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## I OBJECT to the proposed SVL Bowdens Project

(1)The proposal must be rejected, due to the huge impacts its proposed water useage will have on agriculture in the surrounding area, residents in the village, those dependent on reliable bore water and downstream users. My major personal concern as a landholder engaged in an agricultural business is the potential impacts on critical underground water sources on our property, most particularly our farm 50 megalitre irrigation licence. Our ability to use our land to raise cattle and sheep is entirely dependent on underground water in times of drought and I have no confidence that any make good provisions will overcome that potential loss.

## The fact that this proponent has never undertaken any monitoring of our registered 50 megalitre bore only heightens my concerns.

Using modelling projections, the proponents assert that sufficient water will be sourced from within Bowdens holdings and the mine site. Actual rainfall records, meticulously kept by property owners adjacent to the proposed mine site show that the water available to the proponent from rainfall is far less and far less reliable than claimed in the proponents modelling.

When the project inevitably falls seriously short of the water it needs, where will the replacement water come from? Even a brief analysis of the rainfall figures scrupulously recorded at our property over 35 years will show that not enough reliable water can be accessed through rainfall and the modelling is not supported by historical records.

Once again the proponents have failed to make a believable case that they can source anything like an adequate volume of water from the area or anywhere else that would justify the project's approval.

The rainfall data below clearly shows that the annual Summer recorded rainfall falls well short of the modelled 75 mm per month (450mm over Summer) on 21 of the past 32 Summers.

That is, only $33 \%$ of Summer rainfalls in the past 30 years has exceeded 450 mms . Also, in only 84 of 204 summer months (41.1\%) has the monthly total exceeded 45 mms .

Rainfall data from Mudgee Airport Weather Station (1994-2022) also indicates that the modelled projected Summer rainfall of 75 mm per month is incorrect. The mean rainfall figures are October (50.3), November (76.1), December (77.3), January (66.1), February (64.7), March (65.4).

Total $=399.9 \mathrm{~mm}$. Monthly average $=66.6 \mathrm{~mm}$.

## The proponent will not be able to find the necessary water to conduct its operations without catastrophically depleting groundwater in the area of Hawkins Creek and Lawson Creek.

(2)I am also very concerned that the proponent consistently refuses to address very real community concerns about potential health impacts by at least establishing comprehensive baseline data for severe health risks such as lead. The proponent SVL advertises the project as a Silver mine. When the volume of Lead derived from this project is AT LEAST 50 times that of Silver, the glossing over of the volume of lead to be extracted and the sidestepping of any health impacts is dishonest. If, as the proponent asserts, there is NO risk to health from lead at the project, then to show good faith to the community the proponent must be compelled to carry out comprehensive baseline testing before approval is granted or any work commences. Community concerns about Lead were not adequately addressed in the EIS and the data used was historic (from 2012 and 2013 in the time of KCN ownership of the project) and discredited, derided and dismissed as out of date by the proponent SVL.
(3)Another very serious aspect of this process has been that the EIS which was put on display for community comment in 2020 is markedly different to what is being put forward as a simple amendment in 2022. The community did not have access to the current model and the far more serious effects it will certainly have on surface and groundwater in this area.

The 2020 proposal included a water pipeline from the coalfields which was to supply a significant volume of water to supplement water collected on site. Community members were assured that this would relieve pressure on local
ground and surface water supplies. Some community members believed, rightly or wrongly, that this water pipeline would include a reticulated water supply system to the village of Lue. This community benefit was widely reported as being a strong reason for some Lue residents to support the project.

## In the interests of giving the local community a fair opportunity to assess the real impacts of this project on the Lue community and its surrounding agricultural enterprises, an amended EIS must now be submitted by the proponent.

## RESPONSE TO BOWDENS PIPELINE AMENDMENT

- Users of Surface and Groundwater: (Page x) states "this strategy would not be likely to increase the projects impacts on users of surface water and groundwater resources".
(1) The term "not be likely" engenders no confidence in the people of Lue and surrounds who rely on surface and groundwater for stock and domestic purposes that they will continue to enjoy safe and reliable water supplies. During 2018 and 2019 drought surface water supplies were severely depleted, with many dams and water storages drying up completely. Groundwater was critical for keeping stock alive. The huge volumes of water to be used annually in this proposed project, coupled with the next severe drought, will make conventional farming and grazing extremely difficult if not impossible. The projected rainfall figures used in the modelling are wildly optimistic.

In particular, the projected Summer rainfall average of 75 mm per month in a 34 year period was exceeded on only $41 \%$ of the Summer months recorded since 1987. (See detailed rainfall data below)

- Impacts on other Registered Groundwater Users: (Page xiv concedes there will be "potential impacts associated with the availability of groundwater for other registered groundwater users". The proponent concedes in ( x ) and (xiv) that other users will "potentially" be impacted. There are 106 bores located within 10 kms of the project. They are used
for stock and domestic purposes. How severe are the "potential" impacts likely to be in times of severe drought?
Enough to make a bore unusable? All the make good promises will be as nothing when the project concludes and a bore no longer produces water.
Has the proponent promised to "make good" in perpetuity?
- Drawdown: (Page xvi): Whilst groundwater drawdown greater than $2 m$ is predicted at only one privately-owned registered groundwater bore Jacobs (2022) considers this prediction is the result of model conservatism". Words to strike fear into the hearts of groundwater users -
Predicted- and if the modelling is erroneous and the prediction is in error, the groundwater users of Lue and surrounds will be bearing the burden
Considers - the opinion of a consultant which may prove to be in error
- Environmental Outcomes. (Page xxi): "The residual environmental outcomes are not predicted to impose an unacceptable cost to future generations". Once again, a consultant is making predictions about what might happen in the future. The prediction may prove to be incorrect. How did SVL come to the conclusion that a future cost is not "unacceptable"?
The residents of LUE and surrounds are expected to submit to what the proponent suggests is acceptable. Loss of amenity, visual impacts, noise impacts, light, possible depletion of surface and groundwater, increased traffic and the parting gift of a massive void partially filled with what was once precious water in our underground aquifers will be their legacy. Agricultural land (currently growing a very impressive dryland sorghum crop) (See photograph below) which has sustained life for countless generations of First Nations people will be rendered agriculturally useless forever. This is absolutely unacceptable.


Dryland Sorghum crop on Price’s Gully, Bowdens - 7 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ February 2022.

- Downstream water Users: Water Supply Amendment Report (Page 4):potential impacts - the loss of baseflow on the availability of water for downstream users in the Lawson Creek water source. (Page 41) "there would be negligible change in availability of surface water for downstream users adjacent to Lawson Creek.
Again, in times of severe drought such as in 2018 and 2019, downstream users were reliant on permanent pools fed by underground aquifers as there was no flow in Lawson Creek. Upstream diversion of underground water to the proposed mine site may well have very significant effects on downstream users. If the project were to proceed, those effects would be irreversible.
- Registered Groundwater Users. There are 106 of these within 10 kilometres of the proposed mine site. Only 24 are part of a monitoring program. My family property contains a registered bore (WAL 27907/Associated Groundwater work/Stock, Domestic/Irrigation. Sydney Basin, Murray Darling Basin). This bore has an associated 50 megalitre irrigation licence. The previous proponent KCN undertook some intermittent monitoring of this bore around 2011-2015 and provided me with the results of that monitoring program.

Since taking over the project in 2016, the current proponent SVL, has never approached any member of my family to request access to this bore for monitoring purposes.

All 106 bores should be part of a monitoring program so there can be no dispute about the degree of loss of access to water once the proponent commences the dewatering and collection process. (Page 59. Referring to bores likely to be adversely effected by drawdown- "Monitoring for potential drawdown impacts at these bores would be an objective of the groundwater monitoring program for the project".
Clearly, monitoring of all 106 bores to clearly indicate if drawdown impacts have occurred must be required of the proponent. The proponent has stated that "Make good" provisions would be honoured by Bowdens.

As the proponent has conducted NO monitoring of WAL 27907, that drawdown impact on bore capacity would impossible to establish.

- Health Risks. Community concerns about health risks continue to be dismissed by the proponent. The refusal to undertake broad community baseline testing for lead is proof of this. In fact, the proponent states (Page 78) "The project would make a negligible contribution to overall particulate matter exposures with no health impacts of concern during any stage of the project".
The use of the term "negligible" without any clear definition about who decides what is negligible is more serious. Current health advice is that there is NO safe level of exposure to lead. (Professor Mark Taylor, Macquarie University). "No health impacts"? Without baseline testing, this statement is nothing more than a wild guess.
- Property Values. (Page 99.) Some impacts on property values would be expected where a property is likely to be impacted by noise, air, visual, impacts etc, albeit at levels assessed to be acceptable.
So, property values will be affected, but that is acceptable? Acceptable to whom? SVL? Probably yes. Acceptable to the aggrieved property owner? Not so much. The proponent goes on to state" Where these impacts are contained/mitigated, no impact to property value would be expected to occur". A comforting statement with no evidence to support it. There are countless stories of property owners, not close enough to a project to be bought out, living in a stranded asset, unable to sell at a fair price and wearing all the consequences of proximity to a major industrial site which was not present when the property was purchased.


## Rainfall data for 261 Powells Road LUE.

Our property is 2.2 kms from the Eastern edge of the proposed pit. Daily Rainfall recording commenced in 1987. These records indicate that the SVL rainfall projections stating that the area within which the proposed development lies receives an average Summer Rainfall of 75 mms per month or 450 mms for the period October - March inclusive are wildly optimistic, unreliable and untrustworthy.

These rainfall records show that the area received greater than 450mms over Summer on just 11 occasions from 32 Summers from 1987-2022.

The recordings were $453,463,474,504,504,511,580,606,635,637$ and 676 mm .
The area received less than 450 mms Summer rainfall on 21 occasions from 1987-2022.

The recordings were $239,248,259,266,290,347,352,365,368,372,381,384$, $391,400,407,408,409,437,438,444$ and $=450$.

Some rainfall totals for Summer were very significantly lower than 450 mms .
An analysis of just the 6 months of Summer in this recording period, of a total of 204 months, shows only 84 of the 204 recorded falls greater than 75 mms for the month. (Several monthly recordings were very high, including totals of 227, 218, 204,198, 195 and 181 mms ).

Most concerningly, 120 months of 204 recorded falls below 75 mms for the month.

These rainfall records clearly show that rainfall in Summer months exceeds the SVL indicative average of 75mms just 41\% of the time period from 1987 2021. I.E. 84/204 x $100=41.17 \%$.

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1 9 8 7}$ | Jan |  |  | Oct | 91 | Jan | 129 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 73 | Feb | 72 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 83 | Mar | 21 |
|  | Apr | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 474 |
|  | Jul | 38 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 24 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 774 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1988 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 5 | Jan | 43 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 60 | Feb | 35 |
|  | Mar | 21 |  | Dec | 59 | Mar | 91 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 40 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 16 |  |  |  | Total | 290 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | 705 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1989 | Jan | 43 |  | Oct | 48 | Jan | 77 |
|  | Feb | 45 |  | Nov | 100 | Feb | 97 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 49 | Mar | 29 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 400 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 18 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | 822 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1990 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 67 | Jan | 84 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 6 | Feb | 30 |
|  | Mar | 29 |  | Dec | 39 | Mar | 22 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 38 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 34 |  |  |  | Total | 248 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 45 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dec | 39 |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | 848 |

Comment: two period totalling 230 days in 1990/1991 recorded 185mms. 23/10/1990$31 / 121990=45 \mathrm{mms}$ over 70 days. 11/1/1991-10/5/1991= 140mms over 160 days

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1991 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 30 | Jan | 47 |
|  | Feb | 30 |  | Nov | 21 | Feb | $227^{* * *}$ |
|  | Mar | 22 |  | Dec | 107 | Mar | 72 |
|  | Apr | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 504 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 48 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 31 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct | 30 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov | 21 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | 574 |

Comment: Severe Winter deficit. 8/3/1991-30/8/1991=134mms over 180 days

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1992 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 73 | Jan | 41 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 79 | Feb | 50 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 103 | Mar | 84 |
|  | Apr | 14 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 15 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 21 |  |  |  | Total | 450 |
|  | Jul | 20 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 64 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 43 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 774 |

Comment: Severe winter deficit. 177mms recorded in 6 months

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1993 | Jan | 41 |  | Oct | 108 | Jan | 22 |
|  | Feb | 50 |  | Nov | 102 | Feb | 68 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 29 | Mar | 43 |
|  | Apr | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 28 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 42 |  |  |  | Total | 372 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 778 |

Comment: Severe deficit. 163 mms recorded in 6 months. $\quad 30 / 3 / 93-4 / 7 / 93=72 \mathrm{mms}$

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1994 | Jan |  | Oct | 19 | Jan | 118 |  |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 87 | Feb | 82 |
|  | Mar | 43 |  | Dec | 58 | Mar | 4 |
|  | Apr | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 13 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 10 |  |  |  | Total | 368 |
|  | Jul | 46 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 20 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct | 19 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 401 |

Comment: Severe Winter deficit. 168 mms in 8 months

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1995 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 25 | Jan | 198 |
|  | Feb | 82 |  | Nov | 72 | Feb | 28 |
|  | Mar | 4 |  | Dec | 131 | Mar | 17 |
|  | Apr | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 511 |
|  | Jul | 38 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 704 |

Comment: Dry spells Feb/Mar/Apr and again in Jul/Aug/Sep

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1996 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 60 | Jan | 58 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 92 | Feb | 83 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 123 | Mar | 37 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 453 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 963 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1997 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 52 | Jan | 55 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 23 | Feb | 54 |
|  | Mar | 37 |  | Dec | 42 | Mar | 33 |
|  | Apr | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 47 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 25 |  |  |  | Total | 259 |
|  | Jul | 32 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 19 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 503 |

Winter deficit. 165 mms over 6 months

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1998 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 62 | Jan | 57 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 95 | Feb | 14 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 38 | Mar | 81 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 347 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 876 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1999 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 154 | Jan | 128 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 51 | Feb | 3 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 71 | Mar | 218 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 635 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 690 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2000 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 123 | Jan | 29 |
|  | Feb | 3 |  | Nov | 140 | Feb | 65 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 147 | Mar | 76 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 580 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 20 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 1147 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2001 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 93 | Jan | 43 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 51 | Feb | 113 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 37 | Mar | 28 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 365 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 628 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2002 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 8 | Jan | 10 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 32 | Feb | 162 |
|  | Mar | 28 |  | Dec | 62 | Mar | 52 |
|  | Apr | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 34 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 31 |  |  |  | Total | 408 |
|  | Jul | 11 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 16 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 31 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct | 8 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov | 32 |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec | 62 |  |  |  | Total | 410 |
| 2003 | Jan | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |

Severe winter and spring deficit. 268mms in 11 months

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2003 | Jan | 10 |  | Oct | 82 | Jan | 22 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 74 | Feb | 92 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 55 | Mar | 27 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 18 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 352 |
|  | Jul | 40 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 11 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 710 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2004 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 83 | Jan | 20 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 67 | Feb | 134 |
|  | Mar | 27 |  | Dec | 121 | Mar | 69 |
|  | Apr | 35 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 30 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 26 |  |  |  | Total | 504 |
|  | Jul | 60 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 36 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 616 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2005 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 72 | Jan | 48 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 175 | Feb | 69 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 34 | Mar | 11 |
|  | Apr | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 3 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 409 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 796 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer | Mills |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2006 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 5 | Jan | 5 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 32 | Feb | 115 |
|  | Mar | 11 |  | Dec | 20 | Mar | 62 |
|  | Apr | 69 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 2 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 30 |  |  |  | Total | 239 |
|  | Jul | 65 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 18 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 22 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov | 32 |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec | 20 |  |  |  | Total | 383 |

Comment: Dry Autumn. Winter drought. 274 mms in 10 months. $7^{\text {th }}$ driest year on record (Mudgee Rainfall statistics)

| Year | Month | Rainfall | Rainfall | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Mud Air | Mills |  |  |  |  |
| 2007 | Jan | 16 | 5 | Oct | 5 | Jan | 125 |
|  | Feb | 81 | 115 | Nov | 115 | Feb | 133 |
|  | Mar | 77 | 62 | Dec | 62 | Mar | 23 |
|  | Apr | 36 | 23 |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 58 | 60 |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 127 | 160 |  |  | Total | 463 |
|  | Jul | 14 | 21 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 35 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 1 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct | 26 | 18 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov | 100 | 125 |  | Annual | Mud Air | Mills |
|  | Dec | 151 | 111 |  | Total | 702 | 700 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2008 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 88 | Jan | 6 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 153 | Feb | 90 |
|  | Mar | 23 |  | Dec | 76 | Mar | 25 |
|  | Apr | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 7 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 50 |  |  |  | Total | 438 |
|  | Jul | 39 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 840 |

Dry winter. 131mms in 5 months.

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2009 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 42 | Jan | 78 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 28 | Feb | 98 |
|  | Mar | 25 |  | Dec | 129 | Mar | 62 |
|  | Apr | 24 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 6 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 41 |  |  |  | Total | 437 |
|  | Jul | 40 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 16 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |


|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 518 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Dry Autumn and Winter. 152 mms in 6 months.

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2010 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 67 | Jan | 30 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 170 | Feb | 32 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 188 | Mar | 47 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 534 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 1067 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2011 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 38 | Jan | 88 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 136 | Feb | 142 |
|  | Mar | 47 |  | Dec | 75 | Mar | 197 |
|  | Apr | 25 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 38 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 15 |  |  |  | Total | 676 |
|  | Jul | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 57 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | 598 |

Dry Winter. 194mm in 6 months

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2012 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 15 | Jan | NA |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 40 | Feb | NA |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 86 | Mar | NA |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | NA |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 43 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov | 40 |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 793 |

Dry Spring. 105mms in 4 months

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2013 | Jan |  |  | Oct | NA | Jan | 14 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | NA | Feb | 86 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | NA | Mar | 125 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | NA |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | NA |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2014 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 26 | Jan | 60 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 32 | Feb | 23 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 98 | Mar | 27 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 23 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 42 |  |  |  | Total | 266 |
|  | Jul | 38 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 24 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 24 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct | 26 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov | 32 |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 612 |

Dry winter. 209 mms in 7 months.

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2015 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 33 | Jan | 113 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 80 | Feb | 46 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 105 | Mar | 30 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 52 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 43 |  |  |  | Total | 407 |
|  | Jul | 47 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 27 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct | 33 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 604 |

Dry winter. 211 mms in 6 months.

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2016 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 76 | Jan | 43 |
|  | Feb | 46 |  | Nov | 58 | Feb | 30 |
|  | Mar | 30 |  | Dec | 33 | Mar | 204 |
|  | Apr | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 444 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 886 |

Dry Autumn. 78 mms in 3 months.

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2017 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 28 | Jan | 27 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 72 | Feb | 111 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 86 | Mar | 60 |
|  | Apr | 31 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 0 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 13 |  |  |  | Total | 384 |
|  | Jul | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 26 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct | 28 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 535 |

Severe winter deficit. 102 mms in 7 months.

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2018 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 56 | Jan | 122 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 39 | Feb | 9 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 55 | Mar | 100 |
|  | Apr | 19 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 9 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 32 |  |  |  | Total | 381 |
|  | Jul | 13 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 39 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 35 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 503 |

Severe winter deficit. 147mms in 6 months.

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2019 | Jan |  | Oct | 16 | Jan | 62 |  |
|  | Feb | 9 |  | Nov | 34 | Feb | 78 |
|  | Mar | 100 |  | Dec | 3 | Mar | 108 |
|  | Apr | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May | 15 |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun | 7 |  |  |  | Total | 391 |
|  | Jul | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep | 37 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct | 16 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov | 34 |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec | 3 |  |  |  | Total | 350 |

Severe Drought through entire year. 231 mms in 11 months.

| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2020 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 103 | Jan | 50 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 43 | Feb | 78 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 137 | Mar | 195 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 606 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 874 |


| Year | Month | Rainfall |  | Summer |  | Summer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2021 | Jan |  |  | Oct | 73 | Jan | 114 |
|  | Feb |  |  | Nov | 163 | Feb | 39 |
|  | Mar |  |  | Dec | 67 | Mar | 181 |
|  | Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May |  |  |  |  | Summer |  |
|  | Jun |  |  |  |  | Total | 637 |
|  | Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov |  |  |  |  | Annual |  |
|  | Dec |  |  |  |  | Total | 798 |

