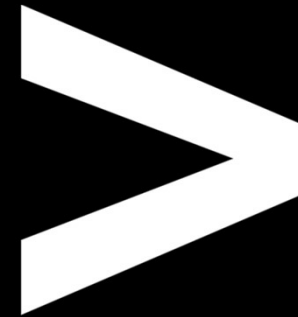




CCC Meeting

27 August 2025



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OPERATIONS

> Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we meet today and pay respect to Elders, past, present and future



Agenda

1. Welcome: Housekeeping, emergency procedures
2. Apologies
3. Declaration of pecuniary interests /conflicts of interest
4. Correspondence
5. Confirmation of the previous meeting's minutes
6. Matters arising from previous meeting
7. Company reports – Update on Hunter Valley Operations
 1. Operations
 2. Environment and Community
 3. Heritage
 4. Approvals
8. Community representative feedback
9. General business
10. Next meeting



Apologies

- Peter Nichols
- Todd Mills
- Nic McLaughlin
- Dave Foster



Correspondence

HVO CCC Correspondence

Date	From	Content
19/05/2025	Sarah P	Email - Finalised minutes from February meeting
30/05/2025	Sarah P	Email - Draft minutes (7 May meeting) received by NM for HVO comment
30/06/2025	Sarah P	Email - Draft minutes for distribution to CCC members
1/07/2025	NM	Email - Draft, May minutes sent to CCC members for comment (No suggested changes received) HVO Historic Management Plan
18/07/2025	NM	Letter (Di Gee) - two copies of HVO Historic Management Plan
20/08/2025	NM	Email - Invitation to CCC members, including agenda, business papers and grant application information, for meeting on 27 August
20/08/2025	DPE	Email - Notification that HVO CCC are on DPE website



Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- Minutes from previous meeting (7 May 2025) have been:
 - Circulated for comment for a period of four weeks
 - No changes were suggested by members
 - Await confirmation / finalisation at this meeting (27 Aug. 2025)
- Previous CCC meeting minutes are available on the HVO website. The minutes can be accessed online via: [Documents – Hunter Valley Operations \(hvo.com.au\)](#)



Action Arising from Previous CCC Meeting

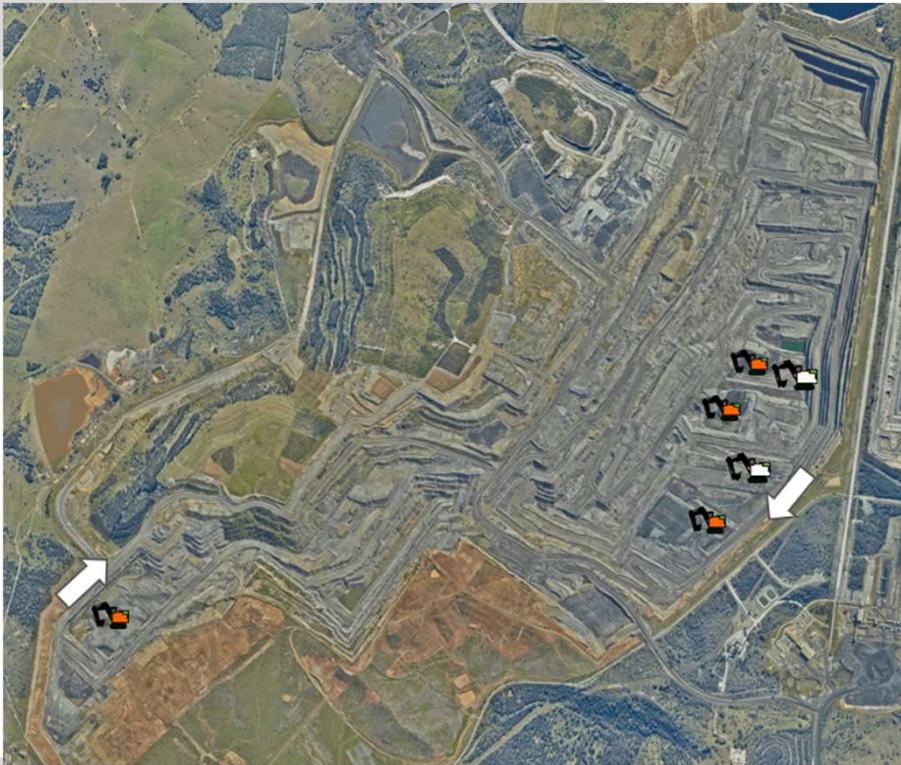
- HVO to continue to provide the CCC with updates on the HVO Continuation Project
- HVO to provide continued updates on the detailed design for the North Void Tailings Storage Facility Barrier Wall



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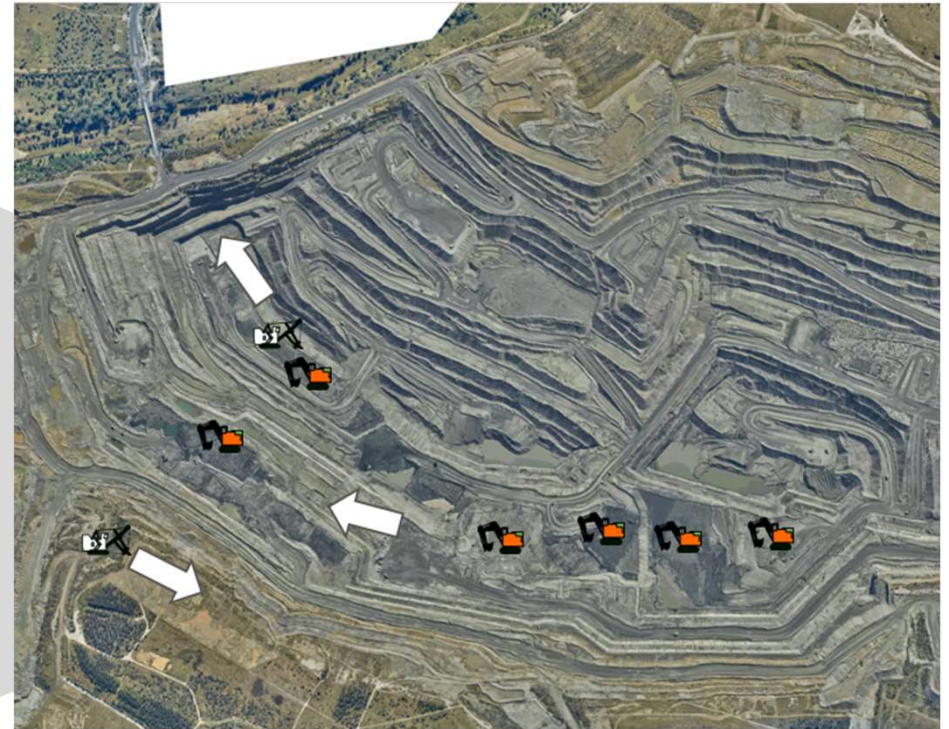
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> West Pit and Mitchell Pit (North / West)





Cheshunt (South)





ENVIRONMENT

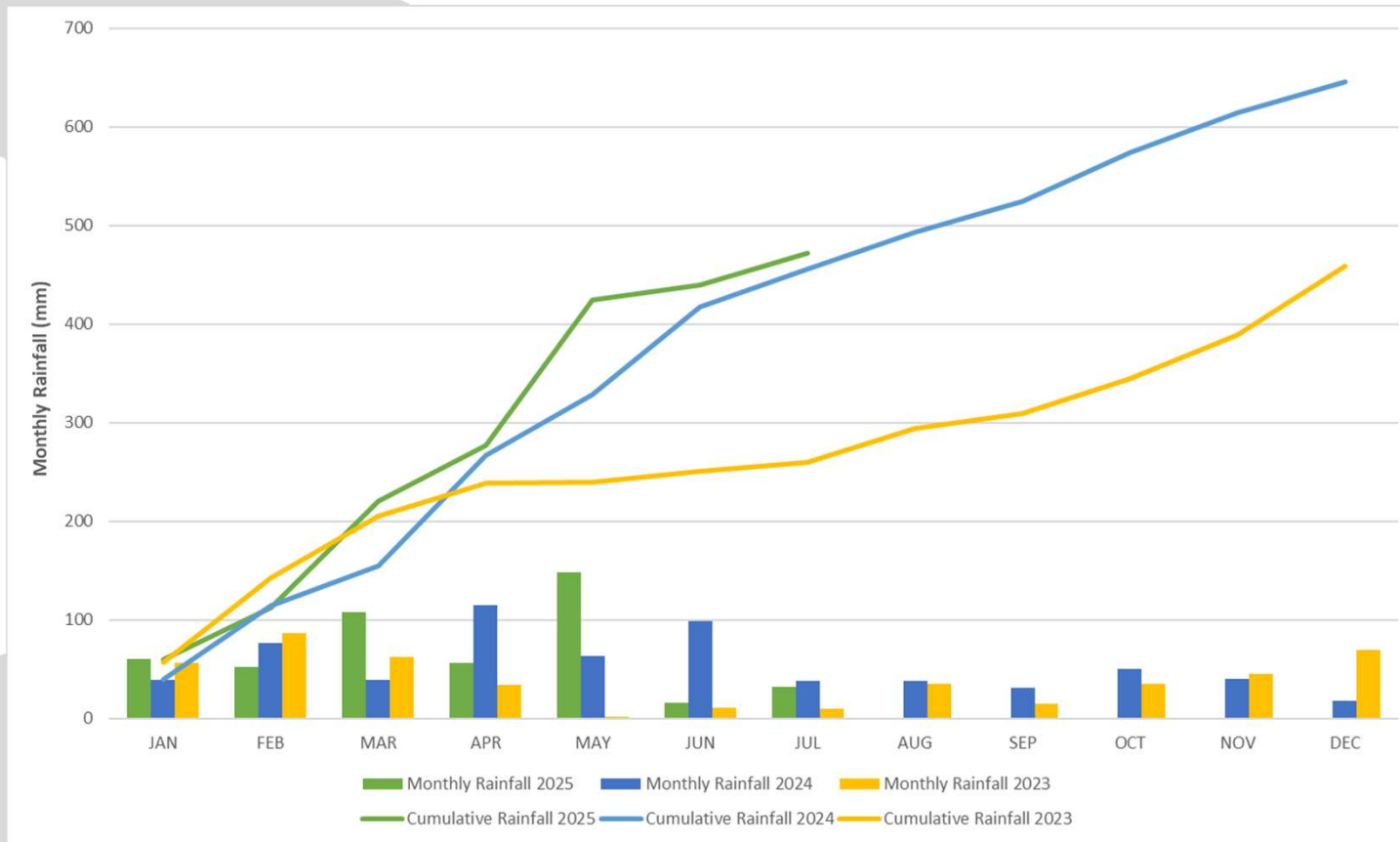
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Rainfall

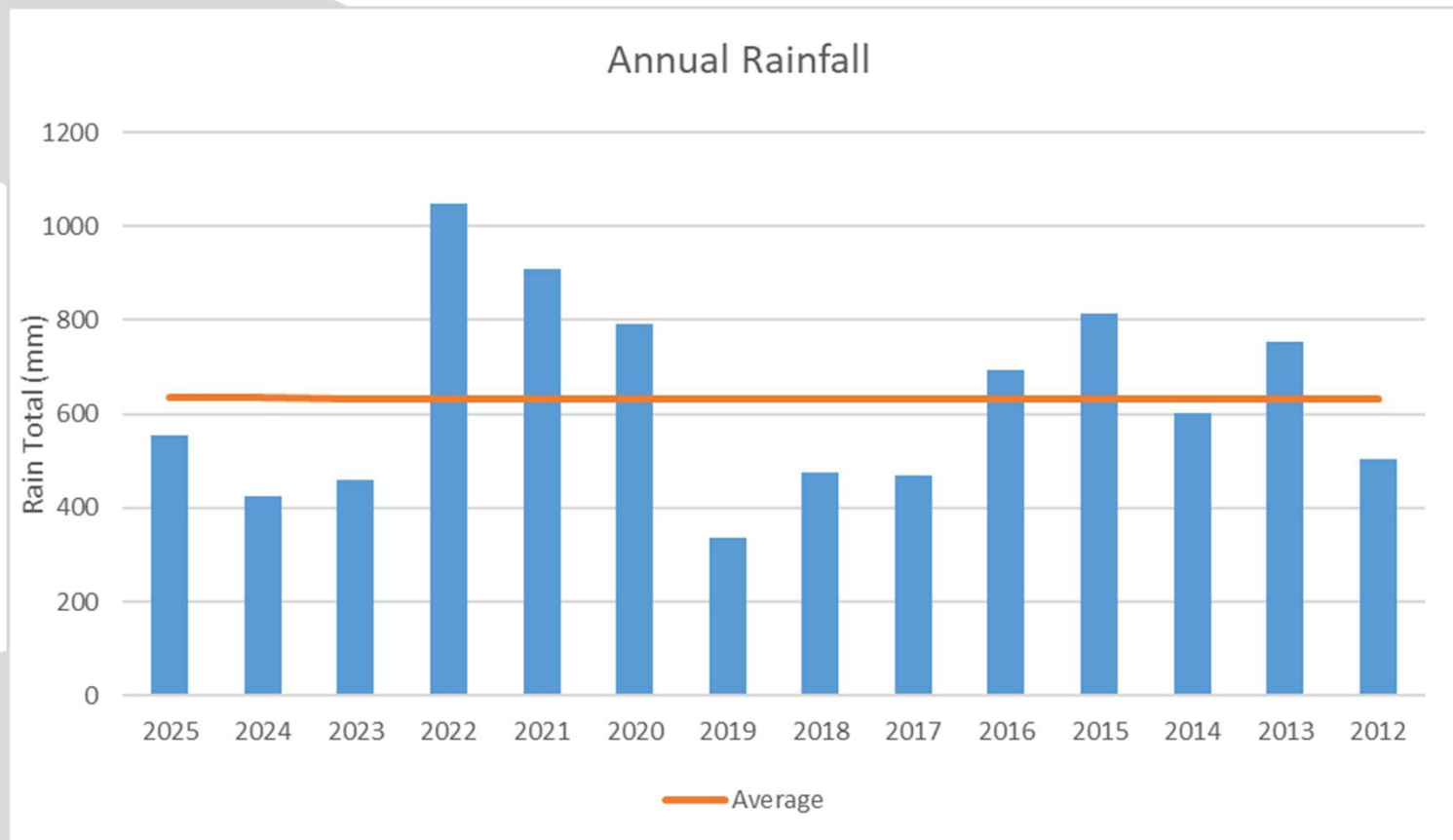
Comparative Rainfall: 2023 to 2025





Rainfall

Comparative Rainfall: 2013 to 2025





Rainfall

Monthly Rainfall: 2025 (YTD till 15 August)

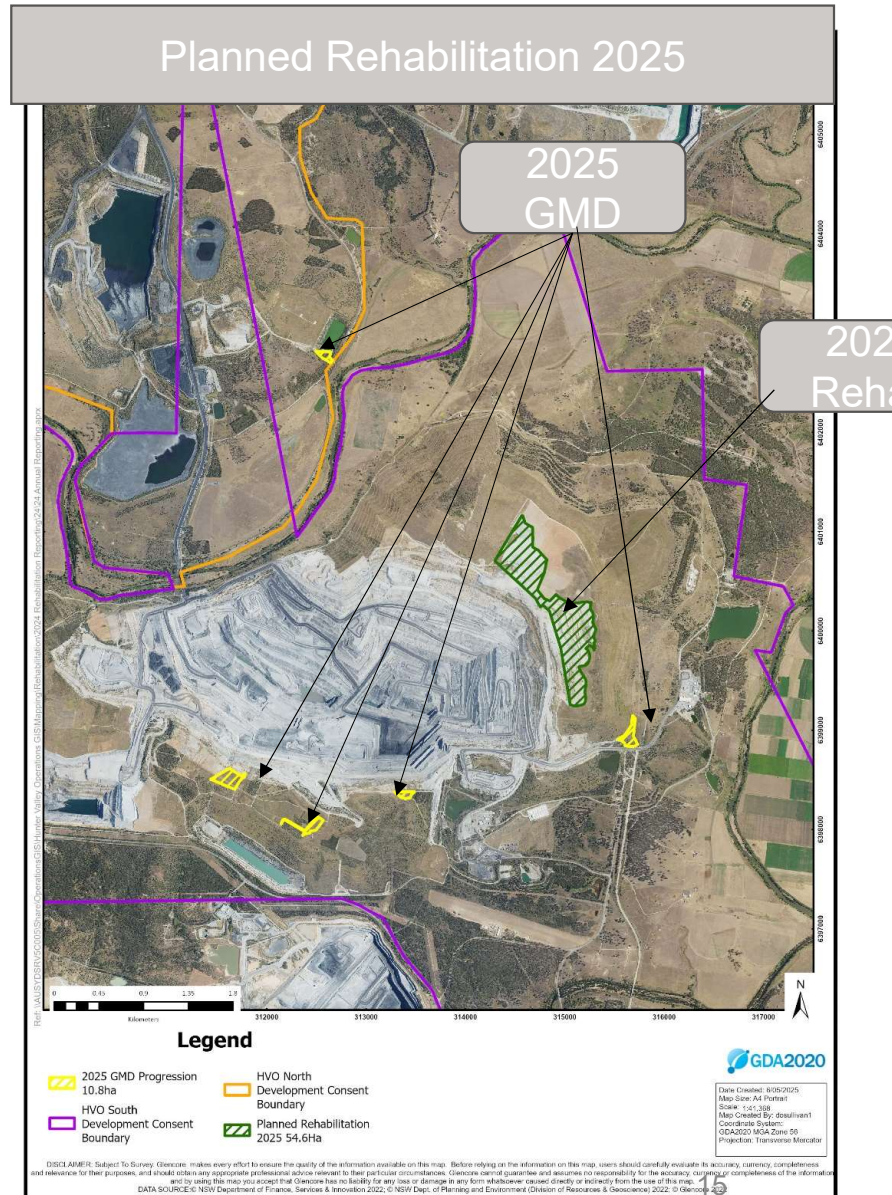
Month	Monthly Total Rainfall (mm)	
	Cheshunt	HVO Corporate
Jan-25	87.6	60.0
Feb-25	50.2	52.4
Mar-25	107.0	108.0
Apr-25	57.2	56.2
May-25	131.4	148.0
Jun-25	17.8	15.4
Jul-25	30.8	32.2
Aug-25	47.6	82.2
Sep-25		
Oct-25		
Nov-25		
Dec-25		
Total	529.6	554.4

> Rehabilitation

- HVO has a 2025 rehabilitation target of 55.6ha of new rehabilitation and 10.8ha of GMD
- All rehabilitation has now been released, and shaping has commenced with 31.5ha being completed YTD. Shaping is expected to be complete by mid October 2025
- All GMD has had an initial weed spray completed with a follow up spray and seeding to be completed during Spring



Shaping at 2025 Cheshunt Rehabilitation





Rehabilitation Maintenance

2025 Rehabilitation maintenance works include:

- 2ha of infill planting at Wilton
- Relocation of habitat trees and translocation of two orchids from Mitchel Pit to WN230 rehab area
- Grazing of pasture rehabilitation commencing at Carrington
- Mulching of *Acacia Saligna* at Riverview
- Weed spraying of rehabilitation and topsoil stockpiles
- Minor erosion repairs



Wilton rehab infill planting



Grazing on Carrington rehab



Orchid translocation to WN230 rehab area



Biodiversity

Activity focus:

Infill tree planting at:

- Mitchelhill West offset
- Hook offset
- Carrington Billabong
- Hunter Valley Load Point

Examine approvals to use phosphite to reduce decline of River Red Gums by *Phytophthora* in Carrington Billabong



Infill tree planting



Biodiversity

Crescent Head offset:

- Mapping of fence and track repairs needed after fire and flood
- Install brackish frog ponds to control *Chytrid* fungus
- Trial 'frog hotel' for Green and Golden Bell frogs
- Examine cattle damage



New brackish ponds



Fenceline vegetation



Frog hotel



Operational Weed Management

Activity focus:

- Ongoing management of African Olive and Lantana at the Hook Biodiversity Offset Area (BOA)
- Continued target spraying of weeds at the Mitchelhill BOA including Coolatai Grass, Pear and Galenia
- Reducing weed coverage and pig habitat within riparian areas (Hunter River and Wollombi Brook). Target weeds including castor oil, balloon vine, green cestrum, galenia and inkweed



*Lantana
removal –
Hook BOA*



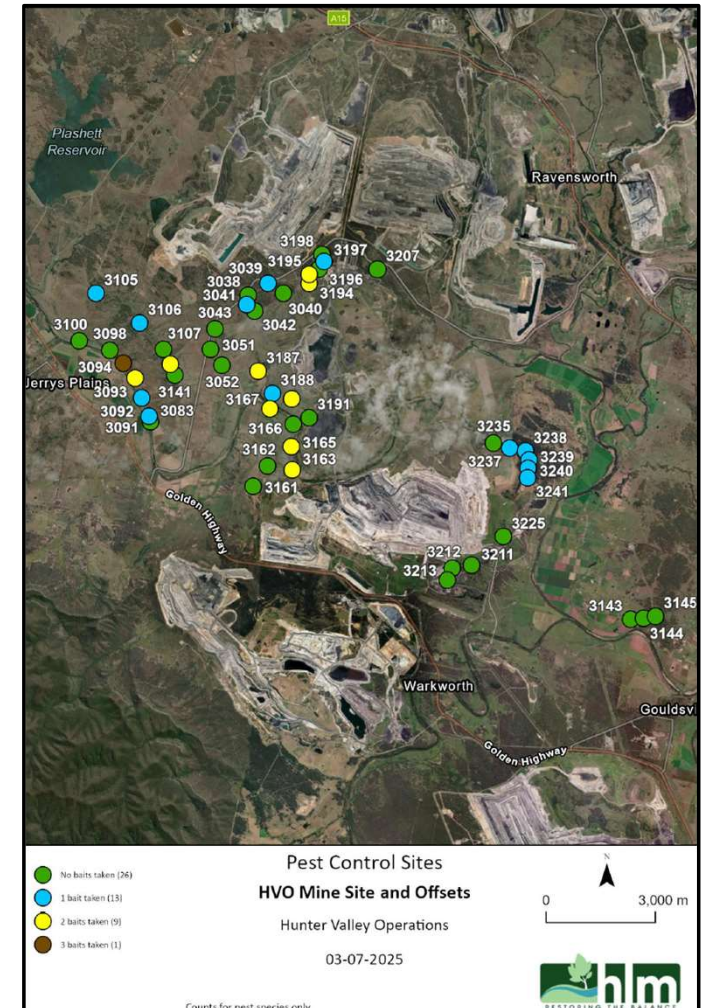
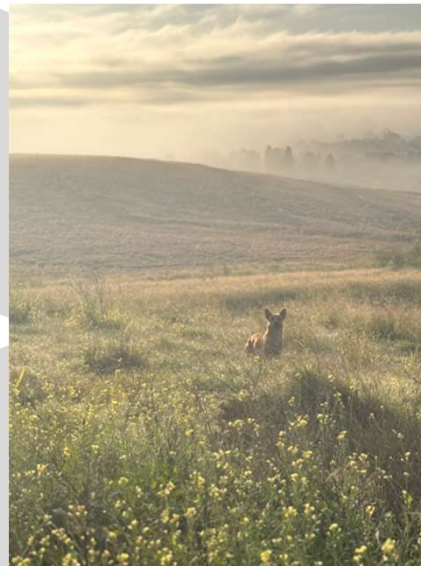
Coolatai Grass spraying– Mitchelhill BOA



Vertebrate Pest Management

Autumn 2025 1080 baiting programme:

- Fifty-nine bait stations (295 baits) across HVO, with following takes:
 - Fox – 28
 - Dog – 19
 - Rabbit – 1
 - Unknown – 12
 - Total 61 (21% uptake)
- July pig baiting largely unsuccessful
- Pig trapping currently being undertaken with better results





Vertebrate Pest Management

Current Programmes

- Pig trapping: July – August
- HVO rural licensee feral pest bounty programme ongoing. Increased bounty
- Kangaroos cull yet to be conducted

Remaining 2025 activities

Synchronised baiting and trapping programs coordinated with other mine sites and Hunter LLS:

- Spring 1080 wild dog and fox
- Spring 'Hoggone' pig baiting
- Summer 1080 wild dog and fox



Trapped pig – Carrington

HVO Vertebrate Pest Control Summary			
Pest	2025 YTD	2024	2023
Kangaroo	0	593	460
Pig (trap)	38	24	31
Pig (bait)	9	67	45
Pig (shoot)	88	35	43
Fox	2	0	0
Fox (bait)	28	176	56
Hare	0	0	0
Cat	0	0	0
Rabbit	1	0	0
Dog	7	0	0
Dog (bait)	19	96	120
Deer	0	0	0
TOTAL	192	991	755



Heritage

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

- Mitchell Pit South AHIP #5350 surface salvage works of twenty sites completed during January
- Salvage report submitted to NSW Dept. Planning Housing and Infrastructure during July
- Care Agreement to be updated
- Wanaruah Aboriginal Land Council in Muswellbrook 'keeping place' nearing completion
- Annual ACHMP compliance inspection completed during July
- CHWG meeting set for 17 September



Figure 5: Excavator at work on grader scrape 3



Figure 6: Completed depth at grader scrape 6 (17cm)

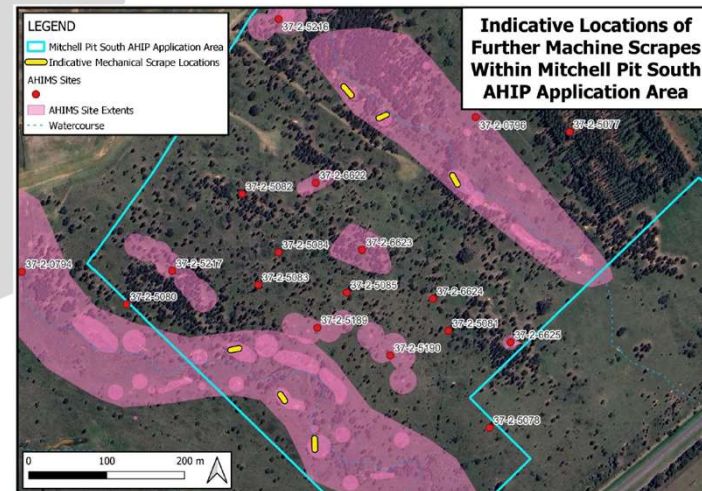


Figure 4: Location of Sub-Surface Machine Scrapes Within MPS AHIP Area



Heritage

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

Members of Glencore and other Hunter Valley industry groups undertook a two-day culture and heritage training workshop in Muswellbrook on 30-31 July, including:

- Provided by Aboriginal Affairs NSW and Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Day 1 – theory (history, “facts”, identity and context) and artefact identification
- Day 2 – site visits to Wingen Maid, Broke, Bulga, Hunter River (two sites) and Biame Cave



***L to R:** Kirstin Blaike and Sonia Satinathan (MGO), Nic McLaughlin (HVO), Malin Backman (Integra), Alexander Grant (Bulga) and Uncle Glen Morris at Biame Cave*



Heritage

Historic Homestead Project:

- Wandewoi homestead parapet repair works complete (tour after meeting)
- Archerfield homestead next on agenda, followed by Carrington Stud



Parapet upgrade and drainage repair



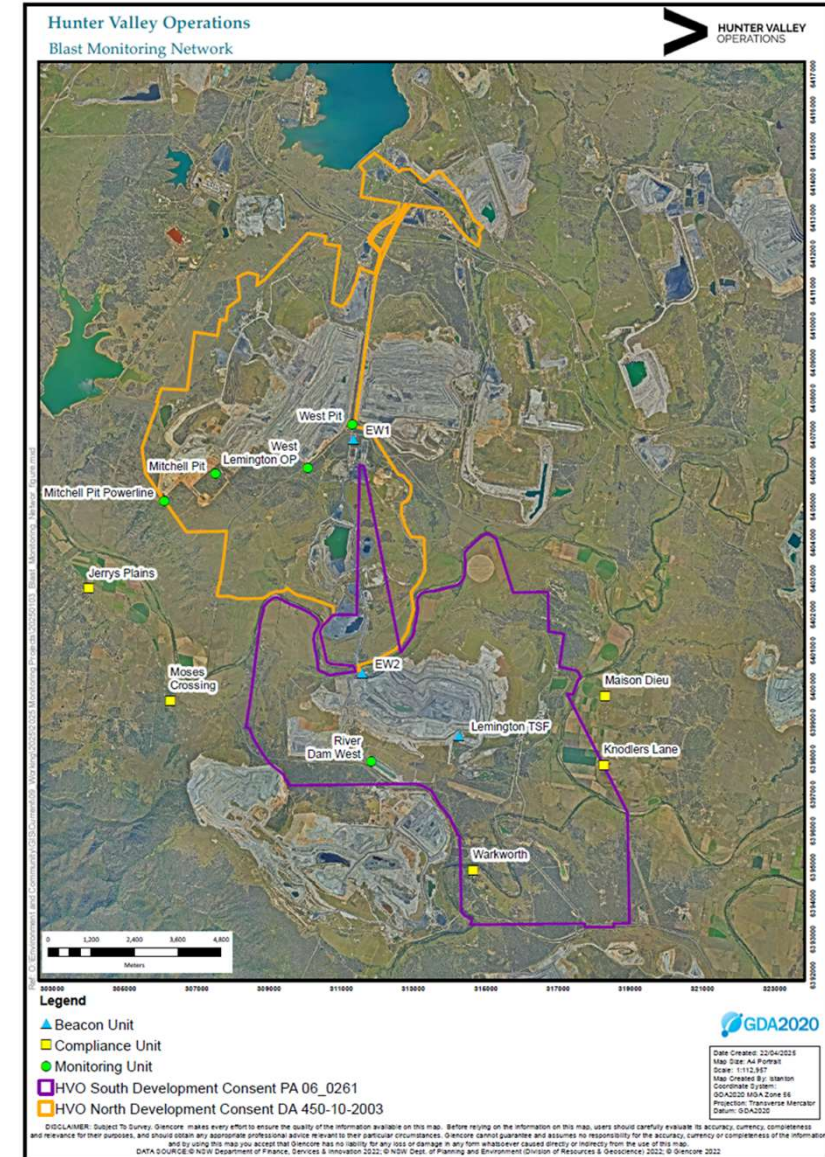


Blast Monitoring

Summary of blast monitoring results:

HVO maintains a network of blast monitoring units located at nearby privately owned residences and function as regulatory compliance monitors

- No reportable exceedances occurred during the reporting period (Q2 2025)



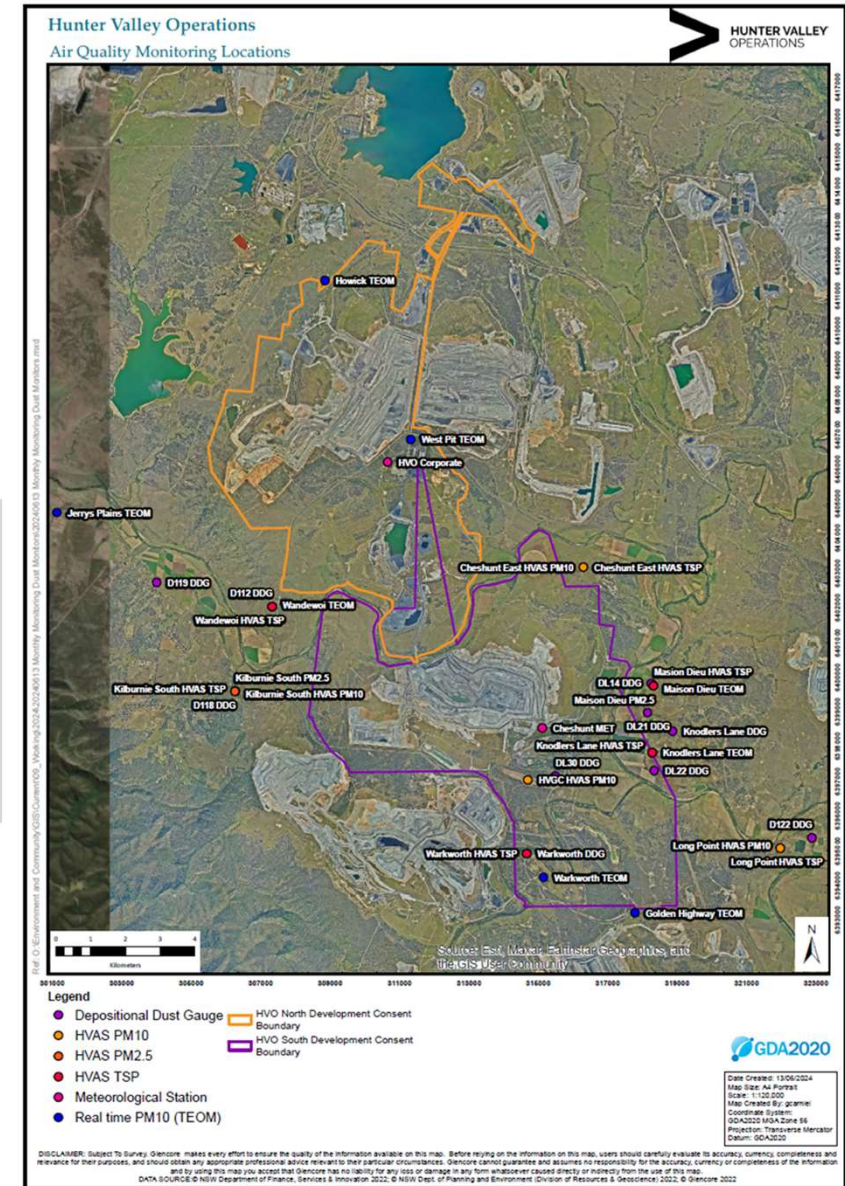


Air Quality Monitoring

Summary of air quality monitoring results:

HVO maintains an extensive network of air quality monitoring equipment within and surrounding the operation

- No reportable air quality exceedances occurred during the reporting period (Q2 2025)
- On 27 May 2025 a regional air quality event/exceedance occurred which was deemed an 'extraordinary event' by DPHI



Reporting



HUNTER VALLEY OPERATIONS ANNUAL CCC REPORT 2024

1 | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hunter Valley Operations (HVO) is an opencut coal mine comprising HVO North and HVO South operations. It is located in Lemington, NSW, approximately 20km northwest of Singleton. HVO's Community Consultative Committee (CCC) is a forum for open discussions and information sharing between HVO and the community.

The HVO CCC operates in accordance with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development Projects.

During the reporting period, the committee has performed its functions well and in accordance with the DPE CCC Guideline as well as the HVO CCC terms of reference. It provides an effective communication forum between community representatives, local Council and HVO.

2 | HVO CCC ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

Table 1 provides a summary of the HVO CCC annual report.

Table 1 – HVO CCC Annual Report Overview

Aspect	Detail
Project Name	Hunter Valley Operations
Project Location	Lemington, NSW
Reporting Period	1 January – 31 December 2024
Independent Chairperson	Dr. Colin Gellatly
Proponent Contact	Andrew Speechly – HVO Manager Environment and Community

3 | ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

3.1 | MEETINGS

Four face-to-face, quarterly meetings were held on:

- 7 February 2024
- 8 May 2024
- 28 August 2024
- 13 November 2024

Meetings were held onsite at HVO on a Wednesday between 1:30 – 3:30pm.

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HVO CCC Annual Reports

- Annual reports (2023 and 2024) submitted to NSW Department of Planning during early 2025

- Now published on Department of Planning website by year:

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/assess-and-regulate/development-assessment/community-consultative-committees/annual-reports>

- Website lists all state significant project annual CCC reports



Exploration Works 2025

- No exploration has been undertaken on Exploration Licences during 2025, All surface exploration has been contained within Mining Leases
- There is currently no surface exploration in Exploration Licences forecast for the remainder of 2025, however should this change, HVO will conduct consultation with impacted stakeholders





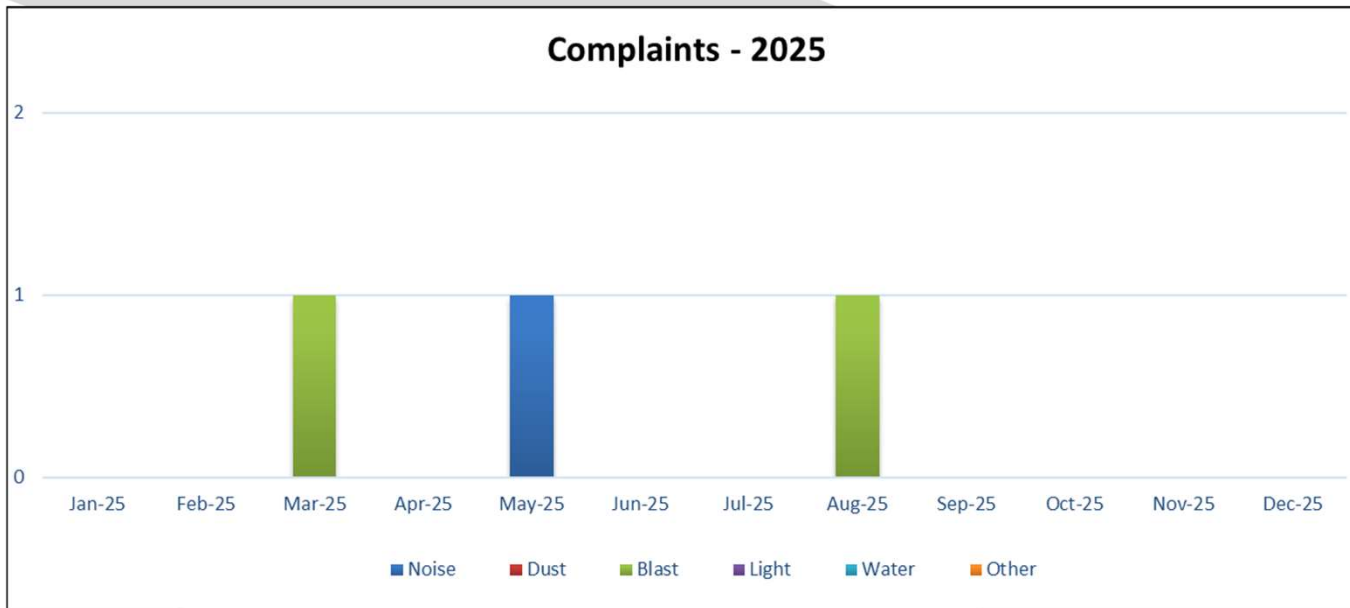
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COMMUNITY



Complaints

Monthly Summary - 2025



2025 year to date:

March: Blast fume

May: Noise

August: Blasting



Community

WINNER! Commitment to Community Award 2024 Novaskill Excellence Awards





Community – HVO Apprentices



In-kind donation - SNC

*Labour to move Big W
donations*

(May)





Community – HVO Apprentices

*Branxton
pre-school
before
and after*



As part of each HVO apprentice's pathway to qualification, HVO requires participation in community activities.

In recent years this has included community gardening builds, landscaping at a pre-school and tree planting.

We're open to suggestion for projects that:

- Benefits a large segment of the community
- Large enough for 20 apprentices over one, or multiple days
- Local, i.e Singleton, Jerrys, etc

> Community

Community contribution summary:

- Round One Community grants:
 - Twenty-five applications received
 - Fourteen successful
 - \$67,653 granted
- Round Two Community grants:
 - Open 1 – 30 September
 - Not for profits
 - Via SmartGrants portal

No.	Organisation	Proposed Project	Project / Event Date	Amount Provided
1	Singleton Strikers Football Club	SSFC Junior/Youth Coaching Development Programme	30/05/2025	\$3,193
2	Singleton PCYC	Singleton PCYC Book Fair	24/07/2025 - 26/07/2025	\$5,500
3	Zoe's Place	Grief and Loss Programme	5/06/2025	\$5,000
4	Network for Educational Work Placements	Young Business Mind Awards	20/11/2025	\$4,200
5	Singleton RSL Sub Branch	ANZAC Day Lunch/Events	01/04/2025-30/04/2030	\$5,000
6	Business Singleton	Singleton Business Awards	19/07/2025-20/07/2025	\$5,000
7	Dyson Family Foundation	Backpack Pal Program	02/06/2025	\$5,000
8	Singleton Library	Parenting teens workshop - a mental health tool kit	11/09/2025	\$1,900
9	Northern Agricultural Association Inc	Singleton Show	27/09/2025	\$5,000
10	Rotary Club Singleton	Singleton Art Prize	25/07/2025	\$5,000
11	MCCI	2025 Great Cattle Dog Muster	6/09/2025	\$12,000
12	Singleton Clay Target Club	Technology & Community Participation Initiatives.	8/06/2025	\$3,776
13	Witmore	Inclusive Eats Catering Service	1/09/2025	\$5,000
14	RFS - Hunter Valley	Dashcam/ Fridge Hunter Valley Support	9/04/2025	\$2,084
TOTAL				\$67,653



Community

Annual Singleton PCYC Book Fair thanks to an \$5,500 HVO grant (July)





Community



2025 Colour Championship Alpaca Show

Singleton Showground - 32 Bathurst Street SINGLETON NSW 2330

Saturday, 02 August 2025



*In-kind donation to annual
Hunter Valley Alpaca
Colourbration 2025
(July)*



Community



*Jerrys Plains Primary School
Pyjama Day (left), 100 days of Kindy (middle) and NAIDOC Week (right)*



Community



Witmore

\$5,000 grant to aid the establishment of their Inclusive Eats mobile food truck



Community



*Business Singleton Awards Night
Dave Foster with recipients of Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion award
(July)*



Community

Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter Annual Singleton Art prize (July)



*Set-up by HVO
apprentices*



*HVO Maintenance
Manager John Martin*



2025 viewing



Community



*Singleton Family Support
Mindful Mondays as part of painted truck tray agreement
(May)*



Community – Upcoming

Upcoming events:

- Singleton Show (Platinum Sponsor) – Globe of Death: 26/27 September
- The Great Cattle Dog Muster – Silver Sponsor: 6 September
- Singleton Library – Parenting Teens Workshop – A Mental Health Tool Kit
- Young Business Mind Awards: November



The Great Cattle Dog Muster

Community Family Fun Day



Muswellbrook Showground
Saturday 6th September 2025





Community – Upcoming

HVO Community Information Sessions:

Jerrys Plains – Wednesday 10 September at
Jerrys Plains Public School, 2:30 – 4:30pm
with **Swirl N Dip** catering



Date
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Maison Dieu – Saturday 6 or 13 September
at 880 Maison Dieu Road, 8:00 – 10:00am
with **Bean Boss** (mobile coffee van) catering

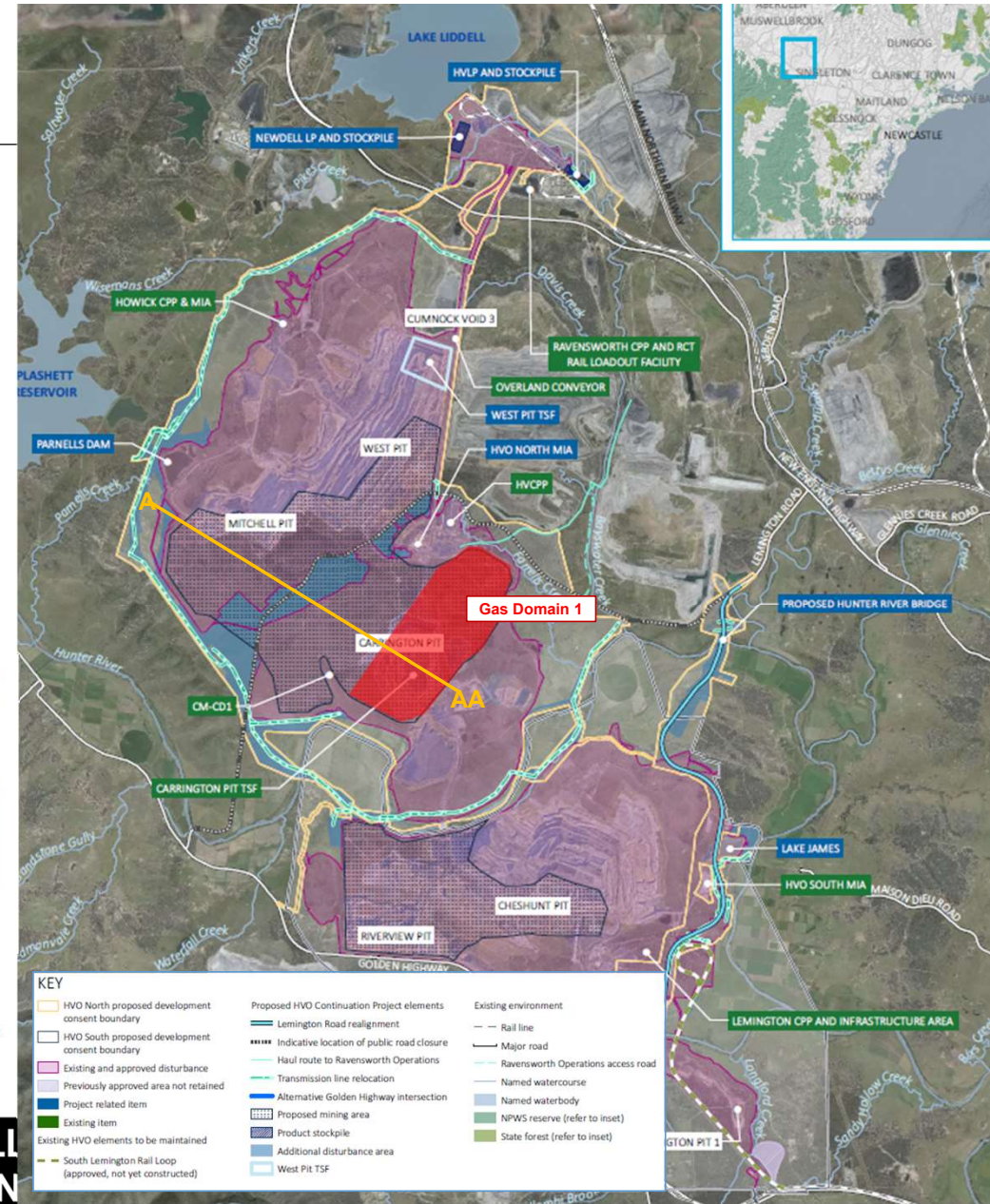
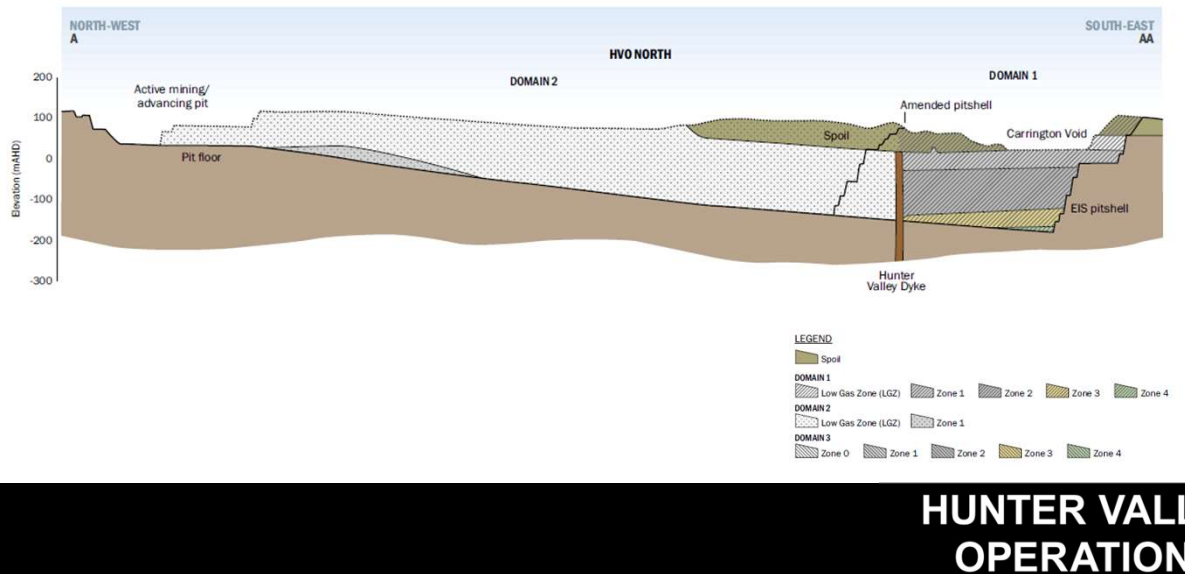


APPROVALS

HVO Continuation Project

NSW Approval Status

- Amendment Report (NSW EP&AA Act) to assess the residual impacts of the HVOCP – **submitted August 2025**
- Removed higher gas emission reserves
- Public exhibition period anticipated – 3 weeks from early September





> Community Representative Feedback

- Cr. George
- Jeannie Hayes
- Michael Wellard
- Neville Hodgkinson
- Janelle Wenham
- Brian Atfield
- Di Gee



General Business

HUNTER VALLEY OPERATIONS





HVO – Contact Details

HVO Complaints and Blasting Hotline: 1800 888 733 (free call)

- To make an environmental complaint
- Find out road closure times for blasting
- Attended 24 hours a day / seven days a week

SMS Blasting Notification System: 0447 448 982

- Send an SMS with word “subscribe” included in text

Website: <https://hvo.com.au>

- HVO website includes information about the operations:
 - Management Plans
 - Approvals
 - Monitoring Data
 - Environmental Reports
 - Community Complaints



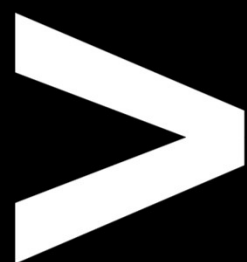
Next CCC Meeting

Next meeting/s?

Wednesday 5 November

9:30AM START





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