

25 Feb-22

EPBC 2010-5421 (30 Sep-21) - ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT CY21

During CY21 an EPBC variation application was processed, and approval was granted on 30 Sep-21. The changes involved:

- An extension of the validity period to 31 Dec-50
- An increase in the disturbance areas of Protected Matters to reflect the mine plan
- A modernisation of some of the Approval conditions

These changes and outcomes from the CY21 wet season Offset survey triggered a review of the Offset Management Plan (OMP) – approved 12 Dec-16 and in effect for CY21 reporting period.

Herbicide affected and thin aspect ratio offset areas were removed, new offset areas were identified, and ecological studies undertaken. Various drafts were discussed with DAWE resulting in a finalised submission on 7 Feb-22 for approval. On 15 Feb-22 the delegate of the Minister of the Environment approved an updated Biodiversity Offset Management Plan (BOMP) which will form the basis for management and reporting going forward.

The mine operates under a Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan (GMMP) approved 18 Apr-16

Two independent reviews were undertaken to investigate anomalous readings with both concluding that there were no compliance issues identified. A maintenance review of the Vibrating Wire Piezometers is being scoped and a review of the groundwater model is currently underway.

Appendix 1 provides an update against each of the EPBC conditions.



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APPENDIX 1 - EPBC 2010-5421 (30 September 2021) CY21 COMPLIANCE REPORT

Condition	Status
1	Revoked
2	Clearing has not occurred outside the Project Area
3	Clearing of ecological community 20.3Ha or habitat 80.8Ha has NOT exceeded limits
4	Approved 12/12/2016
4a	An updated BOMP was approved by the Minister on 15 Feb-22
5	Approved OMP and updated BOMP have tables mapping content criteria
6	VDec application resubmitted, following BOMP approval on 16 Feb-22
7	Revoked
8	Revoked
9	Approved by Minister 18 April 2016
10	Included in GMMP
11	Peer review occurred 15 March 2016
12	Operations commenced in the Project Area prior to Fox Coal ownership (29 Aug-16)
13	No exceedances
14	Operations commenced in the Project Area prior to Fox Coal ownership (29 Aug-16)
15	This report is provided as compliance for this clause
15a	No non-compliances
15b	No non-compliances
16	No requests received
17	No requests submitted
18	No requests received
19	Operations commenced in the Project Area prior to Fox Coal ownership (29 Aug-16)
20	Records are maintained for 5 years as required under EA 744813
21	GMMP, BOMP and this Compliance Report on QMetco website

Plans in Existence

Offset Management Plan Version 8 dated 8 December 2016

Foxleigh Plains Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan [Final_ v4, dated 14/4/16]