

Figure 28: Stream flow sensitivity – lower Spring Creek % change

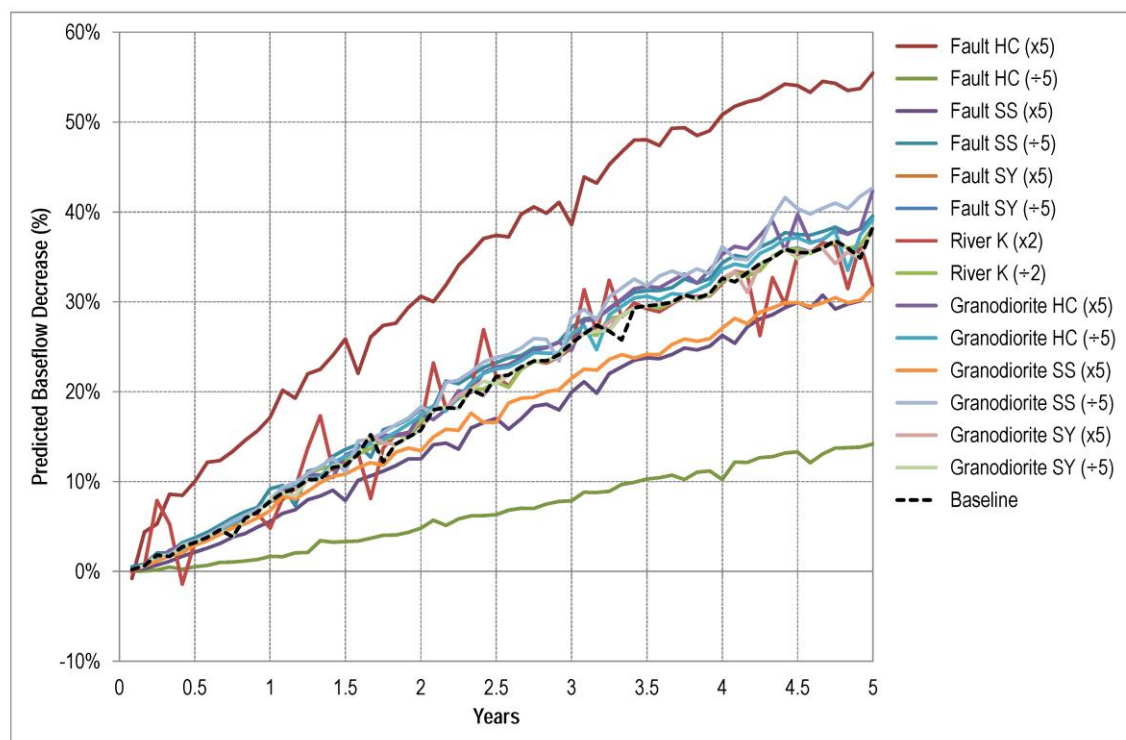


Figure 29: Stream flow sensitivity – Majors Creek % change



It is immediately apparent from these results that changing the hydraulic conductivity of the faults has the most impact on the baseflow to the lower section of Spring Creek and Majors Creek, with the other parameters being relatively insensitive.

The analysis also examined the sensitivity of groundwater recovery post mining to changes in parameter values. Figure 30 presents the predicted groundwater levels for all the sensitivity runs.

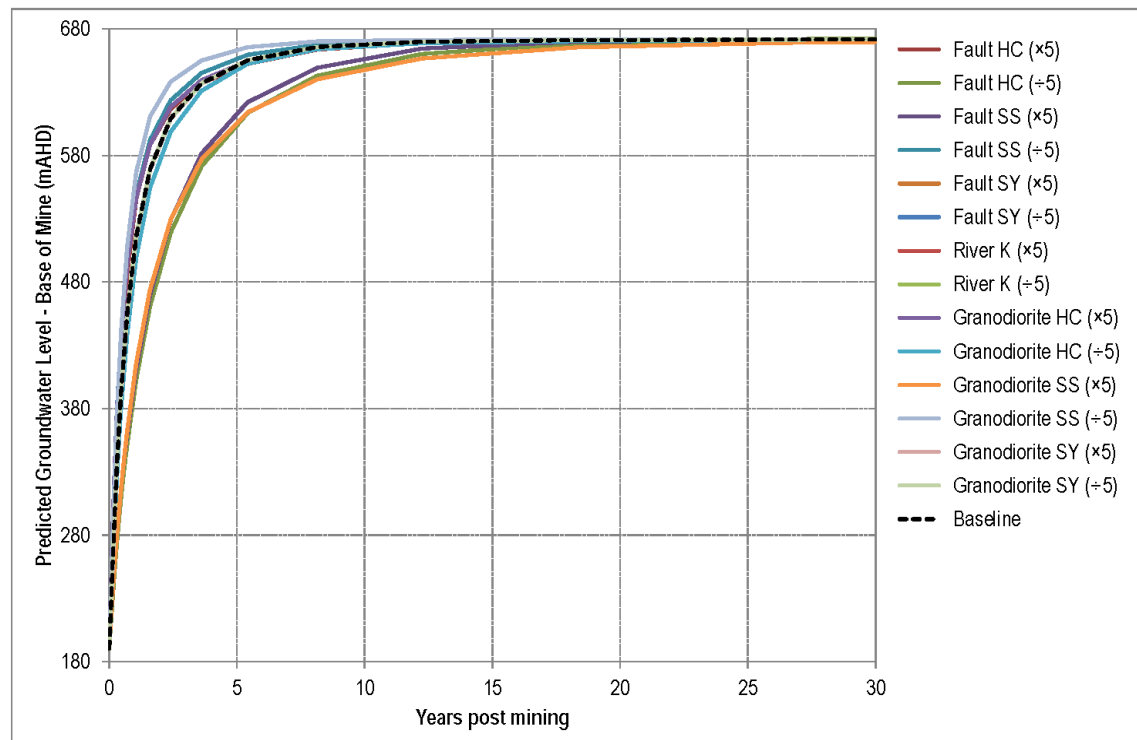


Figure 30: Groundwater level recovery post mining - sensitivity

The modelling indicates that all scenarios recover to the predicted pre-mine water levels, and this is generally achieved within 20 years post mining. Increasing the storage in the faults and the granodiorite results slows the recovery. Conversely increasing the storage reduces the recovery time, as there is less volume to fill.

In summary, the sensitivity analysis indicates that the hydraulic parameters assigned to the faults were relatively insensitive during calibration, but are sensitive to the predictions being made by the model. This is not to say that the model cannot be used for predictions in its current form, but rather this result should guide further data collection in the future to help reduce the uncertainty of the applied fault hydraulic parameters.

7.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Unity Mining Limited conducted baseline water monitoring for the Dargues Gold Mine Project between 2010 and 2013. Groundwater levels and quality have been measured in a network of monitoring bores and open exploration holes. Flow rates and surface water quality have also been monitored in Spring Creek and Majors Creek.



Above average rainfall has resulted in groundwater levels generally rising over the three-year baseline monitoring period. The groundwater model was recalibrated using measured groundwater levels and has been able to reproduce the rising water levels at most bores. Although there is some flow gauging data available for the creek systems, the short time period was insufficient to determine baseflow for use in the model recalibration.

The recalibration of the groundwater model resulted in slightly different hydraulic properties being adopted in the groundwater model, than compared to the values used by AGE (2010) for the EA. The most significant were a higher hydraulic conductivity in the granodiorite, and a lower specific yield for all layers.

The recalibrated model simulated the underground mining project for a period of five years. The model generally predicted impacts of a similar or lesser magnitude than those predicted for the EA by AGE (2010). The model indicates groundwater seepage to the mine is likely to be largely within the range of 8 L/sec to 10 L/sec. Depressurisation of the groundwater levels will be slightly less extensive than previously predicted and will not impact on any private bores. The impact on creek system baseflow is most significant in close proximity to the mine works and reduces with distance. An important outcome of the recalibration was that the upper catchment of Spring Creek may go dry naturally in response to below average rainfall. Post mining groundwater levels will recover within 10 to 20 years and flow of groundwater through the paste fill will be minimal. It is improbable that the paste fill within the mine will impact on the quality of baseflow in the creek systems.

It is recommended Unity Mining consider the following items to improve the data collection and future modelling efforts:

- installing electronic water level loggers in selected key monitoring bores, if more cost effective than the current manual measurement program;
- installing multi-level vibrating wire pressure sensors in selected open exploration bores in proximity to the mine workings if significant seepages are intersected in faults zones during mining;
- analysing water samples for environmental isotopes, if the seepage rate to the underground mine exceeds the model predicted volumes - this may help to determine the source of the seepage and potential interconnection with surface water; and
- monitoring of the upper spring zone in Spring Creek with a v-notch weir as this may go dry naturally due to climate variability.



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Appendix 1

CALIBRATION HYDROGRAPHS

