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**LICENCE MONITORING DATA
MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT**

for

1 February 2017 to 28 February 2017

Air Monitoring

Air quality surrounding the Wilpinjong Coal Mine is monitored using:

1. tapered element oscillating microbalances (TEOM);
2. high volume air samplers (HV); and
3. dust deposition gauges (DG).

In terms of the above equipment:

1. the TEOM and HVAS measure fine dust particles up to 10 microns in diameter (i.e. PM10); and
2. the DG measure the total dust deposited in the gauge during the sample period.

All are influenced by mining as well as non mining activities in the local area.

The location of the above monitoring equipment in relation to Wilpinjong Coal Mine is shown in Figure 8.

A summary of the monitoring results for the month is provided in Table 1 and the yearly trends are also shown in Figures 1 to 3.

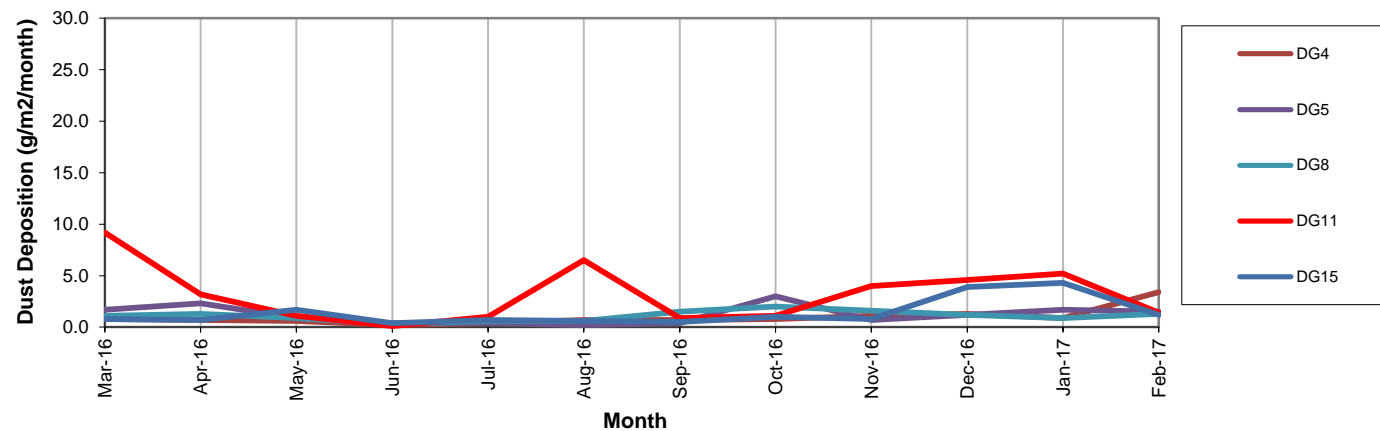
Table 1

EPL ID No.	Monitoring Point ID.	Pollutant	Unit of Measure	Monitoring Frequency required by EPL	No. of times measured during month	Min. Value	Max. Value	Mean Value	Measurement	Annual Average	Limit	Exceed ⁿ (yes/no)	Date Last Sampled	Date Reported
3	DG4	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				3.4				27/02/17	14/03/17
4	DG5	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				1.5	1.2	4.0	No	27/02/17	14/03/17
6	DG8	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				1.3				27/02/17	14/03/17
9	DG11	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				1.4				27/02/17	14/03/17
17	DG15	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				1.2				27/02/17	14/03/17
13	HV1	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	2	11.9	26.1	19.0			50		23/02/17	01/03/17
19	HV4	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	4	19.7	69.1	37.8			50		23/02/17	01/03/17
20	HV5	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	4	13.2	55.4	31.8			50		23/02/17	01/03/17
22	TEOM3	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Continuous (24 Hr Average)	90.3%	2.9	52.2	13.4			50			
23	TEOM4	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Continuous (24 Hr Average)	90.3%	3.1	50.9	14.7			50			

Notes:

1. Limits specified in the above table are from Project Approval 05-0021.
2. Maximum values above limit caused by Kains Flat bushfire and so not an exceedance.

Figure 1a. DG Results - 12 Month Trend



Notes:

1. Limit of 4 g/m2/month (annual average) applies to DG5 (Wollar Village) - refer Figure 1b.

Figure 1b. DG 5 Results - Annual Average

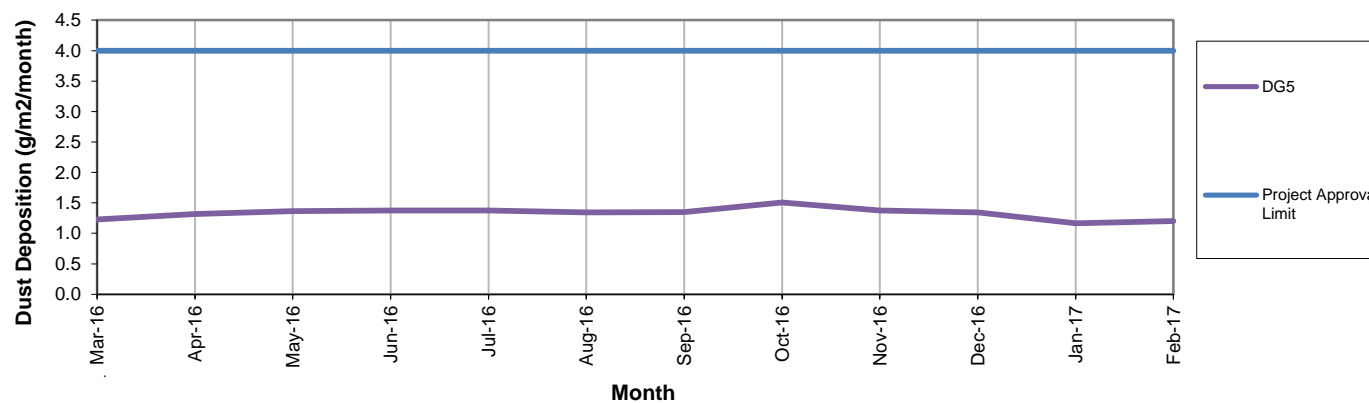
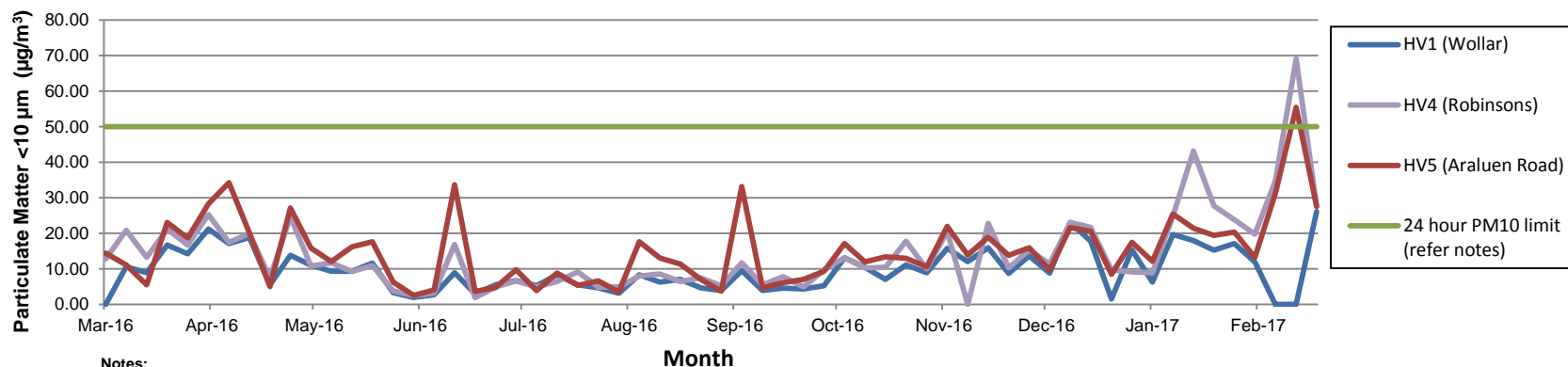


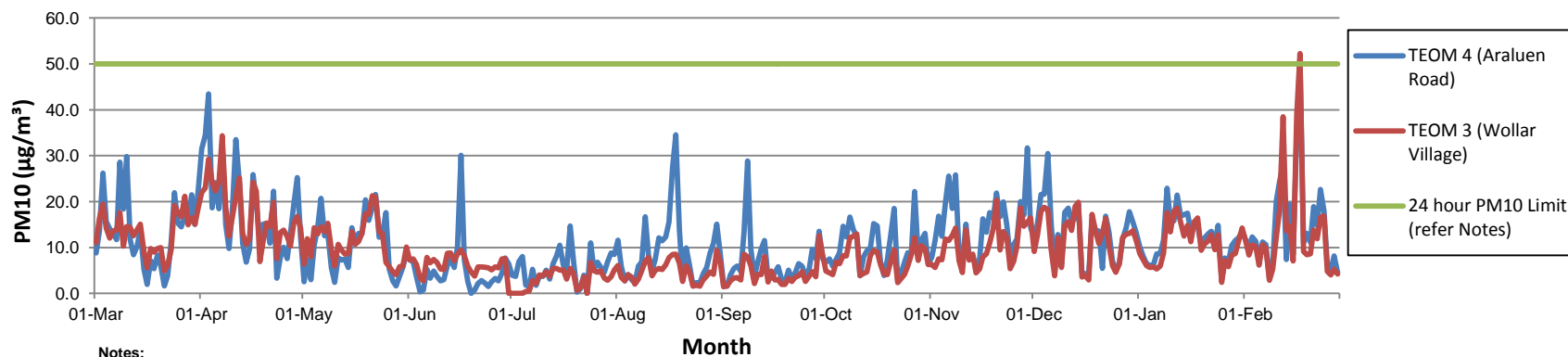
Figure 2. HV (PM10) Results - 12 Month Trend



Notes:

1. Limit doesn't apply for extraordinary events such as bushfires, prescribed burning, or dust storms.
2. High PM10 dust levels recorded on 17 Feb 2017 caused by Kains Flat bushfire.
3. A power outage and instrument fault prevented dust sample being collected from HV1 on 6 March 2016 and 11 & 17 Feb 2017.
4. A power outage prevented dust sample being collected from HV4 on 13 November 2016.

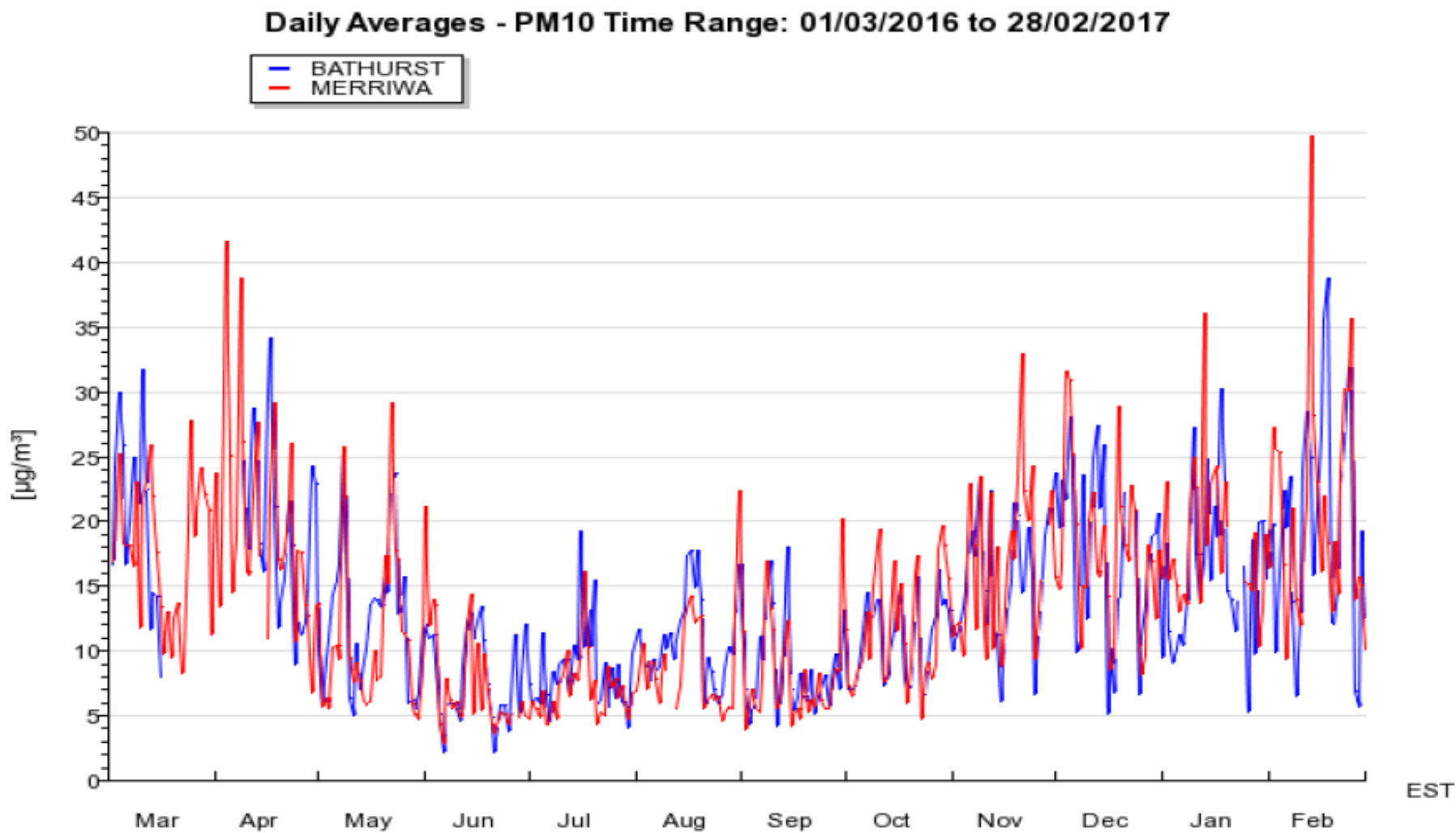
Figure 3. TEOM (PM10) Results - 12 Month Trend



Notes:

1. Limit doesn't apply for extraordinary events such as bushfires, prescribed burning or dust storms
2. Elevated PM10 dust levels recorded by both TEOMs 3 & 4 on 17 Feb 2017 caused by Kains Flat bushfire.
3. TEOM 3 (Wollar Village) taken offline for repairs June 31 to July 4.
4. TEOM 4 (Araluen Rd) influenced by dust from Araluen Road generally during stable atmospheric conditions (i.e. temperature inversions)

Shown below and for comparison with Figures 2 and 3 is the 24Hr Av. PM₁₀ dust levels recorded at Bathurst and Merriwa by NSW EPA from 1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017.



Surface Water Monitoring

Surface water runoff is isolated and diverted around disturbed areas through the construction of water diversion bunds. Runoff from disturbed areas is diverted into on-site water retention dams.

A Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant treats all water from the retention dams before it is discharged to Wilpinjong Creek. The EPL specifies limits for the quantity and quality of water that may be discharged from the site.

A summary of the monitoring results for the month is provided in Table 2. The continuous monitoring results for pH, conductivity and volume are also shown in Figures 4 to 6.

Table 2

EPL ID No.	Monitoring Point ID.	Pollutant	Unit of Measure	Monitoring Frequency required by EPL	No. of times measured during month	Min. Value	Max. Value	Mean Value	Measurement	Limit	Exceed ⁿ (yes/no)	Date Last Sampled	Date Reported
24	RO Plant Discharge	Conductivity	microSiemens per centimetre (uS/cm)	Continuous during discharge	100%	238	453	305		500	No		
		Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre (mg/L)	Weekly during any discharge	8	<5	7	5		10.0	No	27/02/17	02/03/17
		pH	pH Unit	Continuous during discharge	100%	6.7	8.3	7.2		≥6.5≤8.5	No		
		Total Suspended Solids	milligrams per litre (mg/L)	Weekly during any discharge	8	<1	2	1.1		50	No	27/02/17	02/03/17
		Volume discharged	megalitres per day	Continuous during discharge	100%	0.00	1.80	0.96		5.0	No		

Figure 4 – Volume discharged per day (ML)

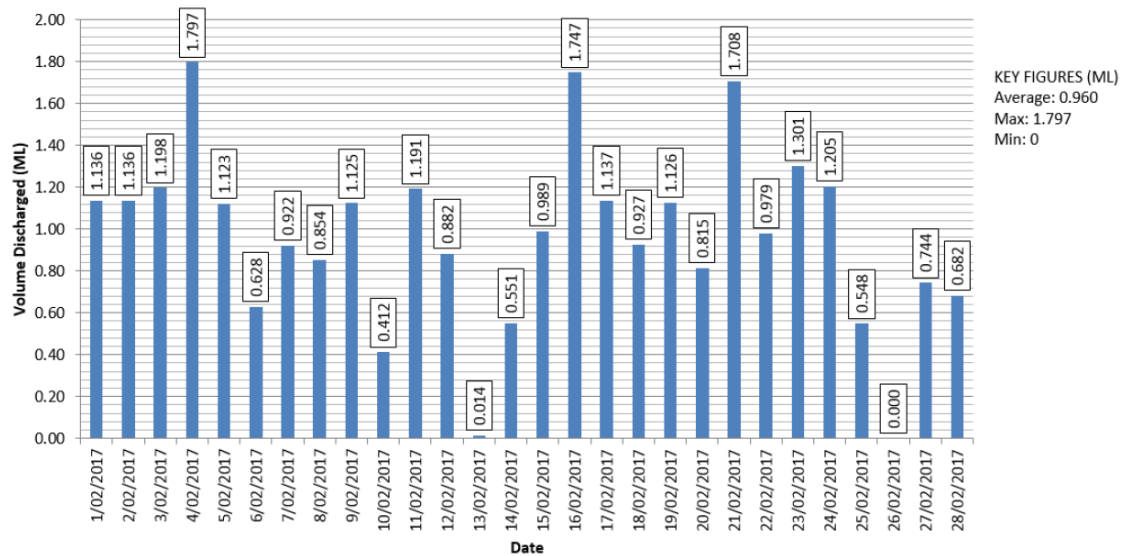


Figure 5 – Conductivity (max, min & average / day)

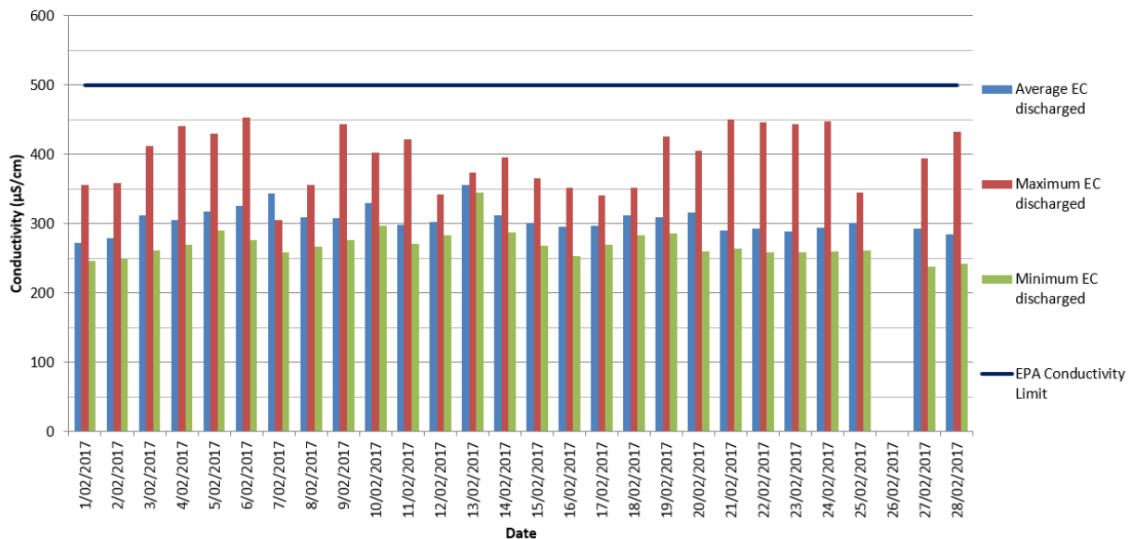
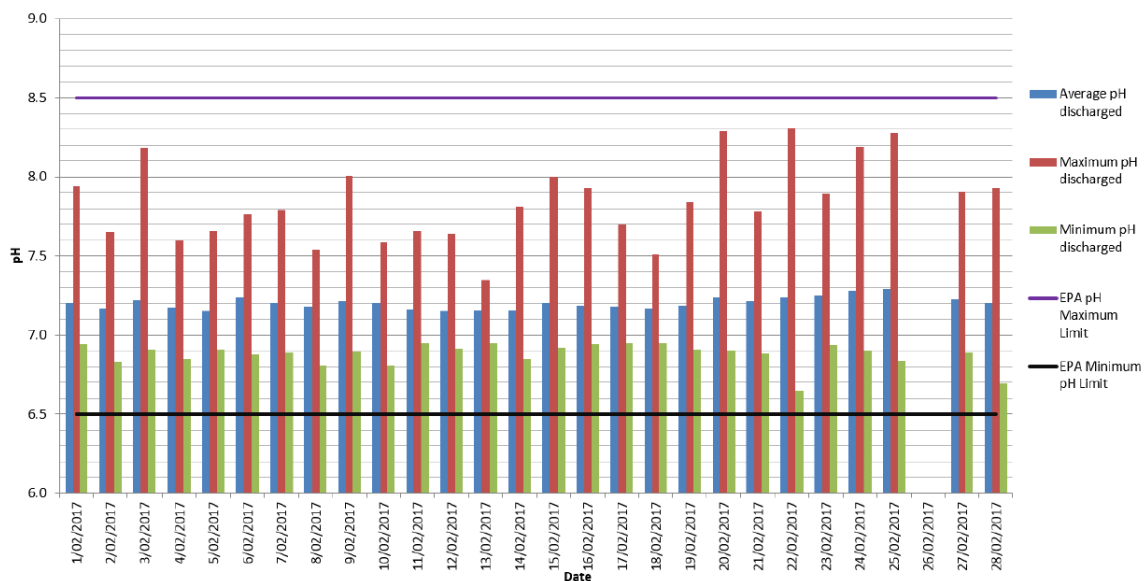


Figure 6 – pH (max, min & average / day)



Noise Monitoring

Environmental noise monitoring (“monitoring”) is carried out on a monthly basis.

The purpose of the monitoring is to assess whether mining operations are consistent with the objectives of the EPL and the development consent conditions.

In terms of this monitoring, it is undertaken:

1. by an independent noise consultant;
2. during the night-time; and
3. at the sites shown in Figure 9.

On pages 10 and 11 of this report are the noise levels and findings from the consultant’s environmental noise monitoring report (**noise monitoring report**).

Table 4.2: $L_{Aeq,15\text{minute}}$ GENERATED BY WCP AGAINST PROJECT APPROVAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA – FEBRUARY 2016

Location	Start Date and Time	Wind Speed m/s ^{1,2}	VTG °C per 100m ^{1,2}	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies? ^{2,3}	WCP $L_{Aeq,15\text{min}}$ dB ^{4,5}	Exceedance ⁶
N6	22/02/2017 23:05	1.9	-0.6	35	Yes	1A	Nil
N13	23/02/2017 01:19	1.2	1.8	36	Yes	26	Nil
N14	22/02/2017 22:36	1.9	-1.0	35	Yes	1A	Nil
N15	22/02/2017 23:27	1.5	-0.4	35	Yes	1A	Nil
N16	23/02/2017 00:33	1.0	1.8	37	Yes	<20	Nil
N17	23/02/2017 00:00	1.1	1.4	35	Yes	1A	Nil
N18	22/02/2017 22:00	2.5	-1.0	35	Yes	1A	Nil

Notes:

1. Wind speed is sourced from WCP weather station, Vertical Temperature Gradient (VTG) is sourced from the WCP inversion tower;
2. Criterion may or may not apply due to rounding of meteorological data values;
3. Noise emission limits apply for winds up to and including 3 metres per second at a height of 10 metres, temperature inversion conditions between 1.5°C and 3°C/100m with winds up to and including 2 m/s, or temperature inversion conditions up to and including 3°C/100m;
4. These are results for WCP in the absence of all other noise sources;
5. Bolded results in red are those greater than the relevant criterion (if applicable); and
6. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified in development consent and so criterion is not applicable or criterion not specified.

Table 4.3: $L_{A1,1\text{minute}}$ GENERATED BY WCP AGAINST PROJECT APPROVAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA – FEBRUARY 2016

Location	Start Date and Time	Wind Speed m/s ^{1,2}	VTG °C per 100m ^{1,2}	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies? ^{2,3}	WCP $L_{A1,1\text{min}}$ dB ^{4,5}	Exceedance ⁶
N6	22/02/2017 23:05	1.9	-0.6	45	Yes	1A	Nil
N13	23/02/2017 01:19	1.2	1.8	45	Yes	31	Nil
N14	22/02/2017 22:36	1.9	-1.0	45	Yes	1A	Nil
N15	22/02/2017 23:27	1.5	-0.4	45	Yes	1A	Nil
N16	23/02/2017 00:33	1.0	1.8	45	Yes	<20	Nil
N17	23/02/2017 00:00	1.1	1.4	45	Yes	1A	Nil
N18	22/02/2017 22:00	2.5	-1.0	45	Yes	1A	Nil

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Table 4.4: $L_{Aeq,15\text{minute}}$ GENERATED BY WCP AGAINST EPL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA – FEBRUARY 2016

Location	Start Date and Time	Wind Speed m/s ^{1,2}	VTG °C per 100m ^{1,2}	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies? ^{2,3}	WCP $L_{Aeq,15\text{min}}$ dB ^{4,5}	Exceedance ⁶
N6	22/02/2017 23:05	1.9	-0.6	35	Yes	1A	Nil
N13	23/02/2017 01:19	1.2	1.8	35	Yes	26	Nil
N14	22/02/2017 22:36	1.9	-1.0	35	Yes	1A	Nil
N15	22/02/2017 23:27	1.5	-0.4	36	Yes	1A	Nil
N16	23/02/2017 00:33	1.0	1.8	35	Yes	<20	Nil
N17	23/02/2017 00:00	1.1	1.4	35	Yes	1A	Nil
N18	22/02/2017 22:00	2.5	-1.0	35	Yes	1A	Nil

Notes:

1. Wind speed is sourced from WCP weather station, Vertical Temperature Gradient (VTG) is sourced from the WCP inversion tower;
2. Criterion may or may not apply due to rounding of meteorological data values;
3. Noise emission limits apply for winds up to and including 3 metres per second (at a height of 10 metres), temperature inversion conditions of up to 3°C/100m with winds up to and including 2 m/s, or temperature inversion conditions up to and including 3°C/100m;
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Table 4.5: $L_{A1,1\text{minute}}$ GENERATED BY WCP AGAINST EPL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA – FEBRUARY 2016

Location	Start Date and Time	Wind Speed m/s ^{1,2}	VTG °C per 100m ^{1,2}	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies? ^{2,3}	WCP $L_{A1,1\text{min}}$ dB ^{4,5}	Exceedance ⁶
N6	22/02/2017 23:05	1.9	-0.6	45	Yes	1A	Nil
N13	23/02/2017 01:19	1.2	1.8	45	Yes	31	Nil
N14	22/02/2017 22:36	1.9	-1.0	45	Yes	1A	Nil
N15	22/02/2017 23:27	1.5	-0.4	45	Yes	1A	Nil
N16	23/02/2017 00:33	1.0	1.8	45	Yes	<20	Nil
N17	23/02/2017 00:00	1.1	1.4	45	Yes	1A	Nil
N18	22/02/2017 22:00	2.5	-1.0	45	Yes	1A	Nil

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6 SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE

Environmental noise monitoring described in this report was undertaken during the night period of 22/23 February 2017. Attended noise monitoring was conducted at seven sites. The duration of all measurements was 15 minutes.

6.1 Operational Noise Assessment

Wilpinjong Coal Project (WCP) complied with noise limits at the monitoring locations during the February 2017 monitoring period.

6.2 Low Frequency Assessment

During the February 2017 survey WCP complied with the relevant limits using the Broner method of assessing low frequency. However, using the INP method of assessing low frequency, site only noise levels were above the relevant modifying factor trigger during the measurement at location N13. A 5 dB penalty was applied to the relevant site only L_{Aeq} for this measurement.

With the penalty applied, resulting noise levels remained in compliance with relevant noise limits at N13. No further assessment of low frequency noise was required.

Wilpinjong Coal received the noise monitoring report from Global Acoustics Pty Ltd on 9 February 2017.

Blasting

Monitoring is carried out near sensitive locations during blasting activities to determine the vibration in the air (overpressure) and earth (ground vibration). A summary of the results of this monitoring, and the limits specified in the EPL, are shown in Tables 3 and 4. Figure 7 shows the actual overpressure and vibration levels recorded during the month.

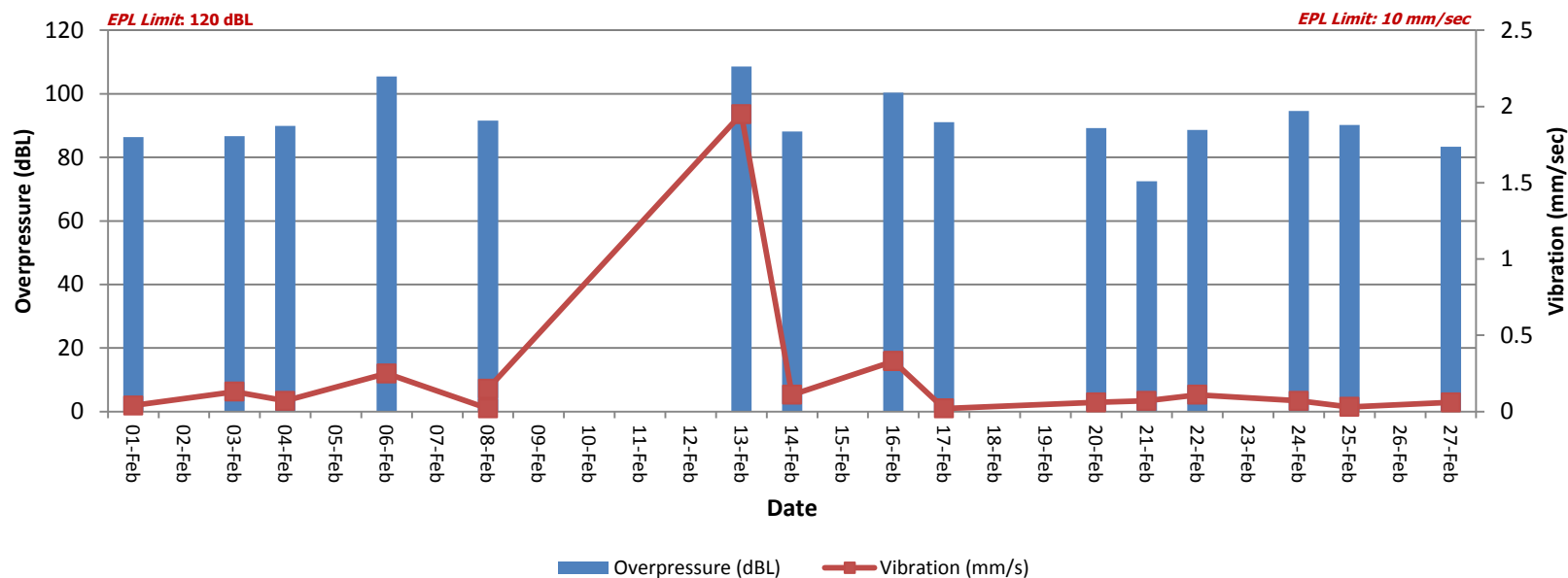
Table 3 – Overpressure Monitoring Results

Location	Month	Number of Blasts	Minimum overpressure (dB(L))	Maximum overpressure (dB(L))	Mean overpressure (dB(L))	EPL overpressure Limits (dB(L))	Exceedance (yes/no)
Approx. 50m west of the Wollar Public School	February	17	72.5	108.6	91.4	115dB (95% blasts) 120 dB (100% blasts)	no

Table 4 – Vibration Monitoring Results

Location	Month	Number of Blasts	Minimum vibration (mm/sec)	Maximum vibration (mm/sec)	Mean vibration (mm/sec)	EPL vibration Limits (mm/sec)	Exceedance (yes/no)
Approx. 50m west of the Wollar Public School	February	17	0.02	1.95	0.22	5 mm/s (95% blasts) 10 mm/s (100% blasts)	no

Figure 7. Overpressure (dBL) and Vibration (mm/sec) recorded during Month



Weather Monitoring

Continuous weather monitoring occurs onsite at the location shown on Figures 8 and 9 (**Meteorological Station**). The Meteorological Station continuously monitors for: rainfall; relative humidity; temperature (i.e. at 2m, 10m & 60m), barometric pressure, wind speed, wind direction and temperature lapse rate.

The temperature lapse rate is a measure of stable atmospheric conditions and is determined by measuring air temperature at two elevations 58m apart (i.e. 2m and 60m from ground level) and extrapolating the temperature difference over 58m to determine the lapse rate per °C/100m.

Table 5 shows the meteorological data recorded during the month.

Table 5

Date	Temperature (°C)									Humidity (%)			Prevailing Wind				Rain	Bar	Lapse Rate
	2m			10m			60m						Speed			Dir	(mm)	(hPa)	(°C/100m)
	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	(Deg)			
1/02/2017	29	23.3	39.5	28.8	23.2	39.4	28.1	22.3	38.5	53	15.1	74.6	2.3	0	61.5	86	0.6	1010.1	1.2
2/02/2017	27.1	22.2	32.7	26.9	22.5	32	26.2	21.9	31.1	59.2	34.5	84	1.3	0	4.5	123	0.2	1152.5	-0.2
3/02/2017	25.9	21.7	33.5	25.7	21.6	32.8	24.9	20.9	32	62.2	37.9	77.3	1.9	0.4	4	97	0	1012.1	0.9
4/02/2017	27.1	23.3	39.1	27	23.2	38.2	26.4	22.5	37	64	22.3	79.8	1	0.1	5	84	2.2	1010.9	2.9
5/02/2017	29.8	21.6	39	29.7	21.9	37.7	29.5	21.9	36.3	54	23.6	93.4	1.2	0	5	308	0	1009.2	10.0
6/02/2017	30.4	17.8	40.3	30.6	19	39.5	31.2	21	38.4	39.9	12.1	79.4	1.3	0	5	284	0	1008.2	11.7
7/02/2017	26.9	23.7	32.6	26.7	23.7	31.7	26	23.1	30.6	61.4	43.8	78.4	4	1.9	6.2	86	17	1014.7	1.9
8/02/2017	25.3	22.2	30	25.1	22.3	29.4	24.3	21.7	28.3	62.7	46.2	74.9	4.6	2.2	6.8	90	0	1017.9	-0.2
9/02/2017	27.4	21.6	36	27.2	21.6	35.2	26.8	20.9	34.1	51.1	20.7	76.9	1.3	0	5	86	0	1014.4	6.7
10/02/2017	30.9	17.6	41.8	31	18.5	41.3	31.3	19.5	40.3	39	15.3	75.1	1.4	0	4.2	257	0	1008	10.0
11/02/2017	33.2	21.9	43.7	33.7	23.2	43	34.7	25.2	41.8	32.9	11.7	61.9	1.8	0	5.7	270	0	1004.6	12.8
12/02/2017	32	22.8	42.6	32.2	24.2	41.9	32.4	25	40.6	30.4	8.4	56.9	3.4	0	10.3	242	0	999.4	11.7
13/02/2017	24.9	17.4	31.8	24.7	17.7	31	23.9	17.2	29.8	22.2	11.7	46.1	2.5	0.4	6.5	209	0	1006	0.7
14/02/2017	23.1	18.3	30.4	22.9	18.9	29.6	22.2	18.8	28.4	54.2	26.8	68.5	3.1	0	6.7	87	0	1011.7	2.8
15/02/2017	24.2	18.3	31.7	23.9	18.4	30.9	23.1	17.8	29.8	53	27.3	73.8	2.5	0.1	5.1	85	0	1012.4	0.7
16/02/2017	26.7	16.2	36.3	26.8	17.2	35	26.8	17.8	33.8	45.9	17	81.4	0.9	0	4	298	0	1009.4	7.9
17/02/2017	24.8	19.4	36	24.9	20.4	34.9	25.1	21.4	33.6	58.9	28.5	83.4	0.3	0	11.4	127	13.6	1008.6	7.1
18/02/2017	26.8	18.2	36	26.7	18.6	35.1	26.3	18.7	33.9	56.2	24.5	96.2	1.7	0	7	265	0.2	1004.3	3.4
19/02/2017	23	17.4	28.4	22.8	18.2	27.5	22.3	18.3	26.5	34.6	13	64.5	2.4	0	6.4	259	0	1006	4.3
20/02/2017	19.7	13.5	25.9	19.6	14.6	25.1	19.2	14.8	23.9	27.8	13.2	40.5	3	0	5.4	236	0	1011.5	7.1
21/02/2017	20.3	7.7	30.6	20.4	8.4	30	20.5	10.2	29.1	35.8	12	61.3	1	0	4.2	84	0	1016.7	8.1
22/02/2017	25	16.3	33.4	24.9	17.2	32.5	24.4	17.6	31.6	47.5	19.1	78.7	1.6	0	3.8	99	0	1016.9	3.1
23/02/2017	27.1	16.5	36.6	27.2	17	35.7	27.1	18	34.5	43.9	16.2	79.1	0.3	0	3.2	212	0	1016.2	6.6
24/02/2017	25.5	17.8	35.2	25.7	18.6	34.4	25.7	19.9	33.3	46.1	20	66	1.4	0	8.8	93	0	1016	9.0
25/02/2017	22.5	19.5	27.1	22.2	19.7	26.4	21.5	19.2	25.4	61.9	45.5	74.8	4.2	1.8	6.5	90	0	1016.9	0.3
26/02/2017	21.6	18.6	26.4	21.3	18.7	25.7	20.5	18.2	24.6	57	37.4	72.4	4.5	2.7	6.4	97	0	1018.7	-0.5
27/02/2017	21.8	16.5	28.4	21.6	16.8	27.8	21	16.6	26.7	52.7	30.1	70.6	3.4	0.8	6.1	97	0	1020.3	0.7
28/02/2017	21.9	17.5	28	21.7	18.2	26.9	21	18.1	25.8	62	39.2	77.8	3.3	0.8	6.7	98	0.4	1019.5	1.2

Figure 8 – Air (Dust) Monitoring Locations

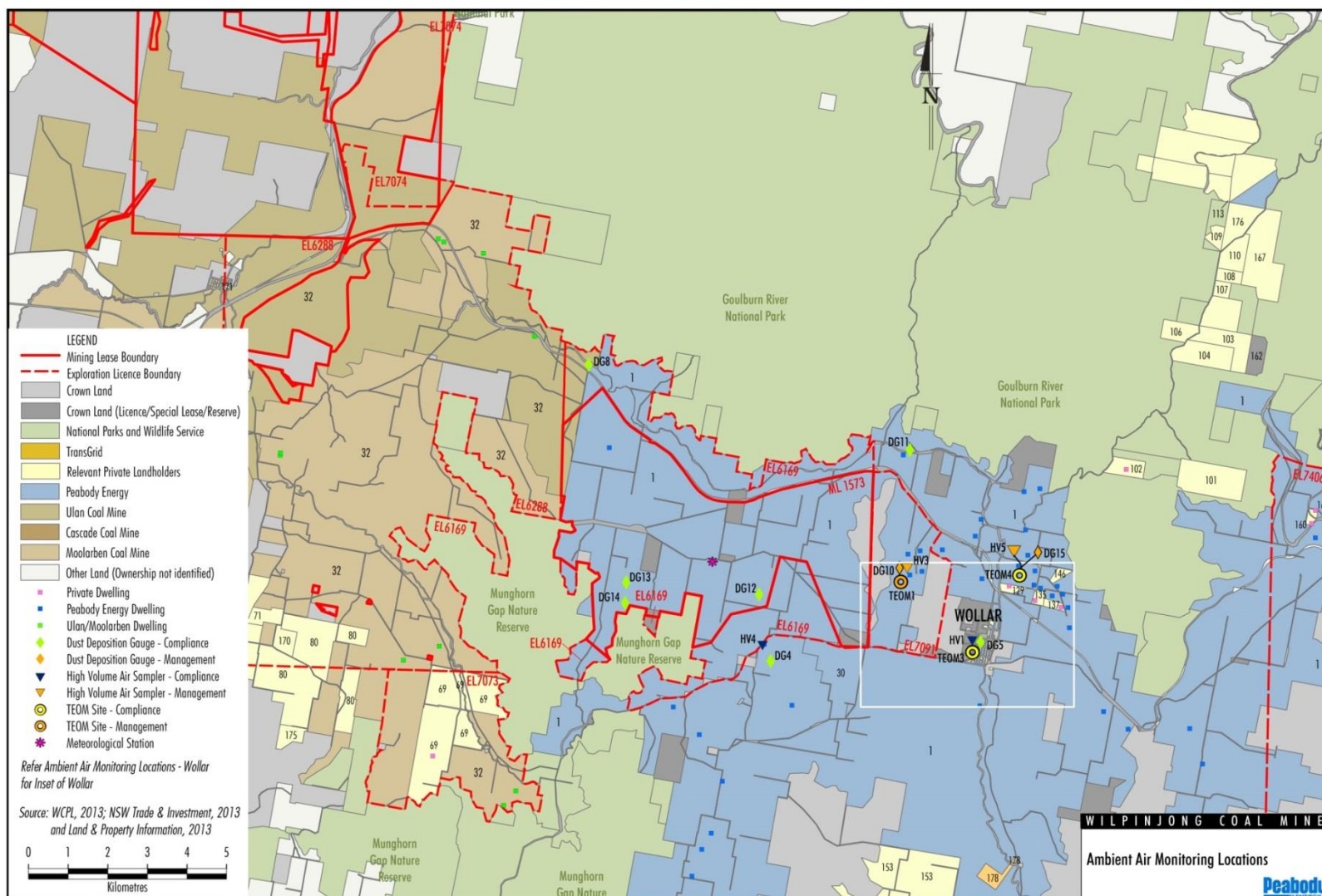




Figure 9 – Attended Noise Monitoring Locations

