1	1	3	3	2	12
1445 - 1500	2	0	3	1	4	1	11
1500 - 1515	3	0	3	1	3	1	11
1515 - 1530	4	1	1	0	1	4	11
1530 - 1545	2	0	1	1	1	1	6
1545 - 1600	1	0	0	3	0	2	6
Per End	16	2	11	11	12	12	64

Heavies

<u>Heavies</u>	NORTH		WEST		SOUTH		
	<i>Wangi Rd</i>		<i>Wilton Rd</i>		<i>Wangi Rd</i>		
Peak Per	<u>I</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>	TOT
1400 - 1500	6	1	6	6	7	4	30
1415 - 1515	7	1	7	6	10	4	35
1430 - 1530	11	2	8	5	11	8	45
1445 - 1545	11	1	8	3	9	7	39
1500 - 1600	10	1	5	5	5	8	34

PEAK HR	10	1	5	5	5	8	34
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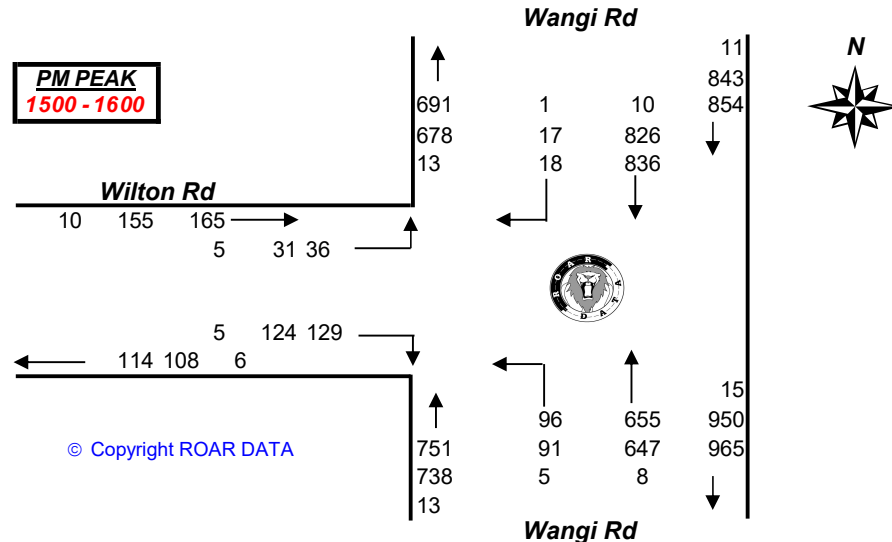
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Combined	NORTH		WEST		SOUTH		
	Wangi Rd		Wilton Rd		Wangi Rd		
Time Per	I	R	L	R	L	I	TOT
1400 - 1415	125	4	2	10	7	105	253
1415 - 1430	171	2	6	15	14	127	335
1430 - 1445	172	6	6	24	14	134	356
1445 - 1500	148	3	6	20	18	105	300
1500 - 1515	185	3	9	17	17	147	378
1515 - 1530	207	6	15	38	16	126	408
1530 - 1545	197	4	7	30	22	186	446
1545 - 1600	247	5	5	44	41	196	538
Per End	1452	33	56	198	149	1126	3014

Combined

Combined	NORTH		WEST		SOUTH		
	Wangi Rd		Wilton Rd		Wangi Rd		
Peak Per	<u>I</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>	TOT
1400 - 1500	616	15	20	69	53	471	1244
1415 - 1515	676	14	27	76	63	513	1369
1430 - 1530	712	18	36	99	65	512	1442
1445 - 1545	737	16	37	105	73	564	1532
1500 - 1600	836	18	36	129	96	655	1770

PEAK HR	836	18	36	129	96	655	1770
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11/19/2019

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		LEFT			STRAIGHT			STRAIGHT			RIGHT			LEFT			RIGHT			
		LV	HV	LV+HV	LV	HV	LV+HV	LV	HV	LV+HV	LV	HV	LV+HV	LV	HV	LV+HV	LV	HV	LV+HV	
19-Nov-19	1500-1514	0	0	0	15	2	17	21	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
19-Nov-19	1515-1529	0	0	0	30	2	32	22	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
19-Nov-19	1530-1544	0	0	0	30	3	33	34	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67
19-Nov-19	1545-1559	0	0	0	30	2	32	41	2	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
19-Nov-19	1600-1614	0	0	0	33	1	34	45	1	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
19-Nov-19	1615-1629	0	0	0	23	0	23	33	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
19-Nov-19	1630-1644	0	0	0	18	0	18	44	1	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
19-Nov-19	1645-1659	0	0	0	11	1	12	36	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
19-Nov-19	1700-1714	0	0	0	35	0	35	39	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	75
19-Nov-19	1715-1729	0	0	0	29	3	32	35	3	38	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	72
19-Nov-19	1730-1744	1	0	1	16	0	16	47	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
19-Nov-19	1745-1759	0	0	0	15	0	15	28	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
		1	0	1	285	14	299	425	10	435	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	

Hourly	WILTON ROAD WESTBOUND						WILTON ROAD EASTBOUND						COLLIERY ENTRANCE NORTHBOUND						Totals	
	LEFT			STRAIGHT			STRAIGHT			RIGHT			LEFT			RIGHT				
	LV	HV	LV+HV	LV	HV	LV+HV	LV	HV	LV+HV	LV	HV	LV+HV	LV	HV	LV+HV	LV	HV	LV+HV		
1500-1600	0	0	0	105	9	114	118	4	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	236
1515-1615	0	0	0	123	8	131	142	4	146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	277
1530-1630	0	0	0	116	6	122	153	4	157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	279
1545-1645	0	0	0	104	3	107	163	5	168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	275
1600-1700	0	0	0	85	2	87	158	3	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	248
1615-1715	0	0	0	87	1	88	152	2	154	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	243
1630-1730	0	0	0	93	4	97	154	4	158	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	258
1645-1745	1	0	1	91	4	95	157	3	160	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	259
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Appendix C

SIDRA modelling results



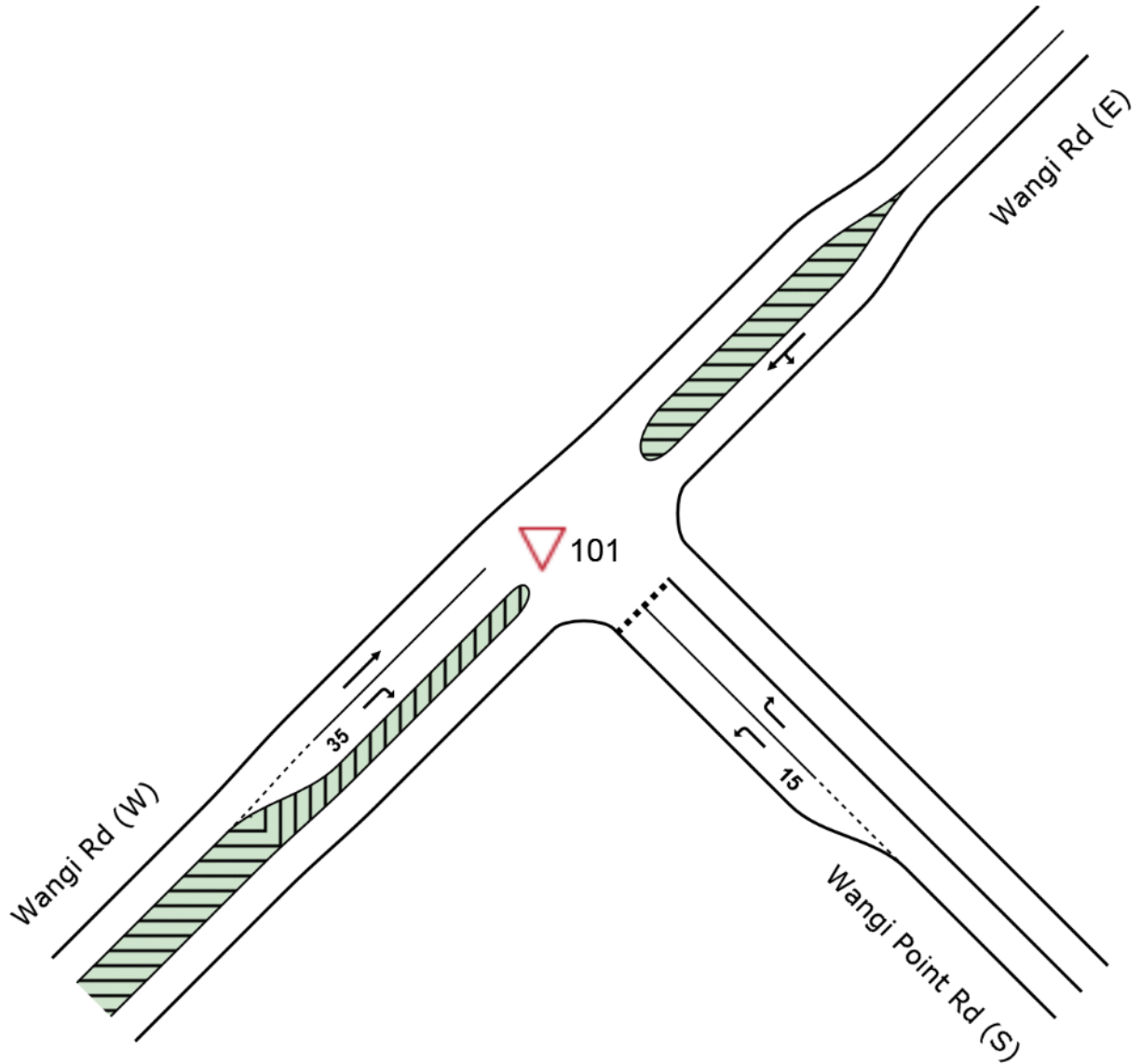
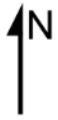
SITE LAYOUT

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Existing AM

Site Category: (None)

Giveway / Yield (Two-Way)



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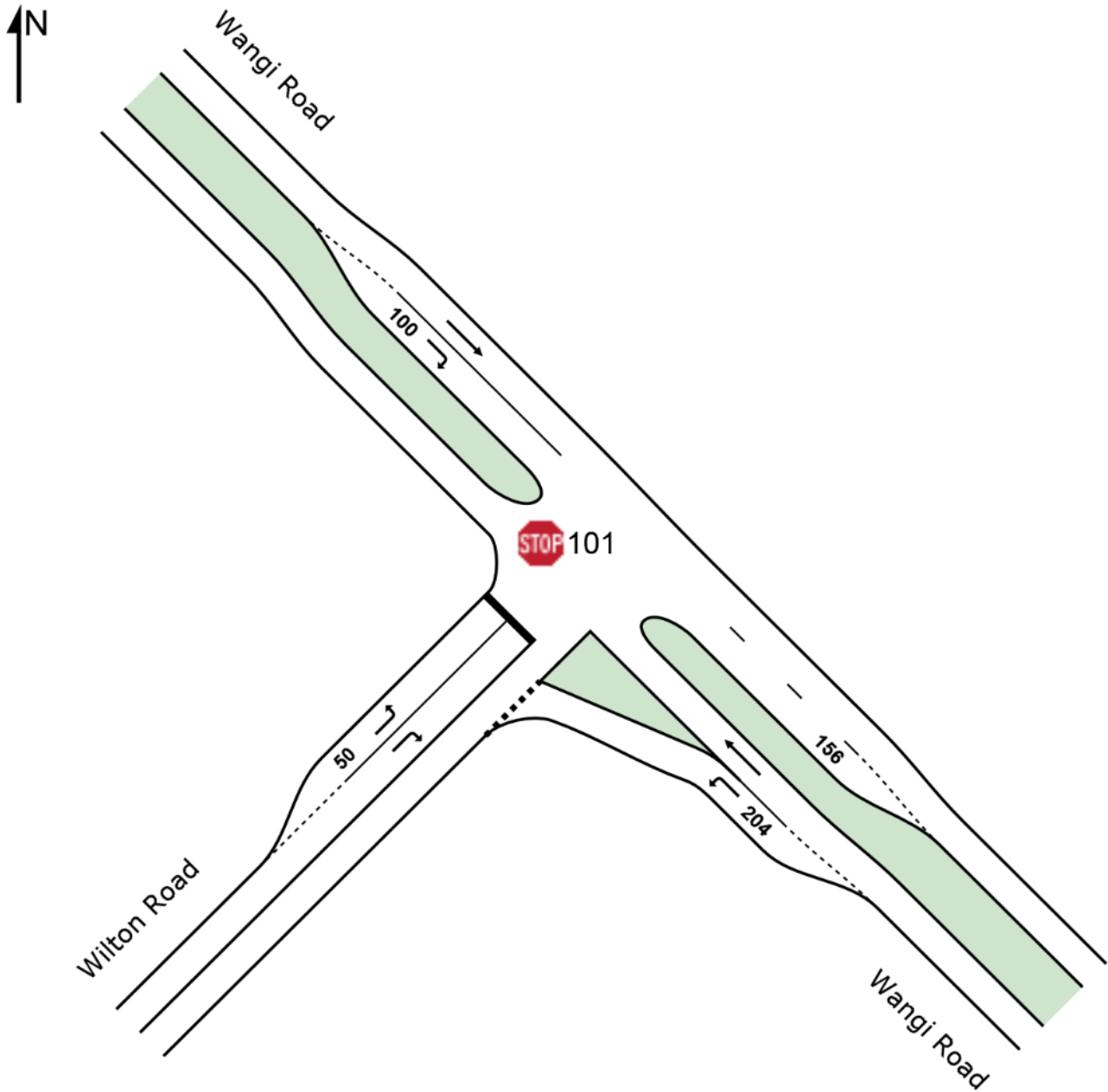
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New Site

Site Category: (None)

Stop (Two-Way)



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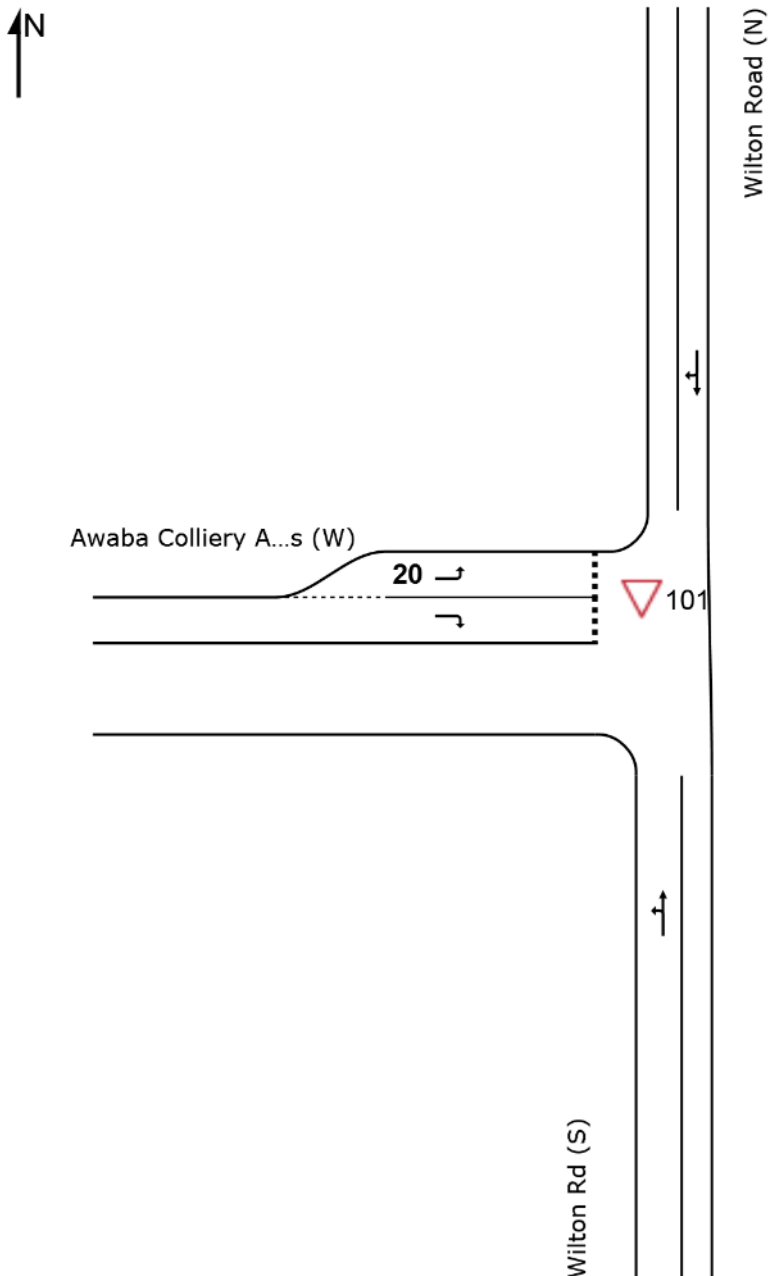
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▽ Site: 101 [Wilton Rd/ Awaba Colliery Access (EX AM)]

Existing AM

Site Category: (None)

Giveaway / Yield (Two-Way)



MOVEMENT SUMMARY

▽ Site: 101 [Wangi Rd/ Wangi Point Rd(EX AM)]

Existing AM
Site Category: (None)
Giveway / Yield (Two-Way)

Movement Performance - Vehicles												
Mov ID	Turn	Demand Total veh/h	Flows HV %	Deg. Satn v/c	Average Delay sec	Level of Service	95% Back of Queue Vehicles veh	Distance m	Prop. Queued	Effective Stop Rate	Aver. No. Cycles	Average Speed km/h
SouthEast: Wangi Point Rd (S)												
21	L2	1	0.0	0.001	5.2	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.35	0.47	0.35	53.1
23	R2	1	0.0	0.001	6.3	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.43	0.56	0.43	52.5
Approach		2	0.0	0.001	5.8	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.39	0.52	0.39	52.8
NorthEast: Wangi Rd (E)												
24	L2	1	0.0	0.155	7.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	74.5
25	T1	272	16.3	0.155	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.8
Approach		273	16.2	0.155	0.0	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.7
SouthWest: Wangi Rd (W)												
31	T1	275	11.1	0.151	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.9
32	R2	1	0.0	0.001	5.2	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.38	0.47	0.38	45.6
Approach		276	11.1	0.151	0.0	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.7
All Vehicles		551	13.6	0.155	0.1	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.6

Site Level of Service (LOS) Method: Delay (RTA NSW). Site LOS Method is specified in the Parameter Settings dialog (Site tab).

Vehicle movement LOS values are based on average delay per movement.

Minor Road Approach LOS values are based on average delay for all vehicle movements.

NA: Intersection LOS and Major Road Approach LOS values are Not Applicable for two-way sign control since the average delay is not a good LOS measure due to zero delays associated with major road movements.

SIDRA Standard Delay Model is used. Control Delay includes Geometric Delay.

Gap-Acceptance Capacity: SIDRA Standard (Akçelik M3D).

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MOVEMENT SUMMARY

▽ Site: 101 [Wangi Rd/ Wangi Point Rd(EX PM)]

Existing PM
Site Category: (None)
Giveway / Yield (Two-Way)

Movement Performance - Vehicles												
Mov ID	Turn	Demand Total veh/h	Flows HV %	Deg. Satn v/c	Average Delay sec	Level of Service	95% Back of Queue Vehicles veh	Distance m	Prop. Queued	Effective Stop Rate	Aver. No. Cycles	Average Speed km/h
SouthEast: Wangi Point Rd (S)												
21	L2	1	0.0	0.001	5.4	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.39	0.48	0.39	53.0
23	R2	1	0.0	0.001	6.9	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.48	0.59	0.48	52.1
Approach		2	0.0	0.001	6.2	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.43	0.53	0.43	52.5
NorthEast: Wangi Rd (E)												
24	L2	1	0.0	0.188	7.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	74.5
25	T1	337	12.8	0.188	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.8
Approach		338	12.8	0.188	0.0	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.8
SouthWest: Wangi Rd (W)												
31	T1	347	9.4	0.189	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.9
32	R2	1	0.0	0.001	5.4	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.42	0.47	0.42	45.5
Approach		348	9.4	0.189	0.0	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.7
All Vehicles		688	11.0	0.189	0.1	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.6

Site Level of Service (LOS) Method: Delay (RTA NSW). Site LOS Method is specified in the Parameter Settings dialog (Site tab).

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MOVEMENT SUMMARY



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New Site

Site Category: (None)

Stop (Two-Way)

Movement Performance - Vehicles												
Mov ID	Turn	Demand Total veh/h	Flows HV %	Deg. Satn v/c	Average Delay sec	Level of Service	95% Back of Queue Vehicles veh	Distance m	Prop. Queued	Effective Stop Rate	Aver. No. Cycles	Average Speed km/h
SouthEast: Wangi Road												
4	L2	154	4.1	0.098	5.7	LOS A	0.4	3.0	0.08	0.52	0.08	53.8
5	T1	915	1.3	0.473	0.1	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.9
Approach		1068	1.7	0.473	0.9	LOS A	0.4	3.0	0.01	0.08	0.01	58.9
NorthWest: Wangi Road												
11	T1	409	4.4	0.216	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.0
12	R2	22	4.8	0.027	9.6	LOS A	0.1	0.8	0.67	0.77	0.67	50.2
Approach		432	4.4	0.216	0.5	NA	0.1	0.8	0.03	0.04	0.03	59.4
SouthWest: Wilton Road												
1	L2	9	22.2	0.022	16.4	LOS B	0.1	0.6	0.74	0.96	0.74	47.0
3	R2	66	9.5	0.193	17.5	LOS B	0.6	4.6	0.76	1.01	0.79	46.2
Approach		76	11.1	0.193	17.3	LOS B	0.6	4.6	0.76	1.01	0.78	46.3
All Vehicles		1576	2.9	0.473	1.6	NA	0.6	4.6	0.05	0.11	0.06	58.3

Site Level of Service (LOS) Method: Delay (RTA NSW). Site LOS Method is specified in the Parameter Settings dialog (Site tab).

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MOVEMENT SUMMARY



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New Site

Site Category: (None)

Stop (Two-Way)

Movement Performance - Vehicles												
Mov ID	Turn	Demand Total veh/h	Flows HV %	Deg. Satn v/c	Average Delay sec	Level of Service	95% Back of Queue Vehicles veh	Distance m	Prop. Queued	Effective Stop Rate	Aver. No. Cycles	Average Speed km/h
SouthEast: Wangi Road												
4	L2	101	5.2	0.064	5.7	LOS A	0.3	2.0	0.07	0.52	0.07	53.8
5	T1	689	1.2	0.356	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.9
Approach		791	1.7	0.356	0.8	LOS A	0.3	2.0	0.01	0.07	0.01	59.0
NorthWest: Wangi Road												
11	T1	880	1.2	0.455	0.1	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.9
12	R2	19	5.6	0.017	7.9	LOS A	0.1	0.6	0.59	0.66	0.59	51.4
Approach		899	1.3	0.455	0.2	NA	0.1	0.6	0.01	0.01	0.01	59.7
SouthWest: Wilton Road												
1	L2	38	13.9	0.052	12.4	LOS A	0.2	1.6	0.60	0.94	0.60	49.4
3	R2	136	3.9	0.247	13.3	LOS A	0.9	6.4	0.63	1.02	0.70	48.7
Approach		174	6.1	0.247	13.1	LOS A	0.9	6.4	0.63	1.00	0.67	48.9
All Vehicles		1863	1.9	0.455	1.7	NA	0.9	6.4	0.07	0.13	0.07	58.2

Site Level of Service (LOS) Method: Delay (RTA NSW). Site LOS Method is specified in the Parameter Settings dialog (Site tab).

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Gap-Acceptance Capacity: SIDRA Standard (Akçelik M3D).

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MOVEMENT SUMMARY

▽ Site: 101 [Wilton Rd/ Awaba Colliery Access (EX AM)]

Existing AM
Site Category: (None)
Giveway / Yield (Two-Way)

Movement Performance - Vehicles												
Mov ID	Turn	Demand Total veh/h	Flows HV %	Deg. Satn v/c	Average Delay sec	Level of Service	95% Back Vehicles veh	of Queue Distance m	Prop. Queued	Effective Stop Rate	Aver. No. Cycles	Average Speed km/h
South: Wilton Rd (S)												
1	L2	1	0.0	0.080	6.9	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.0
2	T1	164	5.1	0.080	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.7
Approach		165	5.1	0.080	0.1	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.4
North: Wilton Road (N)												
8	T1	85	17.3	0.049	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01	79.5
9	R2	1	0.0	0.049	5.0	LOS A	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01	72.1
Approach		86	17.1	0.049	0.1	NA	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01	79.4
West: Awaba Colliery Access (W)												
10	L2	1	0.0	0.001	5.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.25	0.48	0.25	55.9
12	R2	1	0.0	0.001	5.4	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.29	0.49	0.29	55.9
Approach		2	0.0	0.001	5.2	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.27	0.48	0.27	55.9
All Vehicles		254	9.1	0.080	0.1	NA	0.0	0.1	0.00	0.01	0.00	79.2

Site Level of Service (LOS) Method: Delay (RTA NSW). Site LOS Method is specified in the Parameter Settings dialog (Site tab).

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MOVEMENT SUMMARY

▽ Site: 101 [Wilton Rd/ Awaba Colliery Access (EX PM)]

Existing PM
Site Category: (None)
Giveway / Yield (Two-Way)

Movement Performance - Vehicles												
Mov ID	Turn	Demand Total veh/h	Flows HV %	Deg. Satn v/c	Average Delay sec	Level of Service	95% Back of Queue Vehicles veh	Distance m	Prop. Queued	Effective Stop Rate	Aver. No. Cycles	Average Speed km/h
South: Wilton Rd (S)												
1	L2	1	0.0	0.063	6.9	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.01	0.00	41.0
2	T1	128	4.9	0.063	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.01	0.00	79.6
Approach		129	4.9	0.063	0.1	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.01	0.00	79.3
North: Wilton Road (N)												
8	T1	165	2.5	0.087	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.8
9	R2	1	0.0	0.087	4.9	LOS A	0.0	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	72.5
Approach		166	2.5	0.087	0.0	NA	0.0	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.7
West: Awaba Colliery Access (W)												
10	L2	1	0.0	0.001	4.9	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.22	0.48	0.22	56.1
12	R2	1	0.0	0.001	5.5	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.32	0.49	0.32	55.8
Approach		2	0.0	0.001	5.2	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.27	0.48	0.27	55.9
All Vehicles		298	3.5	0.087	0.1	NA	0.0	0.1	0.00	0.01	0.00	79.4

Site Level of Service (LOS) Method: Delay (RTA NSW). Site LOS Method is specified in the Parameter Settings dialog (Site tab).

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MOVEMENT SUMMARY

▽ Site: 101 [Wangi Rd/ Wangi Point Rd(Future AM)]

Future AM

Site Category: (None)

Giveway / Yield (Two-Way)

Movement Performance - Vehicles												
Mov ID	Turn	Demand Flows		Deg. Satn	Average Delay	Level of Service	95% Back of Queue Vehicles	Back of Queue Distance	Prop. Queued	Effective Stop Rate	Aver. No. Cycles	Average Speed
		Total veh/h	HV %	v/c	sec		veh	m				km/h
SouthEast: Wangi Point Rd (S)												
21	L2	1	0.0	0.001	5.2	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.35	0.47	0.35	53.1
23	R2	11	100.0	0.023	9.9	LOS A	0.1	0.9	0.53	0.72	0.53	41.5
Approach		12	90.9	0.023	9.5	LOS A	0.1	0.9	0.52	0.70	0.52	42.3
NorthEast: Wangi Rd (E)												
24	L2	11	100.0	0.164	7.8	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.05	0.00	56.5
25	T1	272	16.3	0.164	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.05	0.00	78.3
Approach		282	19.4	0.164	0.6	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.05	0.00	77.2
SouthWest: Wangi Rd (W)												
31	T1	275	11.1	0.151	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.9
32	R2	1	0.0	0.001	5.2	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.39	0.47	0.39	45.6
Approach		276	11.1	0.151	0.0	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.7
All Vehicles		569	16.8	0.164	0.4	NA	0.1	0.9	0.01	0.04	0.01	77.1

Site Level of Service (LOS) Method: Delay (RTA NSW). Site LOS Method is specified in the Parameter Settings dialog (Site tab).

Vehicle movement LOS values are based on average delay per movement.

Minor Road Approach LOS values are based on average delay for all vehicle movements.

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MOVEMENT SUMMARY

▽ Site: 101 [Wangi Rd/ Wangi Point Rd(Future PM)]

Future PM

Site Category: (None)

Giveway / Yield (Two-Way)

Movement Performance - Vehicles												
Mov ID	Turn	Demand Total veh/h	Flows HV %	Deg. Satn v/c	Average Delay sec	Level of Service	95% Back of Queue Vehicles veh	Distance m	Prop. Queued	Effective Stop Rate	Aver. No. Cycles	Average Speed km/h
SouthEast: Wangi Point Rd (S)												
21	L2	1	0.0	0.001	5.4	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.39	0.48	0.39	53.0
23	R2	5	100.0	0.014	11.8	LOS A	0.0	0.6	0.62	0.76	0.62	40.6
Approach		6	83.3	0.014	10.7	LOS A	0.0	0.6	0.58	0.71	0.58	42.3
NorthEast: Wangi Rd (E)												
24	L2	5	100.0	0.192	7.8	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.02	0.00	57.0
25	T1	337	12.8	0.192	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.02	0.00	79.3
Approach		342	14.2	0.192	0.3	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.02	0.00	78.8
SouthWest: Wangi Rd (W)												
31	T1	347	9.4	0.189	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.9
32	R2	1	0.0	0.001	5.4	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.42	0.47	0.42	45.5
Approach		348	9.4	0.189	0.0	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.7
All Vehicles		697	12.4	0.192	0.2	NA	0.0	0.6	0.01	0.02	0.01	78.6

Site Level of Service (LOS) Method: Delay (RTA NSW). Site LOS Method is specified in the Parameter Settings dialog (Site tab).

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Minor Road Approach LOS values are based on average delay for all vehicle movements.

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MOVEMENT SUMMARY

 **Site: 101 [Wangi Rd/ Wilton Rd (Future AM)]**

New Site
Site Category: (None)
Stop (Two-Way)

Movement Performance - Vehicles												
Mov ID	Turn	Demand Total veh/h	Flows HV %	Deg. Satn v/c	Average Delay sec	Level of Service	95% Back of Queue Vehicles veh	Distance m	Prop. Queued	Effective Stop Rate	Aver. No. Cycles	Average Speed km/h
SouthEast: Wangi Road												
4	L2	164	10.3	0.108	5.8	LOS A	0.5	3.5	0.09	0.52	0.09	53.6
5	T1	915	1.3	0.473	0.1	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.9
Approach		1079	2.6	0.473	0.9	LOS A	0.5	3.5	0.01	0.08	0.01	58.8
NorthWest: Wangi Road												
11	T1	409	4.4	0.216	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.0
12	R2	22	4.8	0.027	9.6	LOS A	0.1	0.8	0.67	0.77	0.67	50.2
Approach		432	4.4	0.216	0.5	NA	0.1	0.8	0.03	0.04	0.03	59.4
SouthWest: Wilton Road												
1	L2	9	22.2	0.022	16.4	LOS B	0.1	0.6	0.74	0.96	0.74	47.0
3	R2	77	21.9	0.260	20.6	LOS B	0.9	7.2	0.80	1.04	0.90	44.4
Approach		86	22.0	0.260	20.1	LOS B	0.9	7.2	0.79	1.03	0.88	44.7
All Vehicles		1597	4.2	0.473	1.9	NA	0.9	7.2	0.06	0.12	0.07	58.0

Site Level of Service (LOS) Method: Delay (RTA NSW). Site LOS Method is specified in the Parameter Settings dialog (Site tab).

Vehicle movement LOS values are based on average delay per movement.

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MOVEMENT SUMMARY



Site: 101 [Wangi Rd/ Wilton Rd (Future PM)]

New Site

Site Category: (None)

Stop (Two-Way)

Movement Performance - Vehicles												
Mov ID	Turn	Demand Total veh/h	Flows HV %	Deg. Satn v/c	Average Delay sec	Level of Service	95% Back of Queue Vehicles veh	Distance m	Prop. Queued	Effective Stop Rate	Aver. No. Cycles	Average Speed km/h
SouthEast: Wangi Road												
4	L2	106	9.9	0.069	5.8	LOS A	0.3	2.2	0.08	0.52	0.08	53.6
5	T1	689	1.2	0.356	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.9
Approach		796	2.4	0.356	0.8	LOS A	0.3	2.2	0.01	0.07	0.01	59.0
NorthWest: Wangi Road												
11	T1	880	1.2	0.455	0.1	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.9
12	R2	19	5.6	0.017	7.9	LOS A	0.1	0.6	0.59	0.66	0.59	51.4
Approach		899	1.3	0.455	0.2	NA	0.1	0.6	0.01	0.01	0.01	59.7
SouthWest: Wilton Road												
1	L2	38	13.9	0.052	12.4	LOS A	0.2	1.6	0.60	0.94	0.60	49.4
3	R2	141	7.5	0.267	13.8	LOS A	1.0	7.3	0.65	1.03	0.73	48.3
Approach		179	8.8	0.267	13.5	LOS A	1.0	7.3	0.64	1.01	0.70	48.6
All Vehicles		1874	2.5	0.455	1.7	NA	1.0	7.3	0.07	0.13	0.08	58.1

Site Level of Service (LOS) Method: Delay (RTA NSW). Site LOS Method is specified in the Parameter Settings dialog (Site tab).

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Future AM

Site Category: (None)

Giveway / Yield (Two-Way)

Movement Performance - Vehicles												
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South: Wilton Rd (S)												
1	L2	11	100.0	0.089	7.7	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.07	0.00	38.4
2	T1	164	5.1	0.089	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.07	0.00	77.5
Approach		175	10.8	0.089	0.9	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.07	0.00	74.6
North: Wilton Road (N)												
8	T1	85	17.3	0.049	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01	79.5
9	R2	1	0.0	0.049	5.1	LOS A	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01	72.1
Approach		86	17.1	0.049	0.1	NA	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01	79.4
West: Awaba Colliery Access (W)												
10	L2	1	0.0	0.001	5.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.25	0.48	0.25	55.9
12	R2	11	100.0	0.018	7.2	LOS A	0.1	0.7	0.38	0.56	0.38	40.4
Approach		12	90.9	0.018	7.0	LOS A	0.1	0.7	0.37	0.55	0.37	41.4
All Vehicles		273	16.2	0.089	0.6	NA	0.1	0.7	0.02	0.07	0.02	74.5

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Future PM

Site Category: (None)

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Movement Performance - Vehicles												
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South: Wilton Rd (S)												
1	L2	5	100.0	0.067	7.8	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.05	0.00	38.8
2	T1	128	4.9	0.067	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.05	0.00	78.3
Approach		134	8.7	0.067	0.6	NA	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.05	0.00	76.4
North: Wilton Road (N)												
8	T1	165	2.5	0.087	0.0	LOS A	0.0	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.8
9	R2	1	0.0	0.087	5.0	LOS A	0.0	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	72.5
Approach		166	2.5	0.087	0.0	NA	0.0	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.7
West: Awaba Colliery Access (W)												
10	L2	1	0.0	0.001	4.9	LOS A	0.0	0.0	0.22	0.48	0.22	56.1
12	R2	5	100.0	0.009	7.5	LOS A	0.0	0.4	0.40	0.56	0.40	40.2
Approach		6	83.3	0.009	7.1	LOS A	0.0	0.4	0.37	0.54	0.37	42.2
All Vehicles		306	6.9	0.087	0.3	NA	0.0	0.4	0.01	0.03	0.01	77.4

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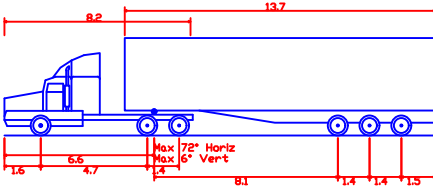
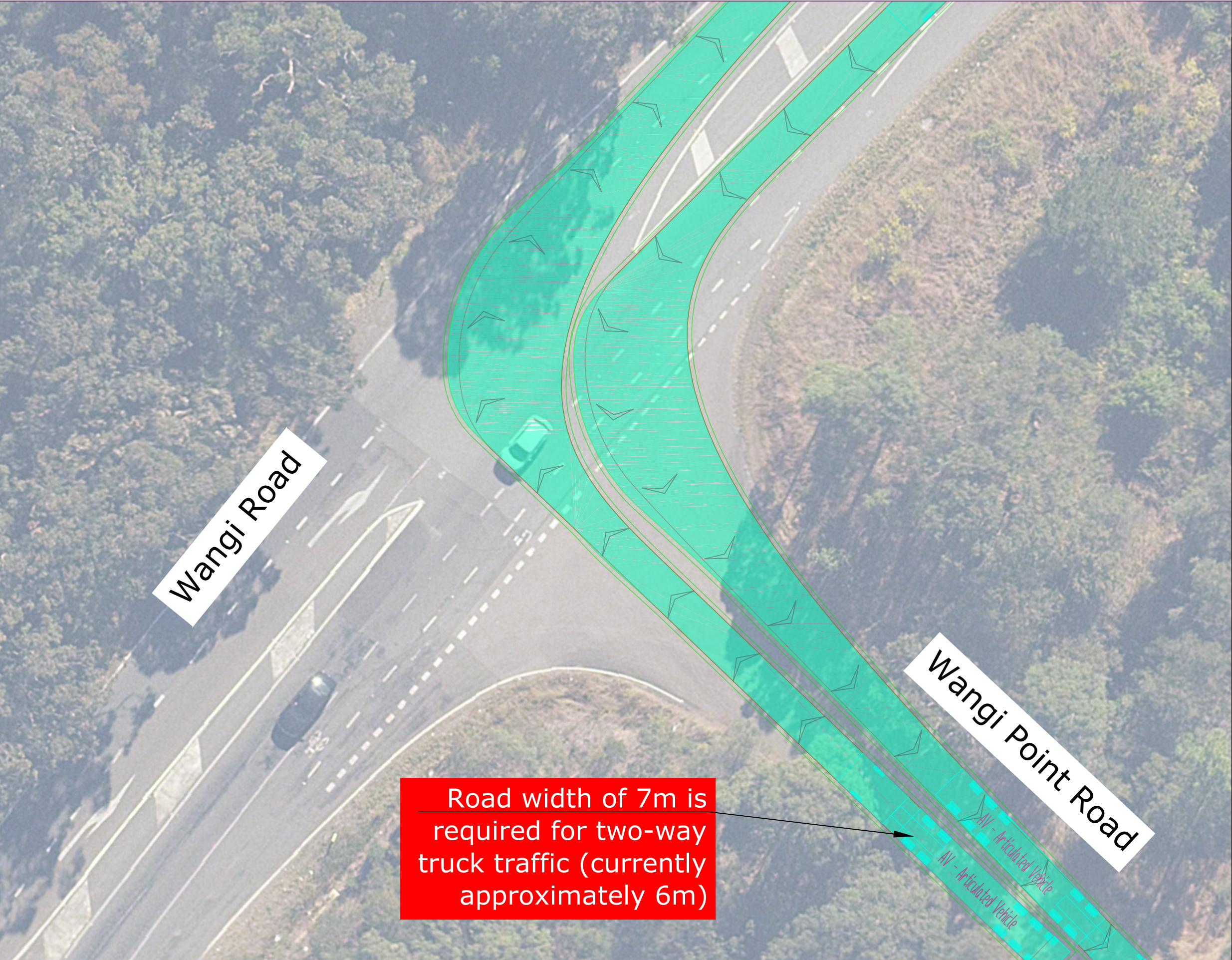
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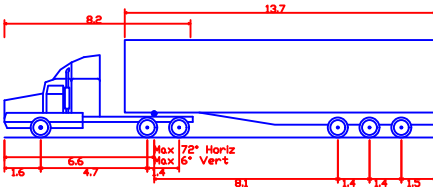
Appendix D

Swept path assessment





AV - Articulated Vehicle
Overall Length 19.000m
Overall Width 2.500m
Overall Body Height 4.301m
Min Body Ground Clearance 0.418m
Track Width 2.500m
Lock-to-lock time 6.00s
Curb to Curb Turning Radius 12.500m

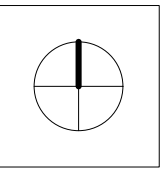


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Awaba Colliery
Site Access

Wilton Road

REV	DATE	COMMENT	DRAWN	REVIEWED	REV	DATE	COMMENT	DRAWN	REVIEWED
1	15/04/20	FOR INFORMATION	EL	AU					



PROJECT:
Myuna Colliery

DRAWING TITLE:
19m AV Swept Path
Intersection of Wilton Road with Awaba
Colliery Site Access

CLIENT: Centennial Coal
DRG. #: EMM-002
PROJECT #: J190752
SCALE: 1:250

REV: 1



Appendix E

Public road photographs



Wangi Road northbound





Wangi Road southbound





Wilton Road eastbound





Wilton Road westbound







Appendix F

Private road photographs



Photographs of Awaba Private Haul Road



0.1 km from Wilton Road



0.2 km from Wilton Road



0.3 km from Wilton Road



0.4 km from Wilton Road



0.6 km from Wilton Road



0.7 km from Wilton Road



0.8 km from Wilton Road



0.9 km from Wilton Road

Photographs at Intersection of Awaba and Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Roads



Approach to the intersection looking south



At the intersection looking south



At the intersection looking east



Approach to the intersection looking north



At the intersection looking north

Photographs of Newstan-Eraring Private Haul Road



Approx 0.25 km south of intersection



Approx 0.5 km south of intersection



Approx 0.75 km south of intersection



Approx 1 km south of intersection



Approx 1.5 km south of intersection







Appendix D

Assessment of socio-economic effects





Myuna Colliery Northern Coal Logistics Project

**Proposed modifications to:
MP 10_0080
and
SSD-5145**

Assessment of socioeconomic effects

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Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AEMO	Australian Energy Market Operator
BAU	Business as usual
CBA	Cost Benefit Analysis
CES	Cooranbong Entry Site
CHP	Coal Handling Plant
DPIE	Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
EA	Economic Assessment
EPA	Environment Protection Authority (NSW)
EPS	Eraring Power Station
LEA	Local Effects Analysis
LGA	Local Government Area
LMCC	Lake Macquarie City Council
NCLP	Northern Coal Logistics Project
NCS	Northern Coal Services
NEM	National Energy Market
NMP	Noise Management Plan
NPfi	Noise Policy for Industry
NSWMC	NSW Minerals Council
PNTL	Project Noise Trigger Level
ROM	Run of Mine
SIA	Social Impact Assessment
SSD	State Significant Development



1 Purpose of report

1.1 Brief overview

This report presents a description of the socioeconomic implications of the modification of two existing consents held by Centennial Coal Company entities, MP 10_0080 (Myuna Colliery) and SSD-5145 (Northern Coal Logistics Project). The modifications relate to changes in coal handling, processing, and transport methods, to support operations at Myuna Colliery. Supporting information and a detailed description of the proposed modifications is presented in Sections 2 and 3.

1.2 Approach

This report addresses potential social and economic effects of the proposed modification. Based on the scope of the modifications, a full social impact assessment (SIA) and economic assessment (EA) are not required. Rather, the relevant aspects of the modifications are assessed and presented as an integrated assessment. As social and economic effects commonly represent two alternative mechanisms for assessing the same effect/s, such integration is considered as not derogating from appropriate assessment of either social or economic effects for modifications of this scope and scale.

1.2.1 Assessment of social impacts

As noted, given the relatively limited scope of the modifications, social impacts are assessed in compliance with NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (DPIE's) *Social Impact Assessment Guideline for State Significant Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industry Development* (DPIE 2017) (the guideline). It is noted that a further limitation on scope was the relatively low number of third parties that may be directly affected by the modifications. There are a number of existing, identified, residential receptors who may be further impacted. However, there are no additional residential or other land users who have been identified as potentially being affected by the modifications. There is some prospect of effects on other users of Wangi Road and Wilton Road in particular, however such interactions are likely to be occasional at most, and infrequent more generally. Given the contingent and limited nature of the modification, broader effects are unlikely to be material.

Consistent with the approach required under the guideline, the SIA scoping tool was applied to determine the extent of reporting required for potential effects. The effects indicated as requiring further assessment are addressed in this report, in compliance with the requirements, and with particular regard to stakeholders who may potentially be affected.

1.2.2 Application of DPIE SIA scoping tool and outputs

The preliminary assessment of potential social impacts based on the DPIE scoping tool identified that the matters listed in Table 1 required further investigation. The scoping tool identified matters concerning the opportunity costs of employment effects and alternative



fuel supply requirements for Eraring Power Station (EPS) as not requiring treatment in the SIA component. These matters are, however, addressed in the economic assessment component of this combined report.

Table 1: Matters identified for further investigation; DPIE SIA scoping tool

Matter	Description	Probability	Particulars	Assessment required
Amenity	Acoustic	Likely	Truck movements departing Myuna Colliery; operations at Myuna Colliery and Cooranbong Entry Site (CES).	Desktop SIA.
Access	Road and rail network	Likely	Truck movements on Wangi Road and Wilton Road.	Desktop SIA.
Economic	Opportunity cost	Likely	Potential employment effects at Myuna Colliery; maintain fuel supply to EPS.	No SIA required.
Air	Particulate matter	Likely	Diesel emissions/dust from additional truck movements/ Plant movements on sites.	Desktop SIA.

1.2.3 Assessment of economic impacts

As is the case with social impacts, assessment of economic impacts is limited by the scope of the proposed modifications. However, to the extent practicable, the assessment has been prepared to comply with DPIE's (2015) *Guidelines for the Economic Assessment of Mining and Coal Seam Gas Proposals* and the supporting *Technical Notes* (DPIE 2018) (the guidelines).

The limited scope of the modifications does not necessitate preparation of a cost-benefit analysis (CBA), as there are no changes to annual or total production limits or related aspects, which would result in changes to, for example, NSW Government royalty revenues. The project will support ongoing current levels of employment at Myuna Colliery. Any construction related employment associated with the modification is considered to be limited in scale and duration.

An additional consideration is the potential economic effects of disruption to supply of coal to Eraring Power Station (EPS). There are several approaches to resolution of this issue. These may impose additional costs on the parties involved. The modifications are proposed as the most efficient means of providing greater security around supply, with the costs borne by Centennial Myuna. Furthermore, due to the contingent nature of the modifications, these may be considered as of limited materiality in the context of overall operations at Myuna Colliery, Cooranbong Entry Site (CES) and EPS.

Consequent to these considerations, the approach adopted is consistent with the local effects analysis (LEA) component of the holistic economic assessment directed under the



guidelines. This approach is considered appropriate, as the effects are likely to be highly localised, and potentially more likely to be assessed and explained qualitatively rather than quantitatively, for an application of this nature.

2 Introduction to proposed modifications

2.1 Myuna Colliery

Myuna Colliery (Myuna) is an existing underground coal mine owned and operated by Centennial Myuna Pty Limited (Centennial Myuna). Myuna's pit top is 25 kilometres (km) southwest of Newcastle, New South Wales (NSW), in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area (LGA).

Myuna operates under two development consents:

- SH110_148, which was granted by Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) in 1977¹ under provisions of the now repealed NSW *Local Government Act 1919* for the development and operation of the Myuna and Cooranbong Collieries; and
- MP10_0080, which was granted by the Minister of Planning and Infrastructure on 18 January 2012 under Part 3A of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) for continued mining in areas outside the area defined by SH110_148. MP 10_0080 also authorises the use of bord and pillar methods in the Wallarah, Great Northern and Fassifern coal seams, and the continued use of existing infrastructure on-site until 31 December 2032.

MP 10_0080 has since been declared State Significant Development (SSD) under Clause 6 of Schedule 2 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (Savings, Transitional and Other Provisions) Regulation 2017. Accordingly, Myuna now operates as an SSD approval.

Centennial Myuna is seeking to modify MP 10_0080, pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act, to allow coal to be transferred between the Myuna pit top and CES, blending of this coal at Myuna, and associated activities.

2.2 Northern Coal Logistics Project

The Northern Coal Logistics Project (NCLP) regulates coal handling, processing, and transport operations at the Newstan Colliery surface site, CES and associated private haul roads, and also the use of various other surface infrastructure items. NCLP operates under SSD-5145, which was granted by the Minister for Planning on 29 September 2015. Each component of NCLP is operated by Northern Coal Services Pty Limited (Centennial NCS).

CES forms part of NCLP and is approximately 2 kilometres (km) north of Dora Creek in the Lake Macquarie LGA. It was originally developed as part of Cooranbong Colliery. CES

¹ Then Municipality of Lake Macquarie.



comprises a coal handling plant (CHP), coal stockpiles, workshop building, administration building, car park and water management infrastructure.

CES is currently approved to receive and process run-of-mine (ROM) coal from Mandalong Mine (SSD-5144). Coal handled at CES is delivered to either EPS via overland conveyor, or to Newstan Colliery for further processing and transfer into the export market.

Centennial NCS is seeking to modify SSD-5145, pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act, to allow coal to be transferred between the Myuna pit top and CES, blending of this coal at CES, and associated activities.

2.3 Background to proposed modifications

Coal produced at Myuna is transferred from the Myuna pit top to the EPS (approximately 4 km west of the pit top) by overland conveyor. Coal from Myuna that does not meet EPS specifications, is stockpiled at the Myuna emergency coal stockpile until it can be reclaimed and blended with coal to meet these specifications. However, there is limited capacity to store coal at the Myuna pit top prior to blending and dispatch.

In recent months, Centennial Myuna has been experiencing fluctuations in the quality of coal produced from underground mining operations at Myuna. A reduction in coal quality has potential to impact infrastructure at EPS. Centennial Myuna has considered a number of options to ensure that it can continue to meet its contractual obligations to supply coal to EPS. Failure to provide coal of sufficient quality to EPS could risk the ongoing employment of the Myuna workforce and continuation of commercial activity in the region and other parts of NSW associated with operations.

EPS has a generation capacity of 2,992 MW (megawatts)². Nominally, this is approximately 5.5% of the total capacity of the National Electricity Market (NEM)³.

3 Proposed modifications

To ensure that Myuna can continue to meet its contractual obligations to supply coal to EPS and secure ongoing employment for the Myuna workforce, Centennial Myuna proposes to blend coal from Myuna with coal from Centennial's Mandalong Mine, both onsite at the Myuna pit top, and at CES, during possible periods when Myuna coal does not meet EPS specification.

² Origin Energy 2019 Sustainability Report:

<https://www.originenergy.com.au/content/dam/origin/about/investors-media/documents/2019-sustainability-report-final-oct.pdf>

³ AEMO (2020). Capacity of 54,421MW reported as at December 2017.

<https://www.aemo.com.au/energy-systems/electricity/national-electricity-market-nem/about-the-national-electricity-market-nem>



It is proposed to modify Myuna's development consent (MP 10_0080) to:

- allow up to 1 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of Myuna coal to be trucked from the Myuna pit top to CES via the public and private road networks and blending with coal from Mandalong Mine before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- allow up to 0.2 Mtpa of Mandalong Mine coal to be backloaded by truck from CES to the Myuna pit top and blending with coal from Myuna before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- allow construction and operation of a vehicle weighbridge at the Myuna pit top;
- allow trucks to access the Myuna pit top via Wangi Road and Wangi Point Road; and
- include a consent condition to address the environmental management of exploration activities and minor surface infrastructure.

It is proposed to modify Northern Coal Logistics Project's development consent (SSD-5145) to:

- allow up to 1 Mtpa of coal to be transported from Myuna to CES;
- allow up to 1 Mtpa of coal transported from Myuna to be handled at CES and blended with coal from Mandalong Mine before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- allow an increase in the total volume of coal that can be received at the 3,000 tonne (t) middlings stockpile at CES from 0.5 Mtpa to 1.5 Mtpa;
- allow up to 0.2 Mtpa of Mandalong Mine coal to be backloaded from CES to the Myuna pit top for blending with coal from Myuna before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- allow trucks from Myuna to access CES via Awaba Colliery surface site and the private haul road network; and
- extend part of the Northern Coal Logistics Project development consent boundary, so that it includes the Awaba Private Haul Road through to Wilton Road.

To transport coal between the Myuna pit top and CES, trucks will need to access the public road network (specifically Wangi Road and Wilton Road) between Myuna and the Awaba Colliery surface site. The existing private haul road between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES will then be used for the remainder of the movements in each direction.

Truck numbers along the private haul road network between the Awaba Colliery surface site and CES will be within the limit of 32 two-way truck movements per hour⁴ as previously approved under SSD-5145. The total volume of coal that will be handled at the Myuna pit top will not exceed the currently approved limit of 3 Mtpa.

⁴ i.e. 16 return trips.



All trucks leaving Myuna will be weighed using the new vehicle weighbridge, to be constructed at the Myuna pit top (as previously identified). A truck wheel wash will be used by all trucks before leaving the site via a section of Wangi Point Road which is privately-owned by Centennial Myuna. A diagram indicating all sites and infrastructure is presented at Annexure 2.

As is noted throughout this report, the operations under the modification are contingent. Activation would only occur in the circumstances in which specification-quality coal for EPS cannot be directly produced by Myuna.

4 Assessment of social impacts

4.1 DPIE scoping tool assessment outputs

Section 1.2.2 and Table 1 summarised the initial outputs of the application of the DPIE social impact assessment scoping tool. The analyses based on the scoping process and the material presented in this SIA is presented in Table 2. The DPIE social risk matrix on which the assessment is based, is reproduced in Figure 1 for reference.

Figure 1: Social risk matrix

			Consequence Level				
			1	2	3	4	5
			Minimal	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Likelihood Level	A	Almost certain	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5
	B	Likely	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5
	C	Possible	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
	D	Unlikely	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5
	E	Rare	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5
Social Risk Rating							
	Low		Moderate		High		Extreme



Table 2: Summary of assessment of social impacts					
Impact description			Impact assessment (with mitigation)		
Impact	Timing	Affected parties	Impact characteristics	Social Risk Rating	Residual Risk Description
Noise – Myuna Colliery	During operations under the modifications	Possible receptors in the vicinity of site	Noise associated with truck loading/unloading, truck movements and operation of other plant	B1	Low, due to contingent nature of modifications
Noise - CES	During operations under the modifications	Identified receptors on Gradwells Road	Noise associated with truck loading/unloading, truck movements and operation of other plant	B3	Low, due to contingent nature of modifications
Access – truck movements on public roads.	During operations under the modifications	Other road users	Potential road safety, traffic, and road pavement effects	C2	Low, due to contingent nature of modifications
Air – generation of particulate matter	During operations under the modifications	Receptors in the vicinity of sites; other road users	Dust & vehicle emissions.	B1	Low, due to contingent nature of modifications



4.2 Identification of potential sensitive receptors

The segment of the proposed transport route that comprises public roads is essentially parts of Wangi Road and Wilton Road. The total length of public road to be used has been assessed by Centennial Myuna as 6.3 km. As is identified in the image of the proposed route (Annexure 2), there are no residential properties that would be directly passed by trucks traversing Wangi Road and Wilton Road under the modifications. There are eight (8) receptor locations in the vicinity of Myuna Colliery (Donnelly Road and Summerhill Drive) that have been previously identified for the purposes of noise monitoring in relation to existing approved operations at the mine site. These are identified in Annexure 3. There are no additional sensitive residential receptors identified for this area of operations consequent to the modifications.

There are nine (9) identified sensitive receptors residing along Gradwells Road, which leads directly into CES. These are identified in Annexure 4. Seven (7) of these are identified as being locations at which exceedances of the project noise trigger levels are predicted to occur, which relate to operational noise from CES itself. These impacts have been identified in continuing engagement between these residents and Centennial NCS. It is noted that Gradwells Road and therefore, these receptors, are not located on the transport route proposed under the modifications. However, there is traffic relating to the ongoing use of CES that passes directly by their properties (e.g. CES employees).

4.3 Effects of truck movements on public roads

The modifications will create heavy vehicle movements (generally semi-trailer vehicle configuration) on the public road network, specifically Wangi Road and Wilton Road. The remainder of the transport route from the Awaba Colliery surface site to CES will be completed on private haul roads. Potential impacts relating to public road use can be summarised as: road safety; effects on traffic flows; potential pavement damage; noise; air quality (dust); and vehicle emissions.

As is the case with all effects assessed in this report, the potential scale and duration of these effects are difficult to determine accurately, due to the contingent nature of the modifications. However, it is noted that truck movements have been modelled to reduce the number of movements coinciding with times at which southbound traffic volumes on Wangi Road are at their peak. This will reduce potential road safety issues relating to laden trucks turning across the southbound carriageway travelling from Myuna to the Awaba Colliery surface site, and trucks crossing the northbound carriageway and merging into the southbound carriageway on Wilton Road on return travel to Myuna. With respect to the latter, the intersection with Wangi Road has existing traffic separation lanes to facilitate such movements.



There may be some cumulative impacts in relation to heavy vehicle traffic on Wilton Road, as Lake Macquarie City Council's Awaba waste management facility also has its primary access/egress on that road. There is also potential interaction on Wilton Road between trucks used in the modifications, and other vehicles travelling to and from the waste facility and using the road for other purposes. The relevant section of Wilton Road is approximately 2.2 kilometres in length. It is noted that truck movements under the modifications do not pass through the Awaba township.

As part of the Newstan Mine Extension Project (SSD-10333), Centennial Newstan Pty Ltd (Centennial Newstan) is seeking approval for the construction of a new gas flaring facility and two new ventilation fans within the existing disturbance footprint of the Awaba Colliery surface site. Within the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) prepared by EMM (2019) as part of the Newstan Mine Extension Project, it was assumed that up to 50 personnel will be required during the proposed construction activities. All personnel will likely access the Awaba Colliery surface site via Wilton Road using their own car, representing up to 100 daily light vehicle movements. Should the Newstan Mine Extension Project (SSD-10333) be approved, no coal transport will take place between CES and Myuna Colliery for the duration of the proposed construction activities. This will reduce potential for cumulative traffic impacts on the local road network.

Newstan Mine Extension Project will generate some additional daily traffic movements along Wangi Road and Wilton Road; however, this will primarily be restricted to the short-term construction of the aforementioned infrastructure at the Awaba Colliery surface site. No long-term impacts on the assessed road network are anticipated as a result of the Newstan Mine Extension Project.

The TIA for the modifications (EMM 2020) details the following mitigation approaches. Centennial Myuna and Centennial NCS will enforce their own Code of Conduct for all drivers transporting coal between Myuna and CES. In addition, signage will be installed close to the Wangi Point Road and Awaba Colliery surface site intersections to alert other motorists to potential truck traffic. In other respects, drivers will be required to operate within the traffic rules relating to public and private haul roads on the transport route. Observance of these requirements will promote road safety to the greatest possible extent.

With regard to impacts relating to air quality, and in particular PM₁₀ emissions, dust etc, all trucks leaving both Myuna and CES will travel through a wheel wash to reduce dust generation. Furthermore, all loads will be covered, further reducing dust generation. There will be an increase in vehicle emissions during periods in which operations occur under the modifications. However, given the contingent nature of the modifications and the prospect that activation is expected to be occasional, the extent of these increases is unlikely to be material. Air quality effects for the modifications overall are discussed in Section 4.4.



4.4 Air quality effects – all modification elements

EMM (2020) has prepared separate Air Quality Impact Assessments (AQIA) for Myuna Colliery and the CES. In combination, the two assessments address all effects of the modifications, across all operational areas, including public and private haul roads, and Centennial sites. The assessment concluded that *‘the predicted concentrations and deposition rates for incremental particulate matter (TSP, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and dust deposition) were below the applicable impact assessment criteria at all assessment locations.*

Cumulative impacts were assessed by combining modelled Myuna and CES impacts with recorded ambient background levels. The cumulative results showed that compliance with applicable NSW EPA impact assessment criteria is predicted at all assessment locations for all pollutants and averaging periods’ (EMM AQIA, 2020:56).

4.5 Noise effects

4.5.1 Myuna Colliery

A Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment (NVIA) has been prepared by EMM for operations at Myuna Colliery under the modification. The conclusion presented in the NVIA is reported below:

‘A quantitative assessment of noise emissions associated with mine operations has been undertaken. The assessment included ambient noise monitoring, establishment of Project Noise Trigger Levels (PNTLs) and computer noise modelling which has shown that Myuna’s proposed operations are predicted to result in no change to existing operational noise emissions.

Operational noise emissions from Myuna are predicted to satisfy the PNTLs at all assessment locations. Predicted maximum noise levels are below the maximum screening criteria and generally consistent with or higher than the results of previous noise compliance monitoring. Hence, as per the Noise Policy for Industry (NPI) requirements, a detailed maximum noise level event assessment is not required and the likelihood of sleep disturbance is predicted to be unlikely’.

EMM’s assessment also included the following recommendations in respect of mitigation of effects:

‘Noise emissions from Myuna will continue to be managed in accordance with the existing Noise Management Plan (NMP), which describes the monitoring program for Myuna including both attended and real-time, unattended noise monitoring. The NMP will be updated following determination of the proposed modification (as required)’ (EMM 2020(a)).

Based on EMM’s assessment, the likelihood of additional impacts relating to the Myuna modification is low. As is the case with other aspects of the modifications, operations under



the modifications are not planned to be continuous. This further reduces the likelihood of impacts.

4.5.2 Cooranbong Entry Site

As noted in Section 4.2, there are seven (7) residential receptor locations relevant to consideration of possible effects of modifications at CES. The NVIA prepared by EMM for CES (2020), concluded that;

‘Operational noise emissions from CES are predicted to be above the PNTLs at seven of the nine assessment locations and above the existing noise criteria at all but one assessment location.

Predicted maximum noise levels are below the maximum screening criteria and generally consistent with the results of previous noise compliance monitoring at CES. Hence, as per the NPfI requirements, the likelihood of sleep disturbance is predicted to be unlikely.

Noise emissions from CES will continue to be managed in accordance with the existing NMP, which describes the monitoring program for CES including both attended and real-time, unattended noise monitoring’.

EMM and Centennial NCS have conducted a detailed assessment of the most appropriate mitigation approaches in respect of these potential effects. The findings of that assessment are reported in Table 8.1 of EMM’s CES report, with negotiated agreements with these receptors being determined as the most effective response. The approach to finalising such agreements was summarised as follows:

‘The proposed modification will result in no changes to noise emissions compared to existing emissions for approved operations at all assessment locations.

Centennial NCS will consult with those receptors identified as experiencing mine noise emissions above PNTLs.

Residences will be invited to meet with Centennial NCS representatives to discuss the scope of the proposed modification and provide the findings of this NVIA.

The type of mitigation measures that could be implemented at the residences and/or the nature of any agreement between Centennial NCS and the landowner will depend on the outcomes of relevant negotiations.

Once finalised, DPIE and EPA will be advised of any negotiated agreement that is in place’.



5 Economic profile of operations and proposed modifications

As was noted in the introductory material (Section 1.2.3), the nature and scale of the operational changes under the modifications do not involve changes to annual or total production limits, or to changes in approved workforce size. As a result, the economic effects of the modifications are more accurately expressed as the potential for changes in activity level and employment as between the ‘business as usual’ (BAU) case and the modifications.

5.1 Base case assumption

The assumed base case or BAU assumption is that Centennial Myuna and Centennial NCS will continue operations on the current basis. As has been the case recently, periodically there may be occasions when Myuna is unable to meet its product quality obligations to EPS. Without the modifications, such occurrences may jeopardise the ability of Myuna to supply EPS and consequently to sustain its workforce at normal operational level. The principle reason for this is that there is limited approved stockpile space at the Myuna pit top, and no space within the existing footprint to accommodate additional stockpiling capacity. In the event of a prolonged period of producing coal that does not meet specification, production would necessarily be curtailed to ensure that Myuna does not exceed its consent conditions in respect of pit top stockpiling.

The modifications have been designed to effectively eliminate the likelihood of such occurrences. With the exception of construction of the pit top weighbridge at Myuna, some minor widening works on the private section of Wangi Point Road near the pit top, and the use of public roads as part of the proposed coal transport, the modifications utilise existing Centennial sites and infrastructure.

A crucial aspect of the modifications is that they relate to essentially an operational contingency provision on the existing consents. There may be periods during production at Myuna Colliery during which temporary decline in coal quality may necessitate corresponding activation of operations covered by the modifications. Generally, however, Myuna would be assumed to be producing coal of suitable quality for direct dispatch to EPS under approved operations.

5.2 Changes in employment due to proposed modifications

The modifications will result in additional employment for the transport contractor/s engaged on works under the modifications. The extent of this additional employment and its associated benefit cannot be estimated with any accuracy, on the following bases:

- The contractor’s approach to modification-related works may vary. Alternative approaches may include the allocation of work to existing employees; the employment of casual drivers for the required period; or the retention of subcontractors as required.



- Further operational specifics cannot be accurately determined, such as the number of drivers and vehicles assigned to this task during the periods when operations are required, or the duration of individual operational periods.

It is concluded that a qualitative acknowledgement of the potential for additional employment in required transport services is the most practical and appropriate means for recognising this potential outcome.

5.3 Effects on Myuna Colliery employment

A comparison of the alternative BAU and modification outcomes is the most effective means for assessing the potential for effects on the Myuna workforce. The alternative outcomes are summarised as:

1. BAU: potential for periods of production during which coal quality does not meet EPS specifications. This may result in the need to reduce or suspend production to allow for alternative dispatch of accumulated (non-specification) product from the limited capacity surface stockpile. The precise extent of any such action cannot be accurately determined given the contingencies identified in Section 5.1 and elsewhere in this report.
2. Approval of modifications: Employment maintained at full operational levels, with modification works allowing dispatch of blended Myuna/Mandalong product to EPS (from both Myuna and CES) to meet contractual obligations, as required.

As is noted in Section 5.1, the proposed modifications are essentially a contingent operational plan that would be activated only as required and not as the usual mode of operations. This being the case, the estimates presented in the following subsections identify the total economic activity generated through Myuna Colliery's operations. The extent to which these outcomes would be affected is dependent upon the occurrence, frequency and duration of periods during which product quality may need to be augmented under the modifications.

5.3.1 Employment data

A brief quantitative profile of current employment at Myuna is presented in Table 3. The profile is based on continuing full production at Myuna. Data for the average number of contractors employed at Myuna are also included. These are additional to the identified number of direct employees.

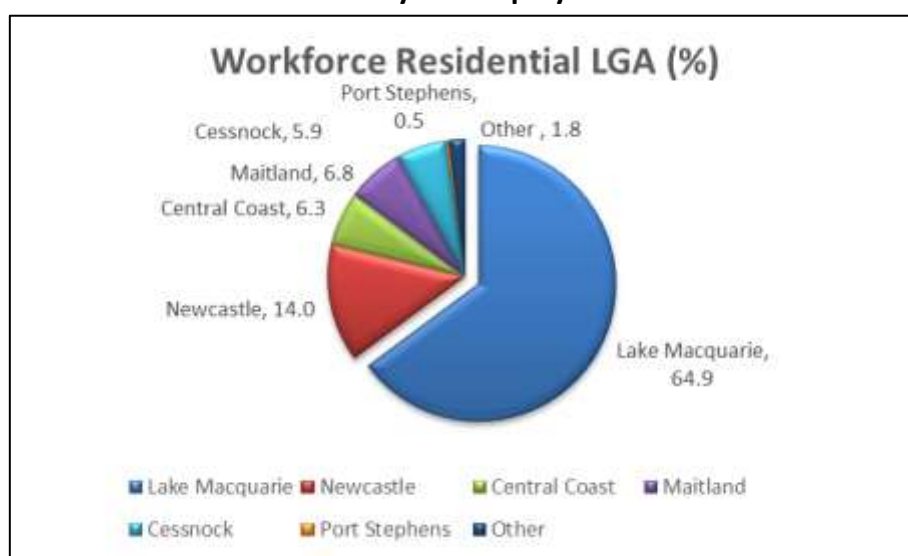
Table 3: Summary of employment effects – Myuna Colliery

Workforce characteristic	Measure
Number of employees (including apprentices) full-time equivalent (FTE)	300
Average employee income (net)	≈ \$136,200
Average number of production contractors (FTE)	12
Average contractor income (net)	≈ \$120,000

5.3.2 Estimate of net employee benefit

The method for assessing the net employment benefit for direct Myuna employees is presented in Annexure 1. Application of the method is aimed at providing an estimate of the contribution to the local and regional economies that workers' incomes may represent, which is the surplus of employee incomes over a calculated reservation wage adjusted for alternative employment outcomes. Figure 2 shows the residential distribution of the Myuna workforce. This supports a conclusion that a considerable proportion of employee incomes would be spent in the local and regional economies. Table 4 presents the estimate of net employment benefit per year.

Figure 2: Residential distribution - Myuna employees⁵



Approximately 65% of Myuna's employees live in the Lake Macquarie LGA and around 75% in the Newcastle – Lake Macquarie region. 98.2% of employees lived in the broader region, including the Central Coast LGA immediately adjoining Lake Macquarie to the south. The assessment of net employee benefit and associated economic effects excludes contractors. Despite the likelihood that all or most of these would also reside in the region, this has not been ascertained, thus warranting exclusion in the interests of producing a conservative assessment.

Table 4: Net annual employment benefit Myuna Colliery direct employees

Description	Estimated benefit
Net benefit 300 FTE, estimate 1 (\$9,804/employee)	\$2,941,200
Net benefit 300 FTE, estimate 2 (\$10,222/employee)	\$3,066,600

⁵ Data current at December 2018.



Total net employment benefit is approximately \$2.94 million to \$3.07 million per year. Based on the proportion of employees residing in the region approximately 98% of this net benefit would accrue to households in the region (\$2.88 million to \$3.01 million). A proportion of these incomes is assumed to be spent in the local economies in which employees live. For example, ABS (2017) estimated that average total weekly household expenditure on goods and services was approximately 67.8% of mean gross weekly income. Removing housing costs, domestic fuel and power and communications costs, some significant proportion of the benefit of which may not accrue to the local economy, expenditure was 50.5% of mean gross income⁶. Table 5 provides an estimate of the proportion of employee incomes that may accrue to the regional economy, using these two estimates (67.8% and 50.5%) as upper and lower bounds respectively.

Table 5: Annual regional economic effect of employee incomes

Net employee benefit regional residents	Upper bound (67.8%)	Lower bound (50.5%)
\$2,882,376	\$1,954,251	\$1,455,600
\$3,005,268	\$2,037,572	\$1,517,660

Based on these adjusted estimates, the economic stimulus provided by Myuna employees in the regional economy may range between approximately \$1.46 million and \$2.04 million per annum. An interruption to mining operations as described in Section 5.2 would be likely to reduce the extent of further economic activity and benefit associated with Myuna's workforce and their incomes, to an extent commensurate with the occurrence, frequency and duration of resort to the modification provisions.

Notionally, in circumstances where Myuna was unable to provide suitable product to EPS, it would be likely that the most apparent alternative solution is the transfer of product from Mandalong Mine to EPS. This would not create additional work at that operation, as the required coal would be produced within existing approved production parameters. It is likely that the same outcome would apply to other alternative suppliers to EPS. This being the case, although product can be substituted, the positions at Myuna may not necessarily be replaced in a situation in which product quality issues interrupt supply to EPS. The potential for such an outcome for Myuna would remain under the BAU case.

5.4 Effects on Myuna's contractors, suppliers and other parties

Production issues at Myuna would also be likely to affect other contractors and suppliers in the Myuna supply chain. As noted previously, the scale of effects would be dependent on the duration of a relevant production-related problem.

⁶ ABS Cat No. 6540 (2017 [latest release]): Microdata: Household Expenditure, Income and Housing, 2015-16; <https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/6540.02015-16?OpenDocument>



5.4.1 Contractors

As is noted in Section 5.3.1 and Table 2, Myuna generally provides employment for 12 FTE production contractors. Other contractors providing, for example, certain maintenance-related functions, are also retained by Myuna from time to time. As would be anticipated, reducing or suspending the employment of contractors would generally be an early action in reducing the level of activity of Myuna, in the case of production issues under the BAU assumption. Given that production contractors are essentially employed on an FTE basis at Myuna, it would be necessary for their employers to either find alternative work for them, or take other necessary actions should alternative work be unavailable. As was noted in Section 5.3.2, as the origin of contractors is not known, further assessment of the regional economic effects of them becoming temporarily redundant at Myuna cannot be determined with any certainty. It is noted however, that on the basis of the residential location of employees, the size of the regional workforce and the relatively large concentration of mining services firms in the region, some proportion of contractor employees would be locally based.

5.4.2 Suppliers

Myuna also procures a range of goods and services from suppliers each year. Table 6 presents a summary of transactions for a recent one-year period for transactions with businesses in the Lake Macquarie LGA, Hunter Region and NSW. Interruptions to operations at Myuna may also result in some proportion of this economic activity being deferred or cancelled.

Table 6: Regional & NSW supplier transaction & contractor engagement data⁷

Measure	Local (Lake Macquarie LGA)	Regional (Hunter)	NSW
<i>Supplier transactions (per annum)</i>			
Number of firms/entities	62	200	298
Total transaction value	\$2.9 million	\$17.7 million	\$32.1 million

5.4.3 Other parties

Myuna also supports a range of community organisations. These include sponsorship and/or support of:

- Wangi Lions Club and the Dobell Arts and Craft Festival;
- Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club and the Australia Day Regatta;
- Sponsorship of the Wangi Arcadia Netball Club;
- Sponsorship of the Wangi Lions Club Beautifying Wangi Project;
- Toronto Learning Community Band through the Arcadia Vale School;
- Rathmines Scouts.

⁷ For the 12-month period 1 December 2017 to 30 November 2018.



A decline in profitability resulting from a disruption to production would directly affect Myuna's capacity to provide continuing support to these and other local organisations and initiatives.

5.5 Economic effects on other (third) parties

As was discussed in Section 4.5.2, one proposed means for mitigating noise impacts on sensitive receptor residents on Gradwells Road is the uptake of negotiated agreements. Such agreements may involve a pecuniary benefit for these stakeholders.

Given the contingent nature of the modifications and the relatively limited scope of the changes it entails, it is considered unlikely that other third parties will experience material economic benefits or costs as a result. This conclusion presupposes compliance with all regulatory obligations and consent conditions under which the modifications will proceed.

6 Conclusion

The proposed modifications are essentially an operational contingency provision aimed at supporting continuing supply of coal by Myuna to EPS. At times when it may become necessary to undertake operations under the modifications, there would potentially be several effects. A general assumption in respect of these effects is that their frequency and magnitude is limited by the contingent nature of the modifications.

The most apparent operational effect is the potential for increased noise at CES, affecting certain residences on Gradwells Road. As is recommended in EMM's NVIA for CES, Centennial is in ongoing engagement with these residents in relation to noise generated at CES and will work towards resolving these issues individually with each household, as recommended by EMM.

The second effect will be truck movements on the public road section of the route between Myuna and the Awaba Colliery surface site, via Wangi Road and Wilton Road. Planned operations under the modifications include the reduction of truck movements during peak traffic periods. Compliance with road rules and internal operational protocols are also expected to mitigate the likelihood of effects. Operational conditions requiring the use of the wheel wash prior to leaving Myuna and CES, and covering of loads while in transit, will reduce impacts relating to dust generation.

As is the case with potential social and environmental effects on stakeholders, economic effects would also be limited to circumstances in which operations occur under the modifications. There are two potential economic effects of the modifications, each of which are likely to be positive. These are:

- Continuing employment of Myuna staff at full operational level, with derived economic effects of employees' households maintaining normal levels of activity in the local and regional economies.



- Additional work for transport contractors during the period of required works.

It is also likely that notwithstanding the additional logistics activities required under the modifications, that this would remain more efficient for EPS than sourcing fuel from alternative suppliers, which are likely to be more distant from the power station.

Given the contingent nature of the modifications and the consequently limited prospect and scale of effects that may eventuate, it is concluded that, on balance, the modifications will result in limited effects on internal and third-party stakeholders. This assumes that all feasible avoidance, management and mitigation recommendations included in operational plans and specialist consultant reports are adopted in respect of operations.



Annexure 1: Method for estimation of net economic benefit to workers

Internal data on current local/regional operations is assumed as indicative of the residential status of Myuna workforce members. The conclusion is that the workforce is likely to be largely resident in the immediate region (refer to Table 9). There is a relatively large existing coal mining workforce in the region (approximately 55% of the total NSW coal mining workforce). The regional industrial base would also support a conclusion that the majority of workers will originate within the region. This being the case, the EA presents an assessment of the potential economic contributions of the workforce on the basis of regional residence.

The assessment method presented below permits calculation of the residual or surplus economic contribution (labour surplus) of future employees of Myuna, taking into account alternative employment outcomes. The approach taken is to adopt a 'reservation wage' and compare this to the assumed wage level for ongoing employment, producing an estimate of 'labour surplus'. The reservation wage is derived as:

$$RW = (1 - p)AW + pB$$

Where:

RW = reservation wage;

p = probability of a worker remaining unemployed and thus claiming unemployment (Newstart Allowance⁸) benefit. The Australian Government Job Outlook website⁹ was referenced to obtain information to inform an assumption on this probability. Findings for relevant occupations are included in Table A1.

Table A1: Job outlook information

Identifier	Occupation	Unemployment	Employment growth	\$/week (median)	\$ annualised
1	Drillers, Miners & Shot Firers	lower	stable	2,500	130,000
2	Mine Deputies ¹⁰	lower	stable	2,812	146,224
3	Mining Engineers	lower	decline	3,118	162,136
4	Other Construction and Mining Labourers	average	moderate	1,683	87,516
5	Geologists, Geophysicists & Hydrogeologists	lower	very strong	2,192	113,984
6	Production Managers	lower	moderate	2,258	117,416
7	Earthmoving Plant Operators	lower	stable	1,491	77,532

⁸ Currently referred to as Jobseeker Allowance.

⁹ Information current at January 2020.

¹⁰ Included in the occupational group 'Other Building and Engineering Technicians'.



Based on internal information, the workforce comprises ≈90% operations (mining) personnel and ≈10% staff/management personnel. Category 1 was assumed as the average wage for operations (mining) personnel and the average of categories 2,3 and 5 for staff. These estimates were then used as a basis for assessing the assumed alternative wage. Applying the proportional distribution based on the structure of the proposed workforce resulted in an estimated median industry income of \$131,100. Incidence of unemployment is assumed as average, therefore, the unemployment rate for NSW may be considered as reflecting the likelihood of a displaced employee being unable to find work. At February 2020, the unemployment rate for NSW was 4.5%¹¹. For the purposes of recognising the higher level of unemployment in the region, an estimate is also provided based on the unemployment rate for the Newcastle Lake Macquarie SA4, reported at February 2020, of 4.9%¹².

AW = assumed alternate wage. In this instance the alternate wage is assumed as the median wage for the mining sector, adjusted for the structure of the proposed workforce (\$131,100 annualised).

B = Newstart Allowance. The benefit is assumed at partnered level, \$510.80 per fortnight¹³ (each) annualised (\$26,562). Therefore, the reservation wage would be alternatively:

$$\begin{aligned} & (0.955 \times \$131,100) + (0.045 \times \$26,562) \therefore \\ & \$125,201 + \$1,195 = \mathbf{\$126,396} \\ & \mathbf{OR} \\ & (0.951 \times \$131,100) + (0.049 \times \$26,562) \therefore \\ & \$124,676 + \$1,302 = \mathbf{\$125,978} \end{aligned}$$

The assumed wage rate at the time of preparation of the economic impact assessment was estimated at \$136,200¹⁴. Consequently, the difference, and the labour surplus value assumed for estimation of the employment effects in the regional economy is **\$9,804 (Estimate 1)** and **\$10,222 (Estimate 2)**.

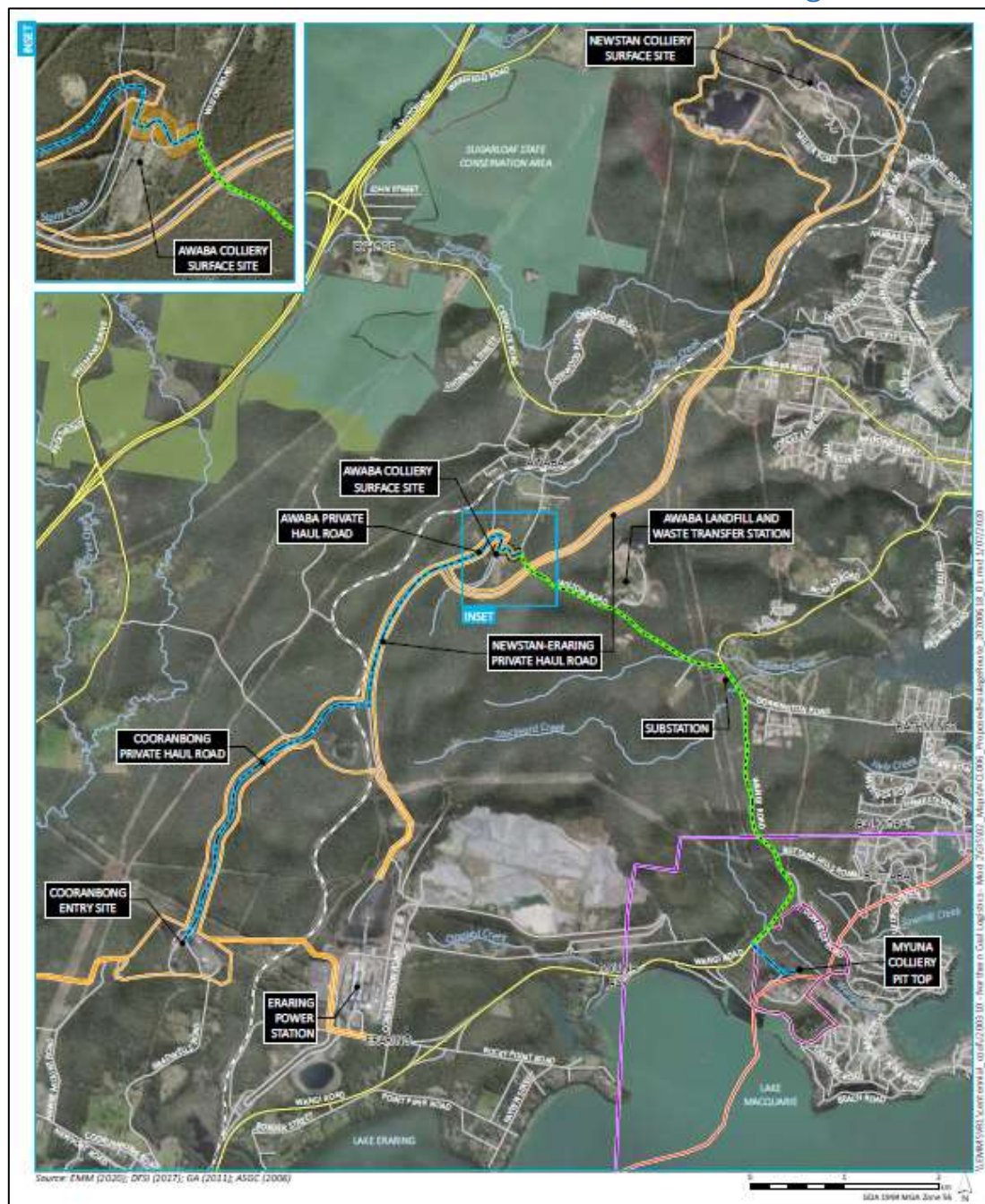
¹¹ Data for NSW are available to April 2020, however this is not adopted for this assessment on the basis of temporal equivalence with the SA4 data and also noting the subsequent effect of COVID19-related employment market effects.

¹² Australian Government Department of Employment (2020): *Labour Market Information Portal*. <https://lmip.gov.au/>

¹³ Australian Government Department of Human Services (2020)

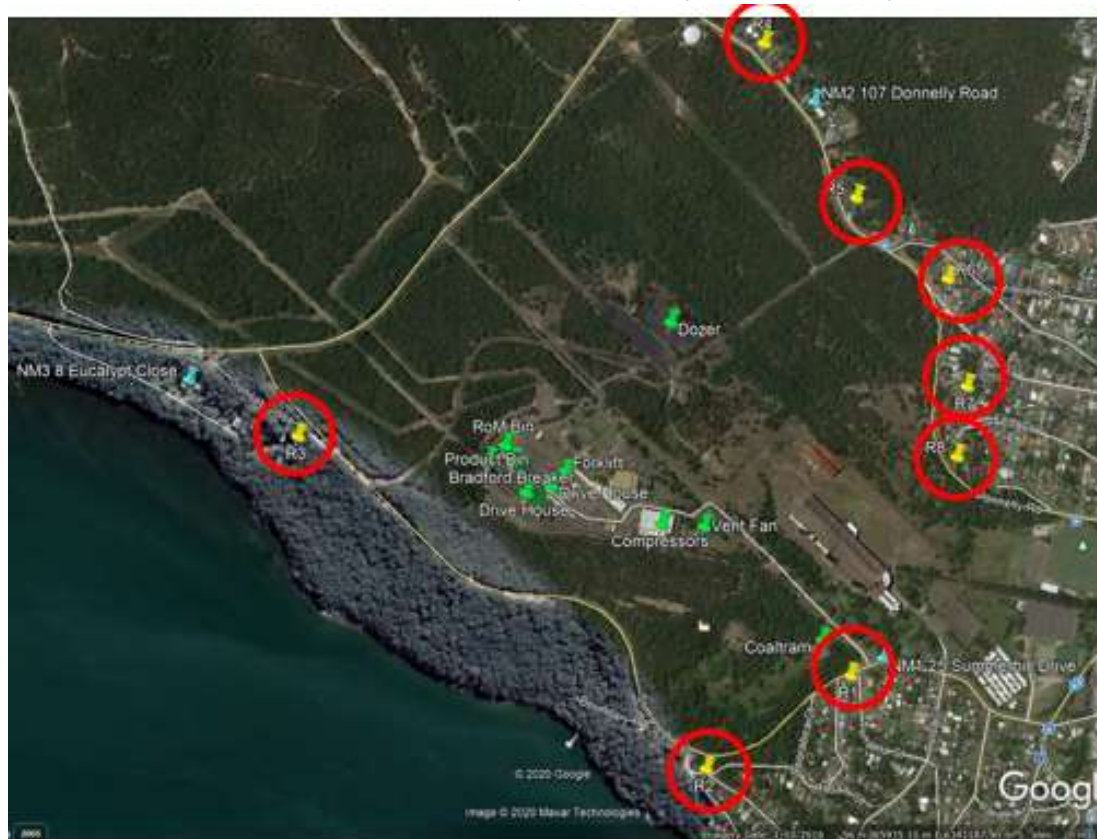
¹⁴ Based on internal data at May 2020.

Annexure 2: Relevant sites and infrastructure diagram





Annexure 3: Sensitive receptors – Myuna Colliery



Annexure 4: Sensitive receptors – CES (Gradwells Road)





Appendix E

Greenhouse gas emissions assessment





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1 Introduction

The Northern Coal Logistics Project (NCLP) regulates coal handling, processing, and transport operations at the Newstan Colliery surface site, Cooranbong Entry Site (CES) and associated private haul roads, as well as the use of various other surface infrastructure items. NCLP operates under SSD-5145 and is operated by Centennial Northern Coal Services Pty Limited (Centennial NCS).

Centennial NCS is seeking to modify SSD-5145, pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), to allow for the transfer of coal between CES and Myuna Colliery's (Myuna's) pit top and associated activities.

This greenhouse gas (GHG) assessment has been prepared to support the modification report. It provides estimates of Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions for the NCLP and a comparison to State and National inventories.

This GHG assessment has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines specified by the Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE) *National Greenhouse Accounts Factors* (NGAF) workbook (DoEE 2019).

2 Greenhouse gas calculations

2.1 Introduction

The estimation of GHG emissions for the NCLP was based on the DoEE (2019) NGAF workbook. The methodologies in the NGAF workbook follow a simplified approach, equivalent to the 'Method 1' approach outlined in the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Technical Guidelines (DoE 2014). The Technical Guidelines are used for the purpose of reporting under the Commonwealth *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007* (the NGER Act).

For accounting and reporting purposes, GHG emissions are defined as 'direct' and 'indirect' emissions. Direct emissions (also referred to as Scope 1 emissions) occur within the boundary of an organisation and as a result of that organisation's activities. Indirect emissions are generated as a consequence of an organisation's activities but are physically produced by the activities of another organisation (DoEE 2019). Indirect emissions are further defined as Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions. Scope 2 emissions occur from the generation of the electricity purchased and consumed by an organisation. Scope 3 emissions occur from all other upstream and downstream activities, for example the downstream extraction and production of raw materials or the upstream use of products and services.

Scope 3 is an optional reporting category (Bhatia et al 2010) and should not be used to make comparisons between organisations, for example in benchmarking the GHG intensity of products or services. Typically, only major sources of Scope 3 emissions are accounted and reported by organisations.

2.2 Emission sources

The GHG emission sources included in this assessment are listed in Table 2.1, representing the most significant sources associated with the NCLP.

GHG emissions from the NCLP are estimated using the methodologies outlined in the NGAF workbook, using fuel energy contents and scope 1, 2 and 3 emission factors for diesel and electricity use in NSW.

Table 2.1 Scope 1, 2 and 3 emission sources

Scope 1	Scope 2	Scope 3
Direct emissions from diesel combustion.	Indirect emissions associated with the consumption of purchased electricity.	Indirect emissions from the extraction, production and transport of diesel.
Direct emissions from post-mining activities (eg stockpiling).		Indirect emissions from electricity lost in delivery in the transmission and distribution network.
		Indirect emissions associated with the transport of product coal via rail and ship.

2.3 Excluded emission sources

There are a number of GHG emission sources that have been excluded from this assessment. These are listed below along with the reasons for exclusion. Many of the sources below have been excluded from NCLP GHG emissions as they form part of the operation of Mandalong Mine. The NCLP is predominantly used for the material handling and transportation of coal between sites.

- **GHG emissions from potential diesel or electricity used during post-mining rehabilitation and decommissioning** – the exact amount of diesel and electricity to be used in this phase is unknown at this point; however, Centennial NCS estimates that the amount required would be significantly less than that used during the operational phase of the NCLP.
- **Fugitive emissions from underground mining of coal** – underground mining operations at Newstan Colliery and Mandalong Mine do not form part of the NCLP. The GHG emissions from underground mining at Newstan Colliery and Mandalong Mine have been considered as part of the approvals for these underground mining operations.
- **Sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆)** – SF₆ is used in underground mining operations and is therefore considered outside of the NCLP.
- **Employee travel and general waste streams** – the NCLP GHG report prepared by Centennial (2014) states:

Minor scope 3 emissions contributions are made from employee travel and general waste streams. The emissions arising from these sources make up less than 1% of total scope 3 emissions and have been omitted on grounds of material insignificance.

The same reasoning has been applied for this assessment.

- **Oils and greases** – oils and greases are used in underground mining operations only and, as such, do not form part of the NCLP.
- **Indirect emissions from product coal combustion** – as above, the coal handled at the NCLP belongs to the Mandalong Mine or Newstan Colliery. Scope 3 emissions from product coal combustion have been quantified as part of the approvals for these underground mining operations.

2.4 Activity data

Estimates of fuel, substances and electricity consumption associated with operations at the NCLP have been provided by Centennial NCS. The adopted activity data for the emission estimates is presented in Table 2.2.

The additional diesel used to transport coal to and from Myuna and CES as part of the proposed modification has been accounted for in the GHG assessment for Myuna under its Scope 1 emissions. Given that there will be no other changes to fuel or electricity use, coal stockpiled or coal transport as a result of the proposed modification, GHG emissions are not anticipated to change between existing and proposed operations. As such, one set of GHG emissions is provided in this assessment.

Table 2.2 Activity data inputs for GHG calculations

Process	Value
Annual ROM production (t)	10,000,000
Coal stockpiled (t)	10,000,000
Diesel used for stationary energy purposes (L)	541,000
Diesel used for transport energy purposes (L)	12,251,000
Electricity (kWh)	155,500,000
Return distance of rail freight transport to Newcastle (km)	80
Return distance of rail freight transport to Port Kembla (km)	480
Average distance of sea freight transport (km)	16,000

2.5 Emission estimates

The estimated annual GHG emissions for each emission source are presented in Table 2.3. Details of the GHG emissions calculations are provided in Appendix A.

The significance of NCLP's GHG emissions relative to State and National GHG emissions is made by comparing annual average GHG emissions against the most recent available total GHG emissions inventories (calendar year 2018¹) for NSW (131,685 kt CO₂-e) and Australia (537,446 kt CO₂-e).

Annual average GHG emissions (Scope 1 and 2) generated by the NCLP represent approximately 0.251% of total GHG emissions for NSW and 0.062% of total GHG emissions for Australia, based on the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory for 2018.

¹ <https://ageis.climatechange.gov.au/SGGI.aspx>

Table 2.3 **Estimated annual GHG emissions**

Source	Scope 1 (t CO ₂ -e/year)	Scope 2 (t CO ₂ -e/year)	Scope 3 (t CO ₂ -e/year)	Total
Diesel combustion	34,886	-	1,782	36,668
Post-mining emissions	170,000	-	-	170,000
Electricity consumption	-	125,955	13,995	139,950
Transport of product coal via rail	-	-	6,426	6,426
Transport of product coal via ship	-	-	2,016,000	2,016,000
Total	204,886	125,955	2,038,203	2,369,044

3 Conclusions

This GHG assessment supports a modification application for the NCLP. It provides estimates of Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions and a comparison to State and National inventories. The assessment has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines specified by DoEE's (2019) NGAF workbook.

Annual average GHG emissions (Scope 1 and 2) generated by the NCLP represent approximately 0.251% of total GHG emissions for NSW and 0.062% of total GHG emissions for Australia, based on the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory for 2018. Scope 3 emissions from the NCLP will be approximately 2 Mtpa.

Mitigation of GHG emissions will continue to be conducted in accordance with Centennial's *Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan: Northern Region* (Centennial 2019).

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Abbreviations

CES	Cooranbong Entry Site
CO ₂ -e	carbon dioxide equivalent
DoEE	Department of the Environment and Energy
GHG	greenhouse gas
kW	kilowatt
LGA	Local government area
Myuna	Myuna Colliery
NCLP	Northern Coal Logistics Project
NGAF	National Greenhouse Accounts Factors



Appendix A

Greenhouse gas calculation data



A.1 Fuel consumption

A.1.1 Diesel

GHG emissions from diesel consumption were estimated using the following equation:

$$E_{ij} = \frac{Q_i \times EC_i \times EF_{ijoxec}}{1000}$$

Where:

E_{ij}	=	Emissions of GHG from diesel combustion	(t CO ₂ -e)
Q_i	=	Quantity of fuel	(kL)
EC_i	=	Energy content of fuel	(GJ/kL) ²
EF_{ijoxec}	=	Emission factor (scope 1 or 3) for diesel consumption	(kg CO ₂ -e/GJ) ³

The quantity of diesel used at the NCLP is listed in Table 2.2.

GHG emission factors and energy content for diesel were sourced from the NGAF (DoEE 2019). These are presented in Table A.1.

The estimated annual GHG emissions from diesel are presented in Table A.2.

Table A.1 Diesel GHG emission factors

Fuel type	Energy content (GJ/kL)	Scope 1 Emission Factors (kg CO ₂ -e/GJ)			Scope 3 Emission Factor (kg CO ₂ -e/GJ)
		CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O	CO ₂
Stationary energy	38.6	69.9	0.1	0.2	3.6
Transport energy	38.6	69.9	0.1	0.5	3.6

Table A.2 Estimated CO₂-e (tonnes) for diesel consumption per year

Diesel use (L/annum)	Emissions (t CO ₂ -e)		Total
	Scope 1	Scope 3	
12,822,000	34,886	1,782	36,668

² GJ = gigajoules

³ kg CO₂-e/GJ = kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalents per gigajoule

A.2 Post-mining activities

Emissions for Scope 1 post-mining activities were calculated using the ‘post mining activities associated with gassy underground mines’ per the NGAF. The NGAF provides a CH₄ emission factor of 0.017 tonnes CO₂-e/tonne of ROM coal.

Centennial NCS has provided the amount of ROM coal stockpiled at the NCLP. This is provided in Table 2.2.

The estimated GHG emissions from post mining activities are presented in Table A.3.

Table A.3 Estimated CO₂-e (tonnes) for post-mining activities

ROM coal stockpiled (t/annum)	Emissions (t CO ₂ -e)
	Scope 1
10,000,000	170,000

A.3 Electricity use

GHG emissions associated with electricity consumption were estimated using the following equation:

$$E_{CO_2-e} = \frac{Q \times EF}{1000}$$

Where:

- E_{CO₂-e}

=

Emissions of GHG from electricity consumption

(t CO₂-e)
- Q_i

=

Quantity of electricity

(MWh)⁴
- EF

=

Emission factor (scope 2 or 3) for electricity consumption

(kg CO₂-e/kWh)⁵

The quantity of electricity used at the NCLP is listed in Table 2.2.

The NGAF provides a Scope 2 emission factor of 0.81 kg CO₂-e/kWh.

The estimated annual GHG emissions from electricity are presented in Table A.4.

Table A.4 Estimated CO₂-e (tonnes) for electricity consumption

Electricity use (kWh)	Emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	
	Scope 2	Scope 3
155,500,000	125,955	13,995

⁴ MWh = megawatt hours

⁵ kg CO₂-e/kWh = kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalents per kilowatt hour

A.4 Transport of product coal

GHG emissions associated with the transport of product coal via rail and ship were estimated using the following equation:

$$E_{CO_2-e} = \frac{D \times Q \times EF}{1000}$$

Where:

E_{CO_2-e}	=	Emissions of GHG from rail/shipping transport	(t CO ₂ -e)
D	=	Average distance travelled by rail/ship	(km)
Q	=	Quantity of coal transported	(t)
EF	=	Emission factor for rail/ship freight movement	(g CO ₂ /tonne-km)

The quantity of coal transported and average distances travelled by rail and ship are listed in Table 2.2.

GHG emission factors for rail and ship transport are not available in the NGAF. Therefore, these emission factors were sourced from various greenhouse gas assessments for coal mines. These assessments adopted the emission factors from AGO 2007 which are presented in Table A.5 below.

The estimated annual GHG emissions from transport of product coal are presented in Table A.6.

Table A.5 Rail and ship GHG emission factors

Use	Emission Factors (kg CO ₂ -e/tonne-km)
	Scope 3
Rail	0.0054
Ship	0.0126

Table A.6 Estimated CO₂-e (tonnes) for transport of product coal

Transport type	Product coal (t/annum)	Emissions (t CO ₂ -e)
		Scope 3
Rail	10,000,000	6,426
Ship	10,000,000	2,016,000







Appendix F

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**Northern Coal Logistics (PMA-617)
Proposed Blending of Coal from Myuna Colliery**

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If you have any questions, please contact Colin Phillips, who can be contacted on 9274 6483 / colin.phillips@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Georgie

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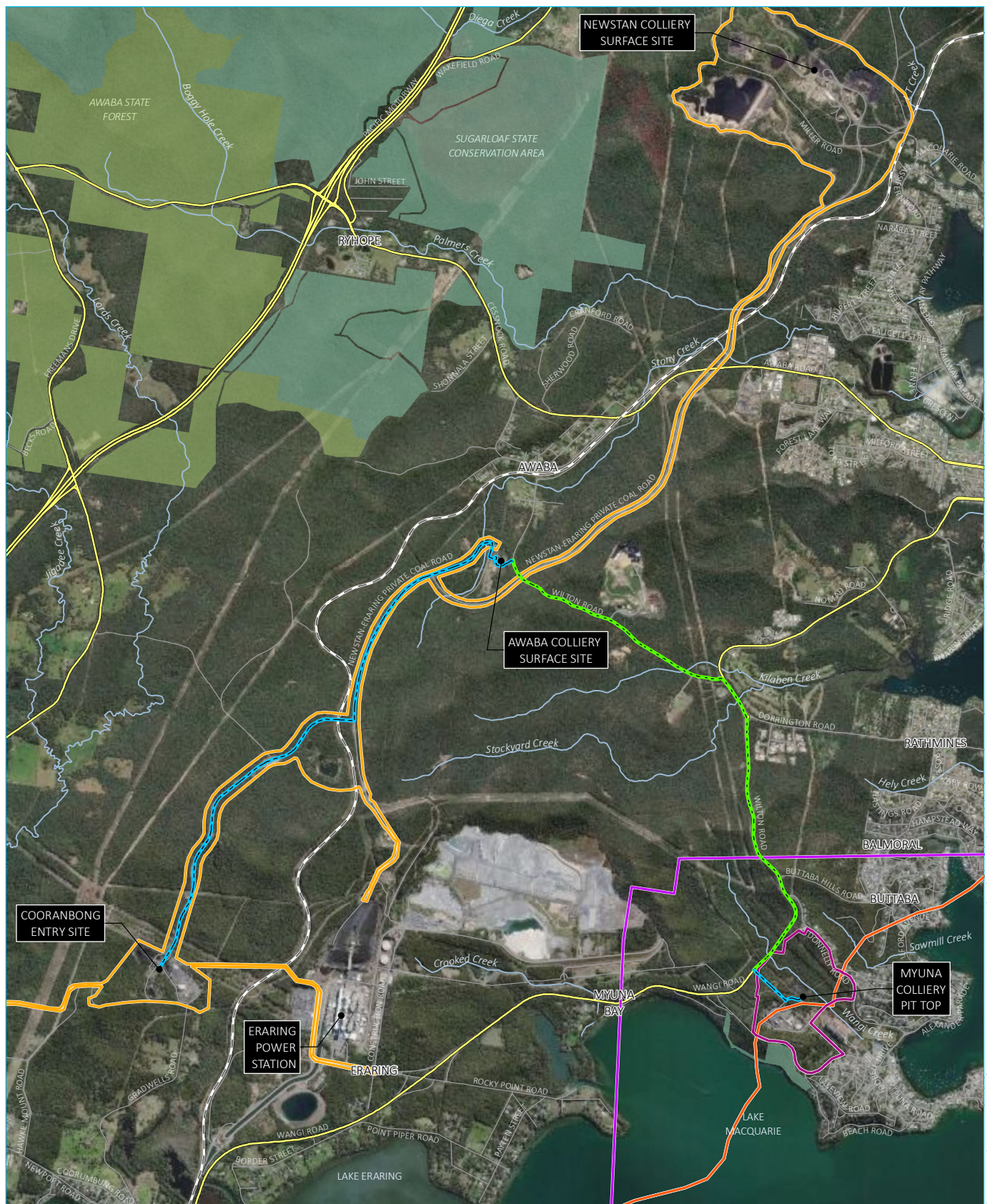
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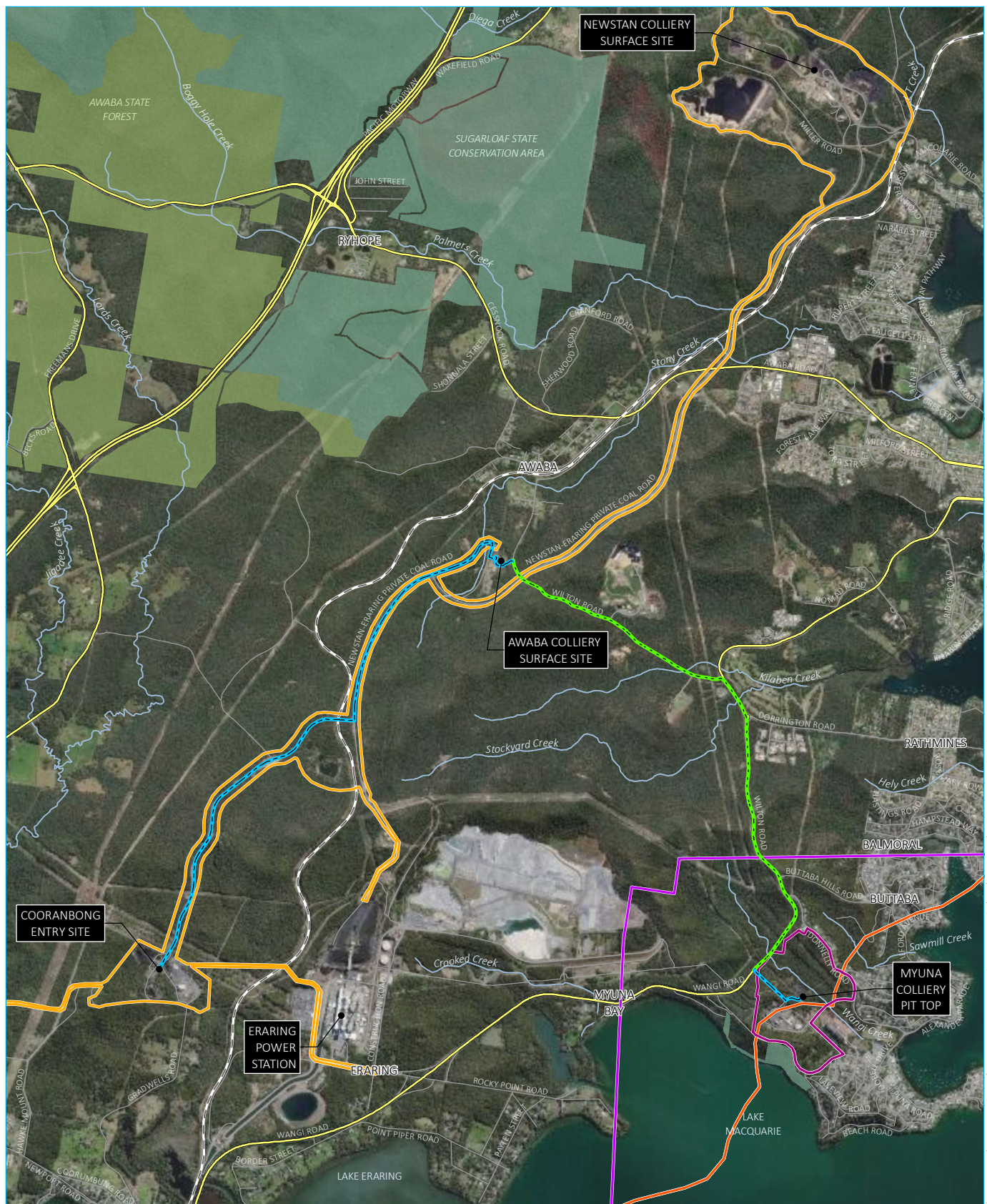
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