

Ulan Coal Mines Community Consultative Committee

Meeting Minutes			
Location:	Ulan Underground Boardroom <i>(Site tour prior to meeting)</i>	Date:	Thursday, 30 June 2022
		Meeting Opened:	1:13pm
Committee Members Present			
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)		
Community Representatives:	Dr Julia Imrie (JI), Bev Smiles (BS), Chris Pavich (CP), Geoff Mitchell (GM)		
Ulan Coal Mine Representatives:	Lucy Stuart (LS), and Kellie Smith (KS)		
Minute Taker:	KS		
1. Welcome and Introduction			
LA opened the meeting at 1:13pm thanking E&C staff for organising the site tour. Attendees were welcomed and Peter Ostermann, new General Manager of Ulan Coal introduced himself to the CCC before excusing himself. Greg Newton, Manager of MOD 6 introduced himself and attended as a guest.			
2. Apologies			
Peter Brennan (PB), Adam Edwards (AW), and Mayor Des Kennedy (DK).			
3. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests			
Lisa Andrews – Independent Chairperson as approved by the Department of Planning and Environment, engaged by Ulan Coal (UCMPL).			
4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes			
The draft minutes of meeting held on 23 March 2022 were circulated to the CCC members on 8 April 2022, with the finalised minutes distributed on 19 April 2022.			

5. Business Arising from Finalised Minutes

Nil discussion.

Number	Action Items and Response
5.1	<p>BT notify the CCC when the SEE for the proposed Modification goes on public exhibition.</p> <p><i>Planned for mid-August – information provided on slide 18 in presentation.</i></p>
5.2	<p>LA ask EPA for directive on collation of discharge data from the three mines.</p> <p><i>LA read out the letter sent to the EPA on behalf of the CCC regarding cumulative water discharge data from the three coal mines in Ulan, and the claim of data not being publicly reported within the required timeframe; the EPA's response wherein the EPA advised that there is no legislative requirement for UCMPL beyond what is required by section 66(6)(a) of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, being that within 14 days of obtaining data, UCMPL must make it publicly available. The letter referred to 28 days. The EPA then requested examples of the allegations that UCMPL are failing to meet this requirement. UCMPL objected to the allegations and explained how the public reporting is completed. LA confirmed it was never her intention to make such allegations, she had written incorrect information, apologised and wished to correct the error with the EPA. New action raised for LA to correct error of allegations with EPA.</i></p> <p><i>LS offered to raise sharing of verified cumulative data (not real time) with the other local mines.</i></p> <p><i>JI commented it is very difficult for the public to access information on daily river flow, mine water discharges and water quality for the upper Goulburn as it requires an online search across three Mine websites for monitoring data that is reported online over 28 days after the end of each month. WaterNSW is able to provide daily real-time monitoring data from its gauges downstream on the Goulburn River (at Coggan, Kerrabee & Sandy Hollow). JI stated in her opinion the community should also be able to access upstream river flow and water quality data on a daily basis considering it includes up to 50ML/day of Mine water discharges. JI stated she has received a number of inquiries from downstream landowners asking about the current flow. JI suggested it could be supplied with a disclaimer that the data has not yet been fully validated.</i></p> <p><i>BS noted the issue which is in the response from the EPA is that there is no requirement of UCMPL to provide the data beyond what is already provided.</i></p>
5.3	<p>LS conduct a hydraulic survey to determine what the impact of 50ML discharge per day has on the water level when the O'Briens Crossing is flowing at natural, normal levels.</p> <p><i>Ongoing.</i></p> <p><i>Consultation with Upper Hunter Shire had determined that the O'Briens Crossing was potentially constructed through MWRC due to the absence of information on their database. The O'Briens Crossing is on the boundary of Upper Hunter Shire and MWRC.</i></p> <p><i>An information application has been submitted to MWRC requesting survey and engineering designs. Awaiting response.</i></p>
5.4	<p>KS have the attended noise consultant include an explanation on how the modifying factors in the Noise Policy for Industry, Fact Sheet C has been applied during monitoring in the reports.</p> <p><i>Completed. Will be in the reports moving forward.</i></p>

5.5	LS to advise the CCC how many hectares ELA6253 covers.
	<i>Completed. 4145 Ha.</i>

6. Correspondence

- 25/3/22 – Email from Glencore with the latest Ulan Coal Community Newsletter.
- 31/3/22 – Email from RPS Australia East Pty Ltd, appointed to undertake the Independent Environmental Audit of Ulan Coal Mines. Forwarded to members for response by 14/4/22.
- 1/4/22 – Email from MWRC with comments for Audit.
- 8/4/22 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review. Comments received back.
- 14/4/22 – Email to RPS advising of MWRC’s comments for inclusion in the Audit (note – no other submissions received from CCC members).
- 19/4/22 – Email from JI with matters for consideration by Independent Auditor. Forwarded through to the consultant, who confirmed it would be considered.
- 19/4/22 - Email to members with the finalised minutes.
- 28/4/22 – Email from Ulan staff regarding the potential Bungaba LiDAR survey dates (weather dependent).
- 30/5/22 – Email to EPA regarding Action Item 2 - request directive on collation of discharge data from the three mines.
- 6/6/22 – Email from EPA acknowledging correspondence and advising that it has been referred to the EPA Hub – (ref:_00D7F6iTix._5007F1ILo45:ref)
- 8/6/22 – Email from Ulan with the May Bungaba Newsletter.
- 17/6/22 - Email to members with Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this CCC. (RSVPs received from members)
- 23/6/22 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting.
- 29/6/22 – Email from EPA with response to letter regarding collation of discharge data.

7. Monitoring and Environmental Performance & UCMPL Reports and Overview of Activities

Lucy Stuart and Kellie Smith provided an update on operations and an overview of activities to the CCC via presentation (attached to these meeting minutes). Discussions and actions arising from the presentation are summarised below:

Monitoring & Environmental Performance

Water discharge

- BS asked if the discharges are now around 30ML a day?
- LS responded around 22-25ML a day.
- BS raised that the additional high flows are of concern for O’Brien’s Crossing. .

Water Electrical Conductivity (EC)

- Nil discussion

Water pH

- Nil discussion

Environmental Incidents

- Nil discussion

Community Complaints

- Nil discussion.

UCMPL Reports & Overview of Activities

Progress of the project

- BS asked if irrigation was occurring at the moment. LS advised very little due to the rain, however there had been a little bit the last few days.
- BS asked if we would be going back to evaporative guns. LS responded no.
- JI asked if it is approximately 3.5 km of longwall mined per year? LS responded yes.

New Tenement – EL9419 (North of Ulan Underground)

- BS asked if landholders have been notified. LS advised that it was at that stage now.
- BS asked if the area has a Native Title claimant? LS advised investigation are still being undertaken.
- GM requested the map in A3 size. **Action: KS provide this map and all others in A3.**

Exploration Program

- Nil discussion

MOD6 Longwall Extension

- GM asked what the definition of 'specialists' are. LS confirmed the various environmental specialists such as groundwater, noise, etc.
- BS asked how many properties were impacted by subsidence. LS advised 2.
- GM asked if that included the area in yellow on the map with the 180 removed. LS confirmed it did.
- JI asked how many years the modification extends the mine. LS confirmed UUG from 2030 to 2032 and UWO from 2032 to 2035.

Alternative Offset Modification – MOD 7

- LS clarified the location of the offset area on a map.

Independent Environmental Audit (IEA)

- Nil discussion

8. General Business

Community Investment

Ulan Coal 2022 Community Donations

- General discussions around

Ulan Coal Environment Grant

- Discussed the environment grant

GM

- GM thanked LS and SH for site visit and queried whether any more LIDAR surveys will be taking place. LS advised no further LIDAR surveys are planned for the Bungaba exploration area, however, may occur in the future for EL9419 to the North of Ulan Underground.

CP

- CP thanked LS and SH for the site visit.

JI

- JI asked when the UCMPL Annual Review would be available to the CCC. LS advised no response received. *Information received post meeting: response from DPIE on 5 July 2022 advising that a detailed assessment has commenced.*
- JI asked what the pink flags along Ulan Road were. LS responded she believed they were the subsidence line from Moolarben Underground. *Information received from LA post meeting on 8 July 2022: the pink flagging has been installed by Moolarben Underground surveyors to monitor subsidence of Ulan Road.*
- JI asked is the RO brine still disposed in the East Pit and what is the EC? LS responded for the RO plant to work the EC cannot be more than approximately 4000.

BS

- BS asked where the final mine plan was up to and if another workshop would occur this year? LS advised there would not be a workshop this year. UCMPL are working the Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) to replace the Mine Operations Plan (MOP). Final mine closure planning is not required until 5 years out of closure and depends on how the approvals are written.
- BS requested a mine closure workshop be scheduled sooner particularly to update Bushfire Management with the new Climate Change Predictions as they are key issues for the area.
- BS asked if there was more drilling at Bungaba? LS responded that drilling is currently on hold and the data obtained is being reviewed. Any additional drilling will commence in October/November this year and will likely continue into 2023. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is likely to commence next year based on outcome on outcome of the drilling program.

9. Meeting Schedule for 2022

Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 September 2022 commencing at 1.00pm Ulan Underground Boardroom • 1 December 2022 – lunch and meeting commencing at 1.00pm (Location to be advised)
Meeting Closed	2.32 pm with LA thanking all for their attendance and participation.

Action Items		By Whom	By When
1.	Notify the CCC when the SEE for the proposed Modification goes on public exhibition.	BT	At time of public exhibition
2.	Send correction regarding reporting allegation to EPA.	LA	ASAP
3.	Conduct a hydraulic survey to determine what the impact of 50ML discharge per day has on the water level when the O'Briens Crossing is flowing at natural, normal levels.	LS	Next meeting
4.	Provide a copies of all the Maps in A3 to the CCC.	KS	ASAP and each meeting



Ulan Coal Mines Pty Limited
Community Consultative Committee Meeting 30 June 2022

Item	Responsible
Welcome & Introductions	Lisa Andrews
Apologies	Lisa Andrews
Declarations of Interests	All
Business Arising from Finalised minutes	All
Correspondence Report	Lisa Andrews
Project Reports/Updates	Lucy Stuart
General Business	All
Next meeting / meeting close	Lisa Andrews

- Peter Ostermann – New General Manager
- Greg Newton – Managing MOD 6

- Cr. Des Kennedy
- Adam Edwards

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2	Ask EPA for directive on collation of discharge data from the three mines.	LA/JI	In this presentation
3	Conduct a hydraulic survey to determine what the impact of 50ML discharge per day has on the water level when the crossing is flowing at natural, normal levels.	LS	In this presentation
4	Have the attended noise consultant include an explanation on how the modifying factors in the <i>Noise Policy for Industry, Fact Sheet C</i> has been applied during monitoring in the reports.	KS	Completed
5	Advise the CCC how many hectares ELA6253 covers.	LS	In this presentation

Action #3 – Update on hydraulic survey to determine impact of 50ML discharge per day on water level at O’Brien Crossing

- Consultation with Upper Hunter Shire had determined that the crossing was potentially constructed through MWRC due to the absence of information on their database. The crossing is on the boundary of Upper Hunter Shire and MWRC.
- An information application has been submitted to MWRC requesting survey and engineering designs. Awaiting response.

Action #4 – Request that the attended noise consultant include an explanation on how the modifying factors in the Noise Policy for Industry, Fact Sheet C have been applied during monitoring.

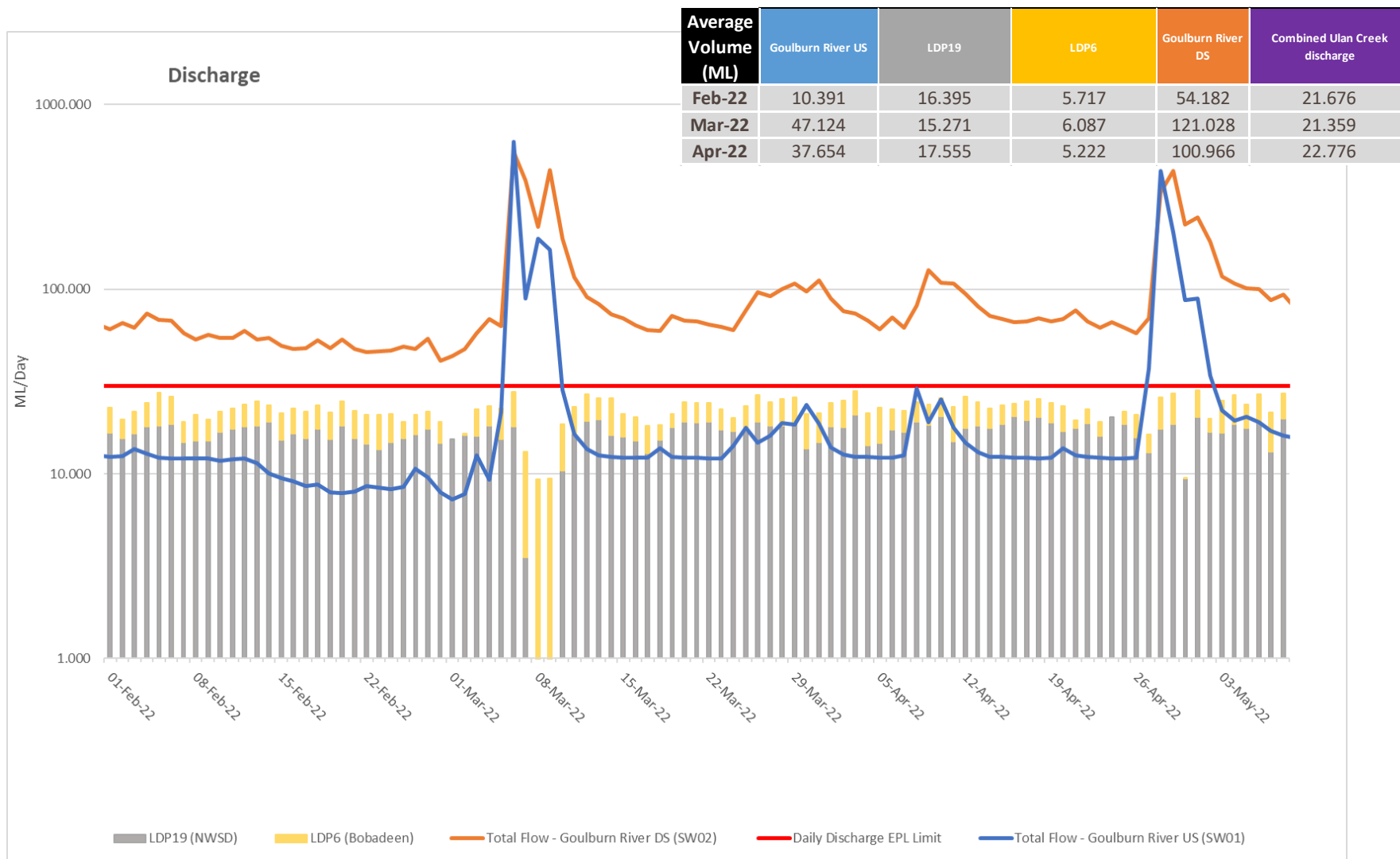
- Completed. This will be in the reports moving forward.

Action #5 – Advise the CCC how many hectares ELA6253 (now EL9419) covers.

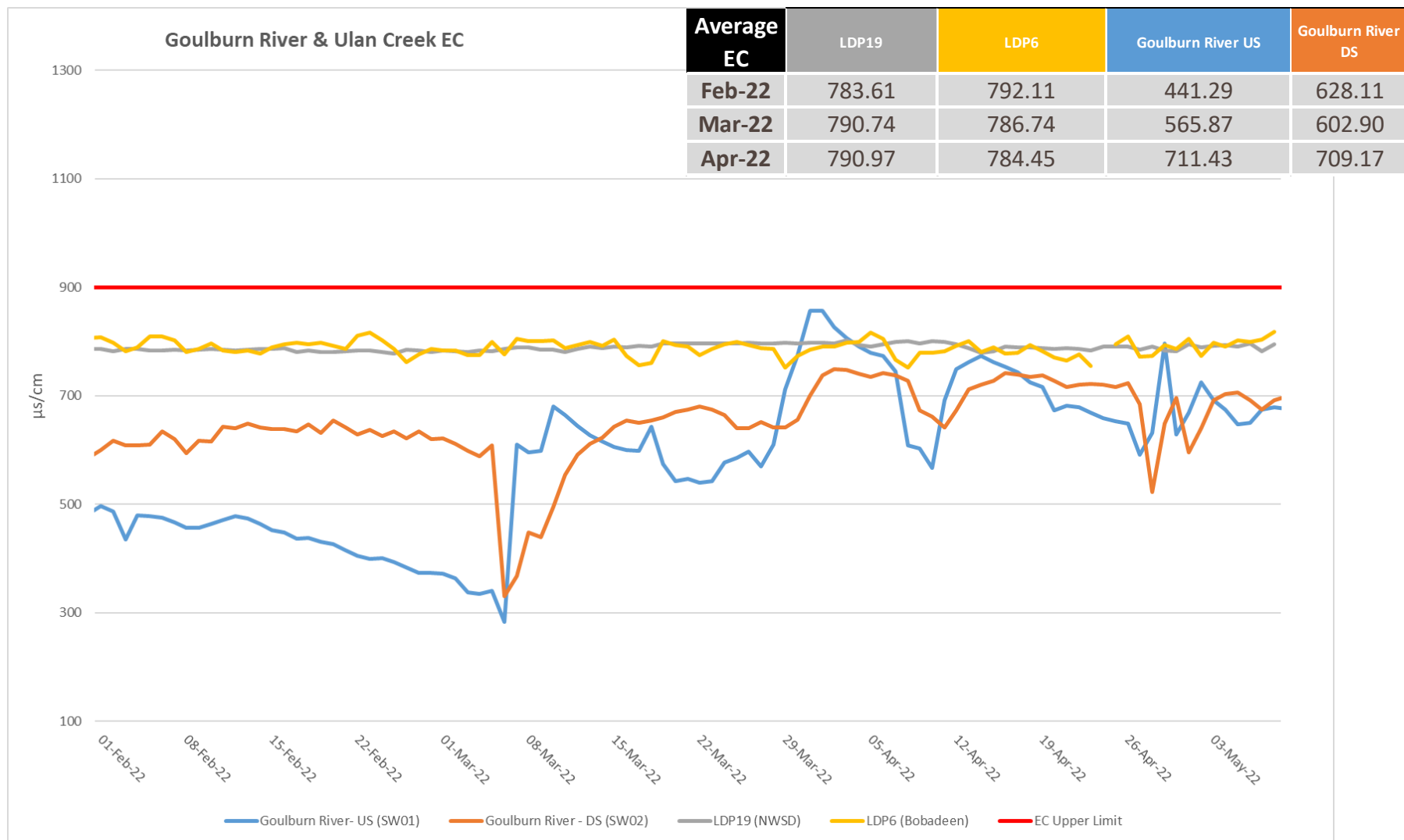
- 4145 Ha

Monitoring & Environmental Performance

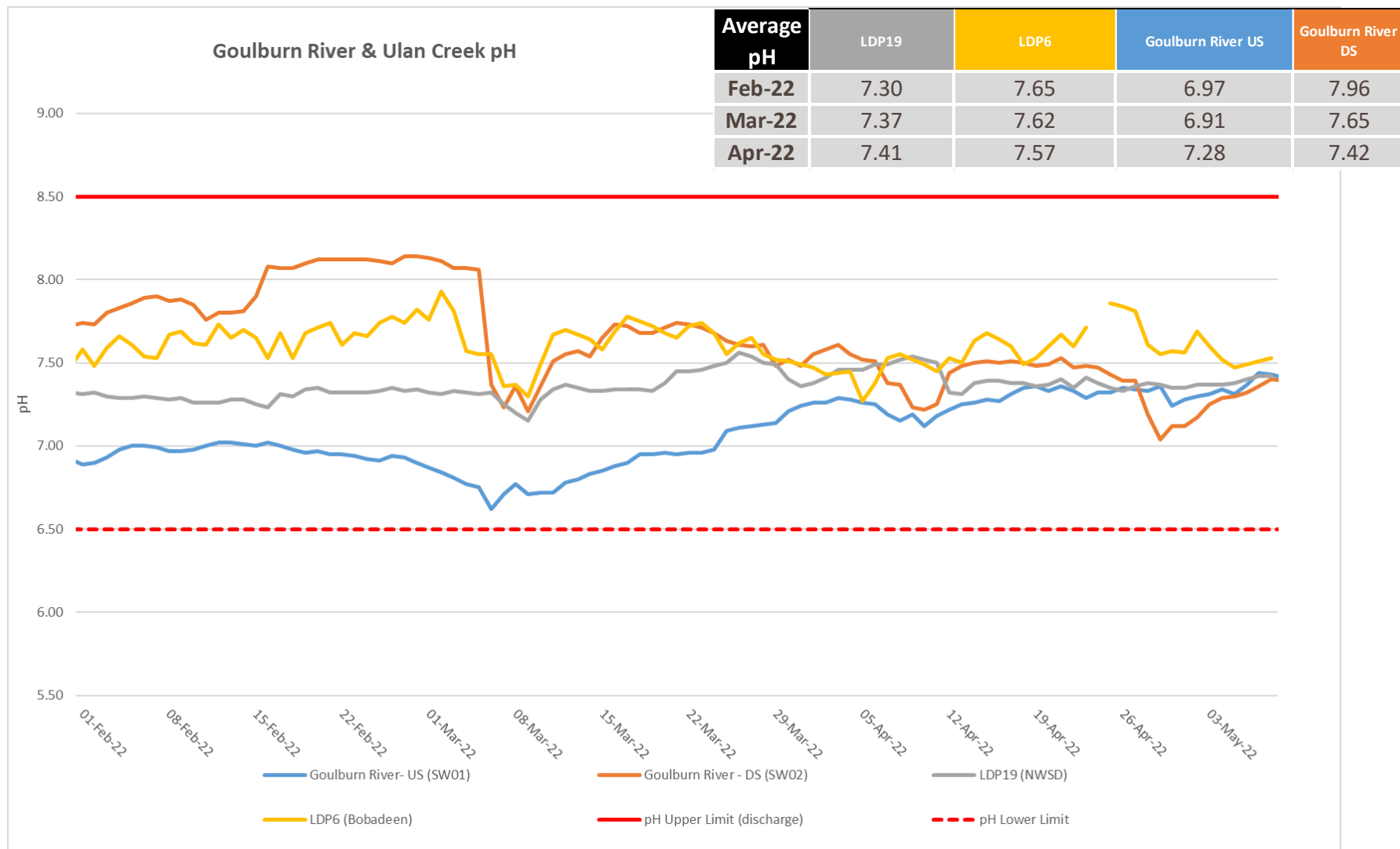
Monitoring – Water Discharge



Monitoring – Water Electrical Conductivity (EC)



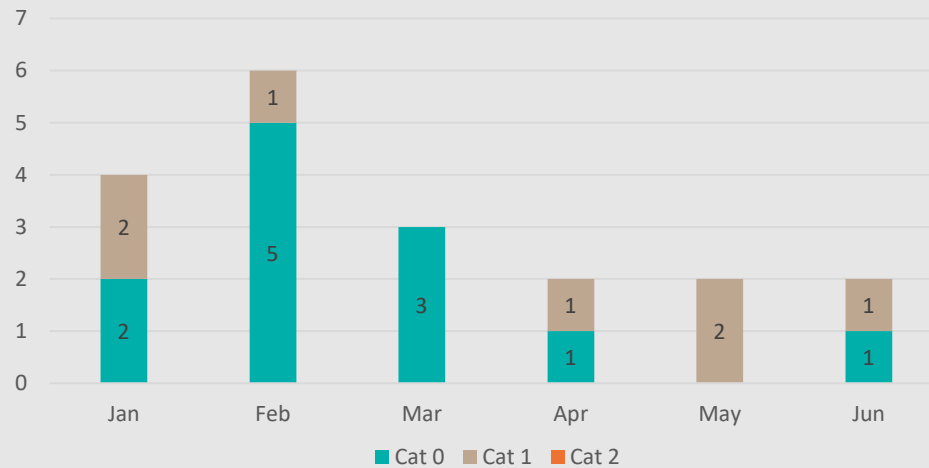
Monitoring – Water pH



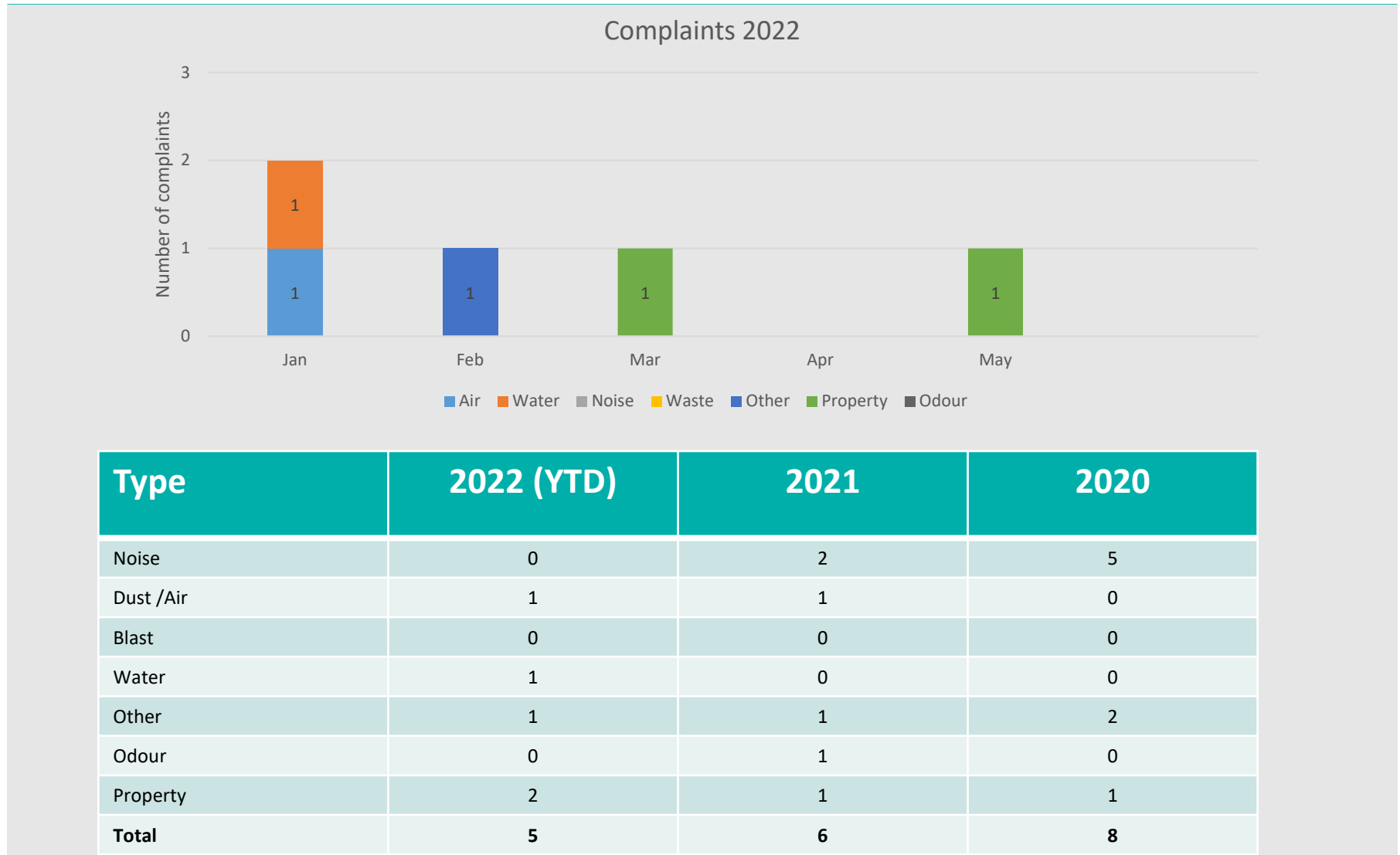
Environmental Incidents 2022

Incident Category	2022 (YTD)	2021
Cat 0	12	19
Cat 1	7	11
Cat 2	0	0
Total	19	24

Environmental Incidents 2022



Community Complaints 2022



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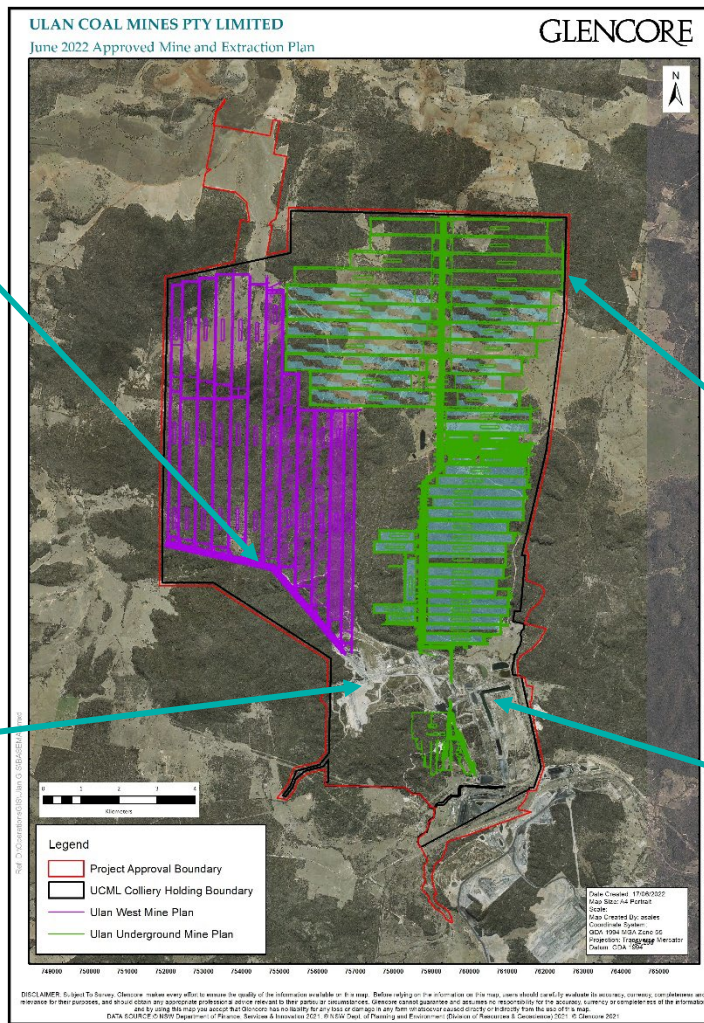
Progress of the Project

Ulan West

- LW6 commenced on 11 August 2020 and was completed 24th June 2022, retreating approximately 7023 metres.
- Longwall move in progress.
- LW7 due to commence 17th August.
- Current development panels are MG8 and the Mains further west.

Ulan Surface Operations

- Open Cut in care and maintenance.



Ulan Underground

- LWW7 commenced 3 June 2021 and was completed on 22nd June 2022 retreating approximately 3820 metres.
- Longwall move in progress
- LW30 due to commence 15-17th July
- Current development panels are MGW8 and MG31. North two mains due to recommence end of July.

East Pit (discharge)

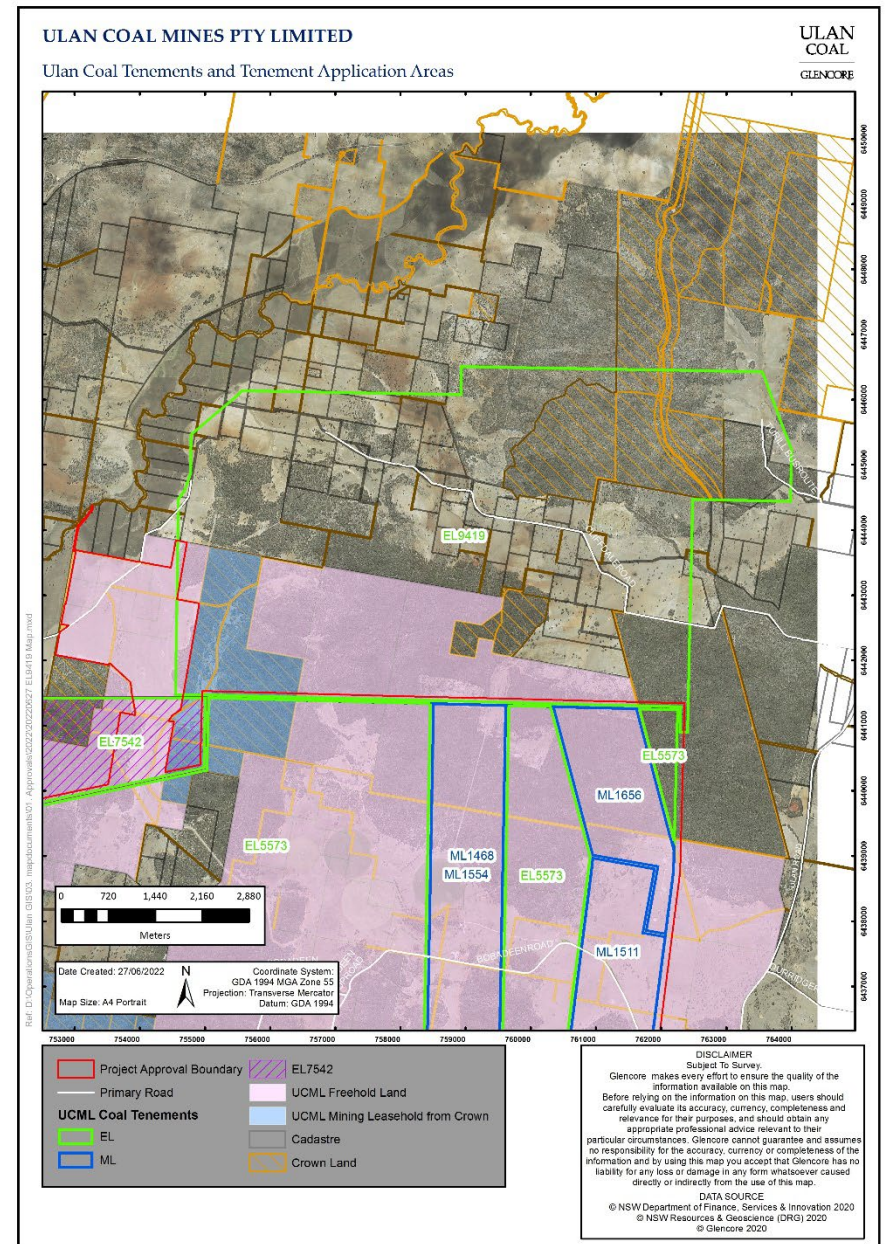
- Discharge is currently aiming for ~25ML/day. The strategy is focussed on maximising discharge mainly from LDP 19.

UCMPL Reports & Overview of Activities

New Tenement

EL 9419 - North of Ulan Underground

- Issue of ELA 6253 granted 31/05/2022, now known as EL 9419
- New Project - preliminary community consultation will commence in coming months.
- 4145ha



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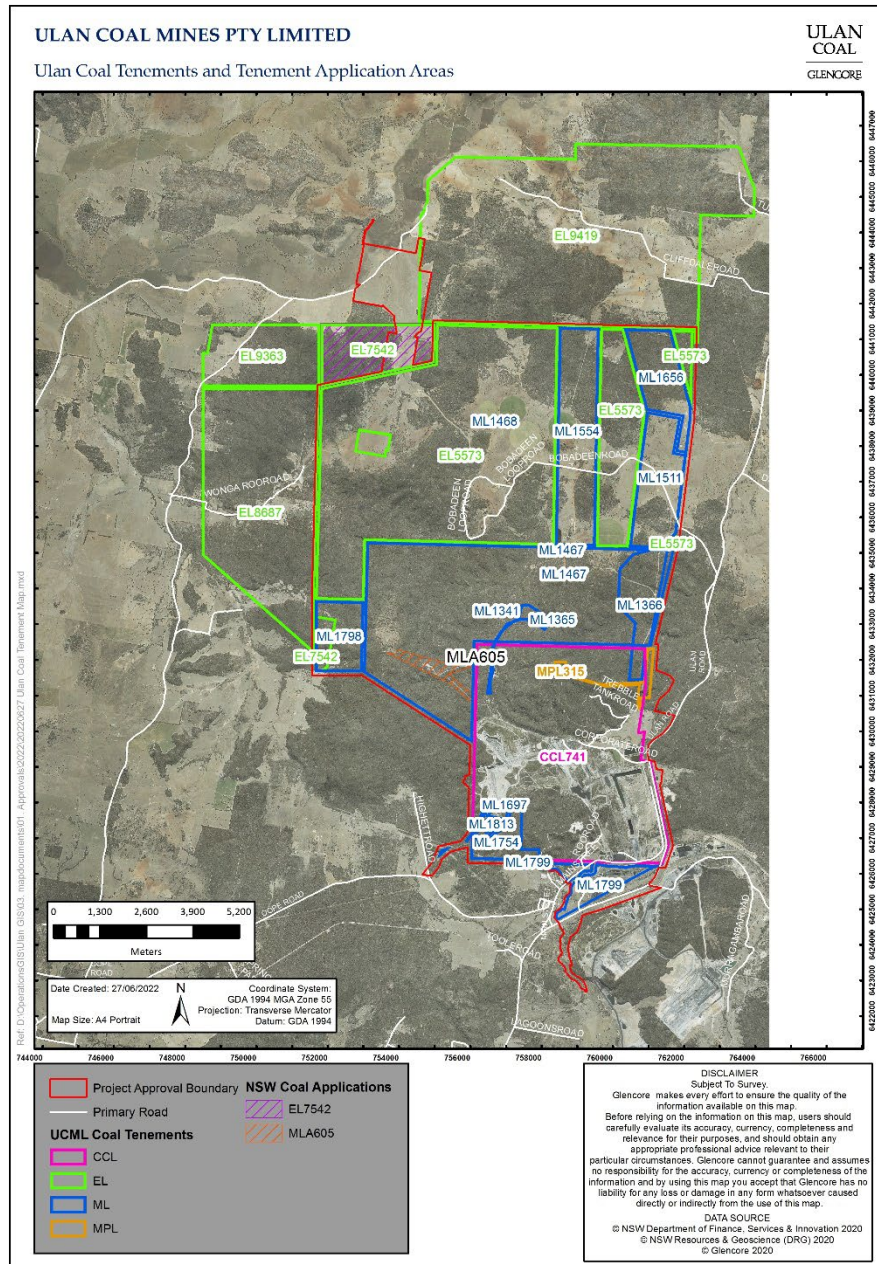
Exploration Program

Mining Leases

- Minimal drilling occurring at Ulan West
- No drilling occurring for Ulan Underground

The Bungaba Project

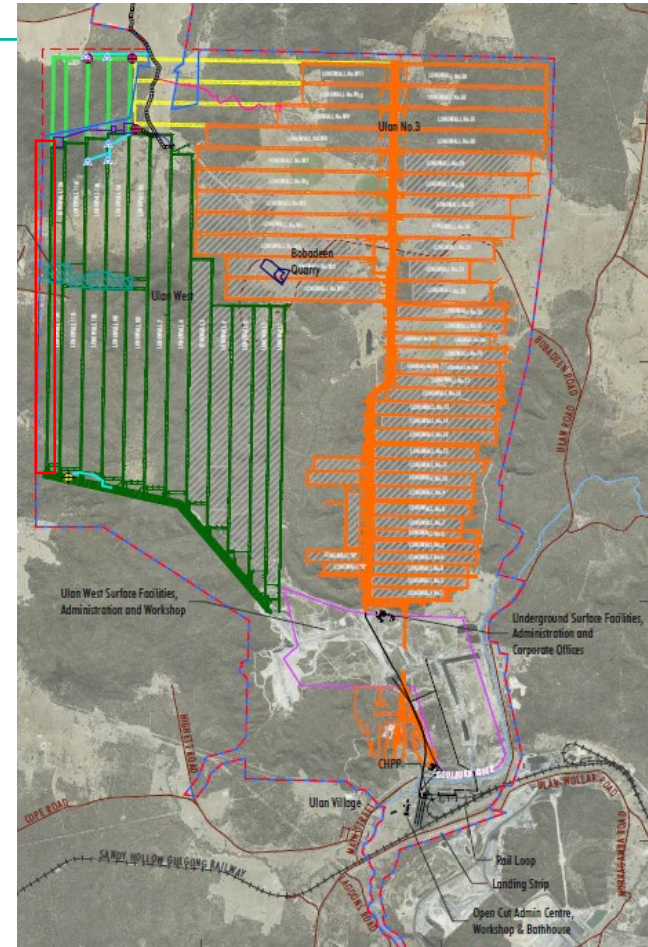
- Feasibility Phase 2 Drilling: 5 sites planned in EL9363 to be drilled November this year. Possibility of further holes required around faulting in EL8687 to be added to the campaign.
- 3 sets of nested Groundwater Monitoring Wells to be installed around Blue Springs Rd/Birkalla Rd area.
- Aerial Lidar survey completed 6-7th May 2022



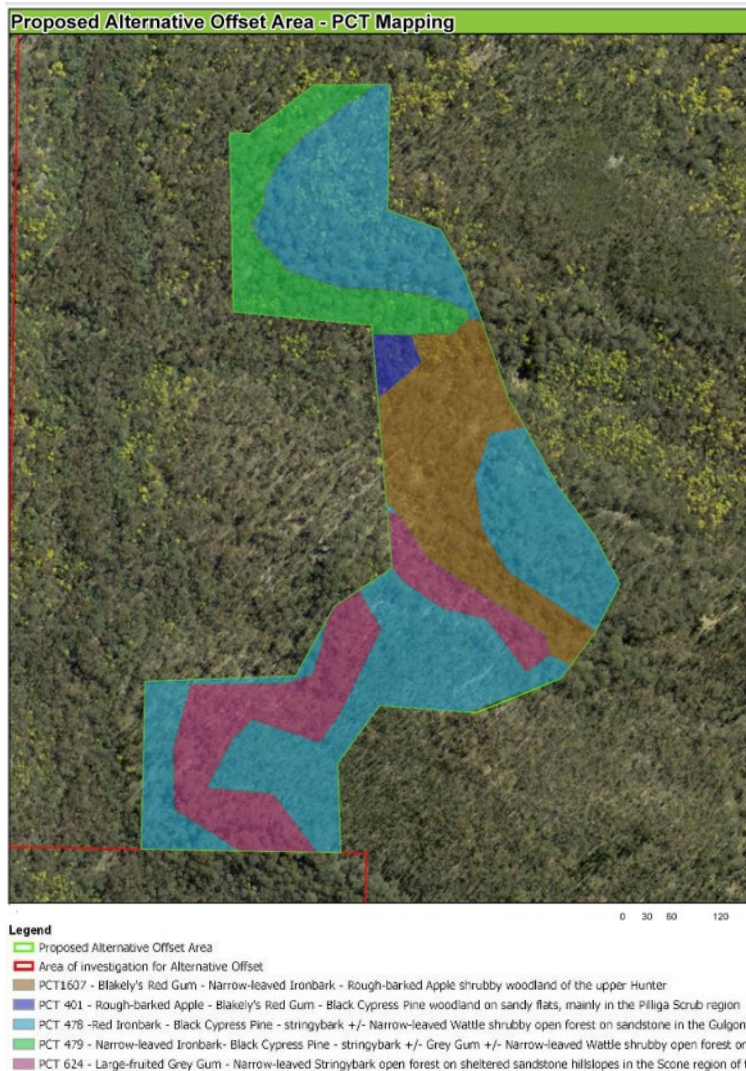
MOD 6 Longwall Extension

- Widening of UWO LW12 has been removed from MOD 6 due to mine plan configuration changes
- The specialist assessments and Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) are in the process of being updated to reflect this and finalised
- UCMPL anticipate lodgment to Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in August 2022
- Following lodgment, DPE will place the SEE and supporting assessments on Public Exhibition for comment for 30 days
- UCMPL will advise the CCC and other relevant stakeholders prior to MOD 6 going on Public Exhibition
- Documents will be accessible via DPIE’s Planning Portal

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>



Alternate Offset Modification – MOD 7



- Federal Department of Agriculture Water and Environment approved Alternate Offset on 4 March 2021
- Department of Planning and Environment approved MOD 7 on 23 March 2022 (now called “Bobadeen West Vegetation Offset”)
- An Application for a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement was submitted to the Biodiversity Conservation Trust on 15 June 2022

Independent Environmental Audit (IEA)

- Report has been provided in draft and draft response prepared.
- No non-compliances that we were not already aware of.
- Number of opportunities for improvement recommended.
- Due for Submission to DPE on 5 July 2022

General Business

Ulan Coal 2022 Community Donations

Beneficiary	Purpose	CCC Priorities
Educar Foundation	2022 Max Potential Program	
Gulgong Show Society	2022 Gulgong Show	
Mudgee Show Society	2022 Mudgee Show	
Riding for the Disabled Mudgee	Fit out of their new shed at Mudgee Showground	
Kanandah Retirement	Two AlphaCare beds for the new wing being constructed	✓
Mudgee RFS	Portable LED light to assist with MVA and community	✓
Mudgee Museum	Donation for volunteer research assistance for the Ulan Coal Book	
Gulgong Public School	Education Grant: Breakfast Club	
Gulgong High School	Education Grant: Equipment for Breakfast Club and Home Economic Unit	
Lue Public School	Ride on Lawn Mower for school grounds	

GCAA Round 1 General Grants and Junior Sport Development Program

Beneficiary	Purpose
Mudgee Public School	Climbing equipment for Learning Support Unit
Rylstone Kandos Volunteer Search & Rescue	Vehicle stabilisation equipment
Kanandah Retirement	Large Screen TV for new entertainment wing
Mudgee VRA	Thermal equipment for land searches
Cudgegong Physical Culture	First Aid and Food Handling Training
Grattai Hall	Hall improvements
Mudgee Amateur Swim Club	New floor coating for clubhouse & PA equipment
Gulgong Junior Rugby League	Canteen equipment upgrade
Mudgee Gulgong Wolves FC	Signage and Junior Goals

Ulan Coal Environment Grant

- One of the focus areas in the Community Investment Program is Environment.
- We have grants of up to \$5000 available for environmental projects, that focus on:
 - Environmental education programs
 - Local environmental projects
 - Injured wildlife recovery and regeneration
- If you know of any not-for-profit organisations that could benefit from grant funding, please let us know or feel free to pass this information on.
- Applications are open until 30 November 2022.



ENVIRONMENT GRANTS

Are you looking for grant funding to deliver environmental projects in our local area?

The Ulan Coal Community Investment Program supports initiatives and projects by local, not-for-profit organisations in the Mid-Western LGA.

We have grants of up to \$5,000 available for environmental projects that address long term needs in any of our three focus areas:

- Environmental Education Programs
- Local Environmental Projects
- Injured Wildlife Recovery and Regeneration Projects



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To apply, please complete the online application form by scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://glencore-smartygrants.com.au/2022UlanCoalCI>

To be eligible for funding, you must	What will not be considered
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be based in the Mid-Western LGA ✓ Be from a not-for-profit, incorporated organisation with a separate organisational bank account ✓ Demonstrate the organisation's ability to manage the proposed project in a professional manner ✓ Primarily benefit the Mid-Western LGA ✓ Address a substantiated need in the community ✓ Demonstrate how the initiative will directly benefit the community ✓ Submit the application at least 8 weeks prior to the planned project implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Political parties/organisations, politicians or candidates for public office ✗ Individuals ✗ 'For-profit' organisations ✗ Touring groups or individuals ✗ Religious activities ✗ Activities exclusive to a single faith community ✗ Conferences or speakers at conferences ✗ Production/distribution of advertising or marketing material ✗ Core operating costs of an organisation <u>eg</u> staff, operational expenses ✗ Government run projects/activities ✗ Projects that do not demonstrate financial sustainability ✗ Overseas appeals ✗ Research projects ✗ Projects/activities that have already been completed (retrospective funding)

For further information, please email Robbie.Mills@glencore.com.au or phone 0422 128 651

Firewood Deliveries – In Kind Donation & Waste Reduction Initiative

- Firewood deliveries for 2022, kicked off once again on Sunday 5 June 2022
- Volunteers from Lions Club and Ulan Coal delivered 40 ute loads of firewood to registered members in the local community
- We had delivered right across the region from Rylstone, Kandos, Running Stream, Mudgee and Gulgong
- The next round of firewood deliveries will be occurring in July
- Thanks also to Max Walker for storing the firewood and helping to load the vehicles.



- Visit to Esme in June to thank her for her contribution to the Ulan CCC.



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- Next Meeting 29/09/22 at 1pm