

**Mount Pleasant Operation
Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report**

February 2022

1. Introduction

The Mount Pleasant Operation (MPO) is located in the Upper Hunter Valley of New South Wales, approximately three kilometres (km) north-west of Muswellbrook and approximately 50 km north-west of Singleton. The villages of Aberdeen and Kayuga are located 12 km north-northeast and 3 km north of the operations, respectively.

The purpose of this report is to provide a monthly update of monitoring data in accordance with the requirements of NSW Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) 20850, Section 66(6) of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) and the MPO Development Approval (DA 92/97).

Table 1-1 – Mount Pleasant Operation

Name of Operation	Mount Pleasant Operation
Name of Licensee	MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd
Environmental Protection Licence	20850
Project Approval	DA 92/97
Reporting Period Start Date	1 February 2022
Reporting Period End Date	28 February 2022
Date All Data Received	7 April 2022

Links to two key regulatory documents are provided here:

- [MACH Energy Environment Protection Licence EPL 20850; and](#)
- [Mount Pleasant Operation Development Application Approval DA 92/97.](#)

2. Monitoring Requirements

The MPO EPL 20850 specifically requires the monitoring of:

- 2 x Palas Fidas Air Quality Monitoring sites;
- Noise monitoring;
- Blast monitoring; and
- Meteorological monitoring.

Monitoring of sites not required by the EPL are carried out in accordance with MPO Environmental Monitoring Program (EMP) and Project Approval (DA 92/97).

All monitoring is undertaken by suitably qualified and experienced person(s).

The MPO Environmental Monitoring Network is shown in the following figures:

- **Figure 2-1** shows MPO attended noise monitoring locations and Noise Assessment Groups (NAGs);
- **Figure 2-2** shows the MPO Air Quality Monitoring network;
- **Figure 2-3** shows the MPO Blast Monitoring Locations;
- **Figure 2-4** shows the MPO Groundwater Monitoring network; and
- **Figure 2-5** shows the MPO Surface Water Monitoring network.

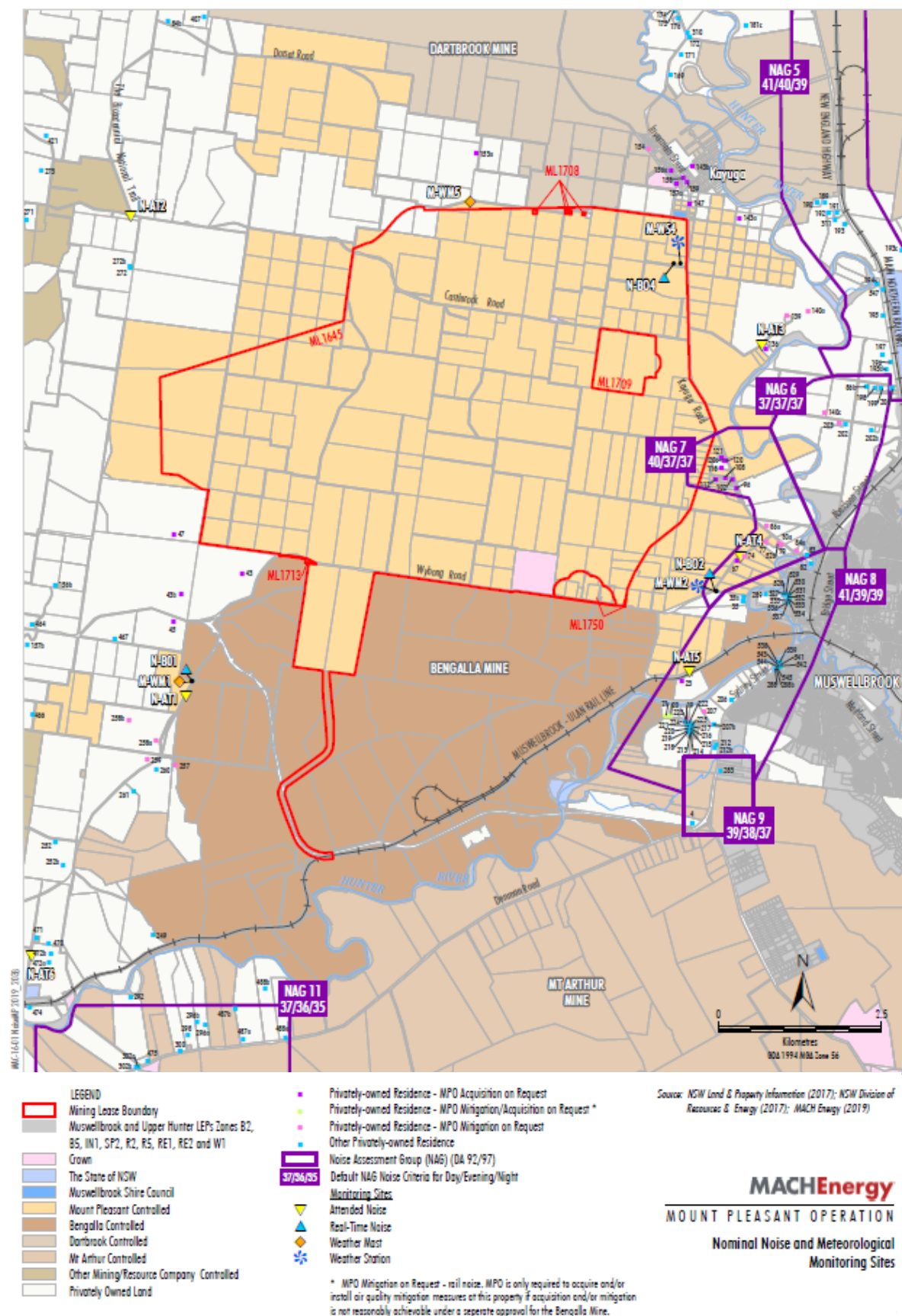


Figure 2-1 – MPO Attended Noise Monitoring Assessment Groups and Locations

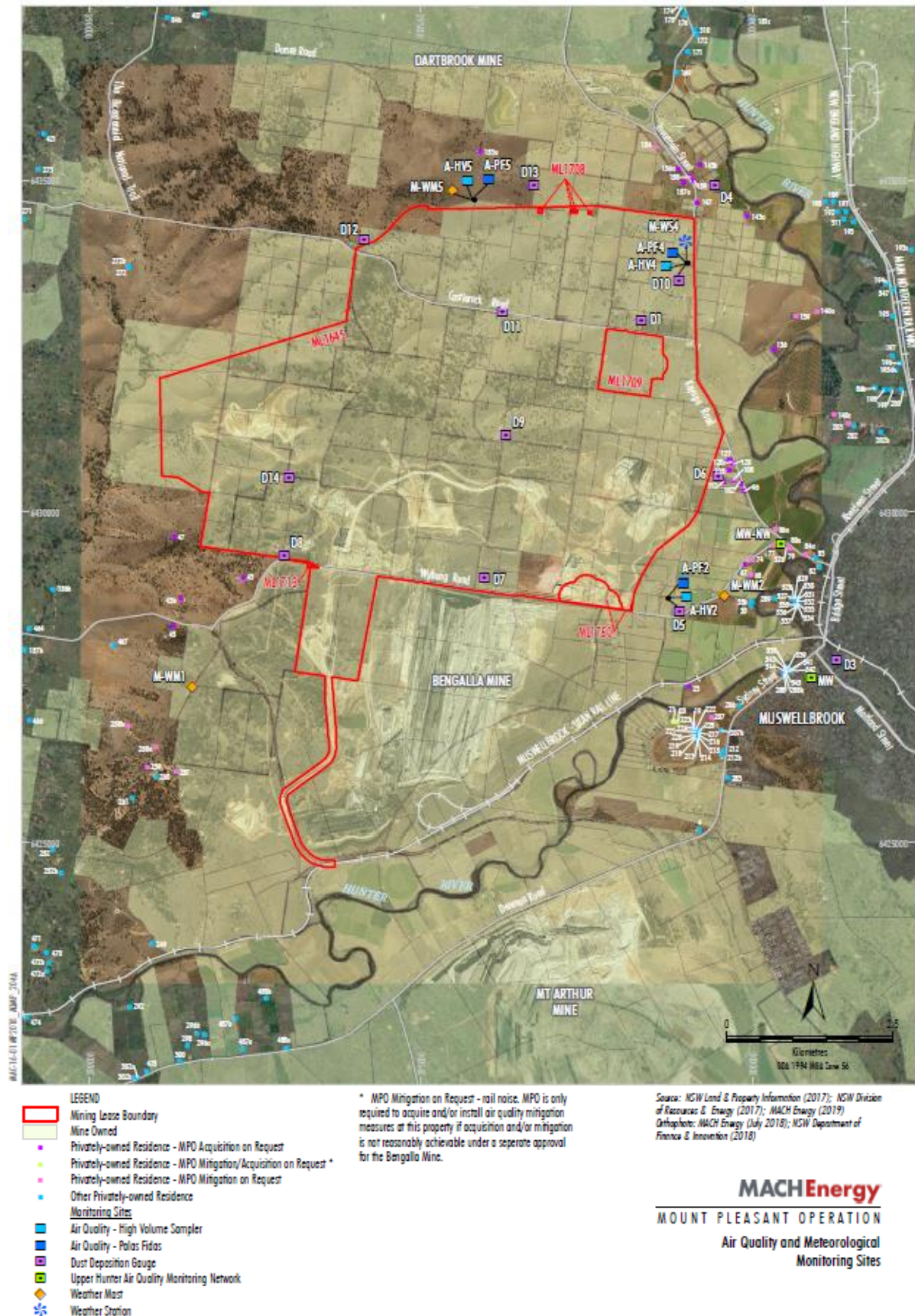
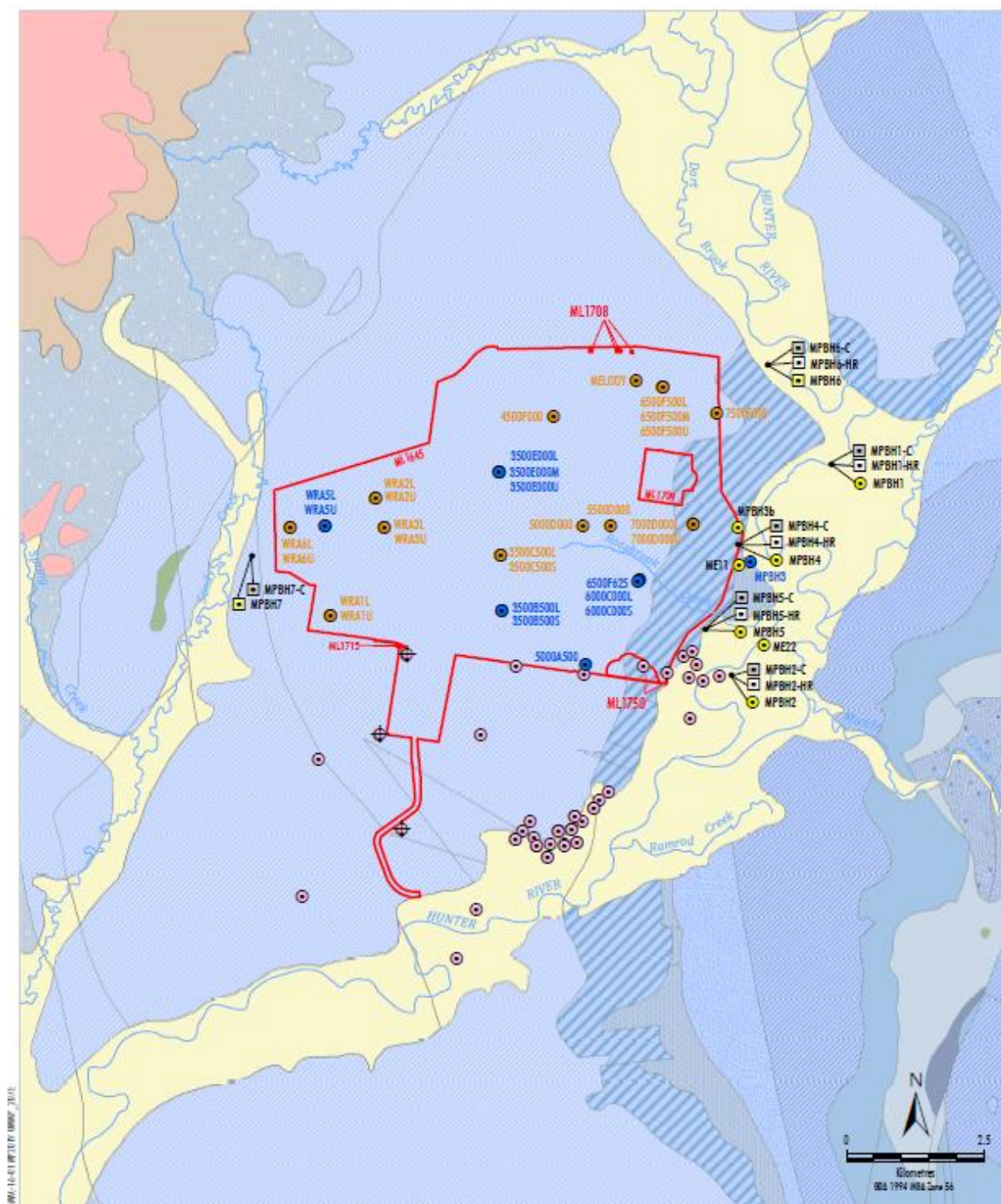


Figure 2-2 – MPO Air Quality and Meteorological Monitoring Network



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- LEGEND**
- Mining Lease Boundary
 - Mount Pleasant Monitoring
 - Sandpipe
 - Sandpipe - Alluvium
 - Sandpipe - Historical
 - Planned Mount Pleasant Monitoring
 - Sandpipe - Coal Seam
 - Sandpipe - Interburden
 - Sandpipe - Alluvium
 - Bengalla Monitoring
 - Sandpipe
 - + Vibrating Wire Piezometer

Source: NSW Land & Property Information (2019); NSW Division of Resources & Energy (2019); MACH Energy (2019)

Note: Refer Figure 3 for geology legend

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Augmentations to the
Groundwater Monitoring Network

Figure 2-4 – MPO Groundwater Monitoring Network

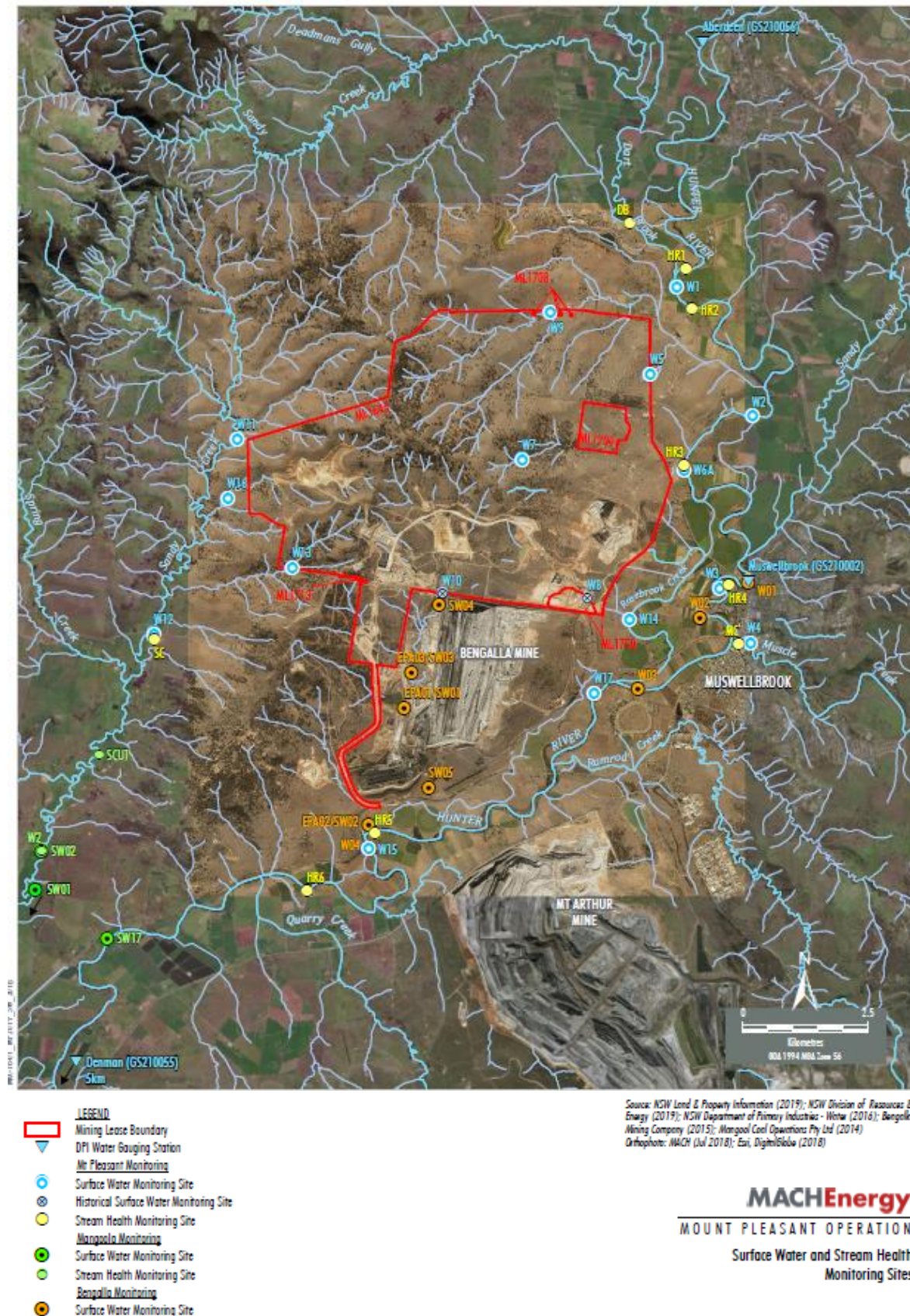


Figure 2-5 – MPO Surface Water Monitoring Network

3. Meteorological Monitoring

Weather data is measured continuously at the Kayuga Road (M-WS4) and the Wybong Road (M-WS2) meteorological stations. In addition to air quality parameters, the weather stations measure wind speed and direction (using the sigma theta method), temperature (at 2 m and 10 m), solar radiation, relative humidity, rainfall, atmospheric pressure.

The majority of meteorological data was captured at M-WS2 (>99.5%) during February 2022 (the monitoring period), with the exception of solar radiation and wind parameters (>73.9%). The majority of data for these meteorological parameters was captured at M-WS4 (>99.9%) during the monitoring period.

Throughout February 2022, there was 35.6mm and 44.6mm of rainfall recorded at M-WS2 and M-WS4, respectively.

4. Dust Depositional Monitoring

4.1 Methodology

Dust deposition was monitored according to the OEH's Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales (DECC 2007), which references Australian Standard (AS)/New Zealand Standard (NZS) 3580.10.1:2016 Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air: Determination of particulate matter – Deposited matter – Gravimetric Method. The dust deposition monitoring network comprises of 13 dust deposition gauges (DDG). Details of the monitoring locations are shown in **Figure 2-2**.

DDG samples can be contaminated by a variety of means, notably by the presence of insects and bird droppings. Results for contaminated gauges were not included in the calculation of the annual averages as this would result in skewed or misleading results for the purpose of dust deposition assessment. The Australian Standard does not provide criteria for the determination of contamination of a DDG. A gauge sample is determined by AECOM to be contaminated only after reference to field observation sheets, historical monitoring location data, laboratory notes and results, prevailing atmospheric conditions and feedback from field technicians. For example, a gauge sample with a statistically abnormally high insoluble solids result, a low ash residue result (indicating a high level of organic matter) and field notation that bird droppings or insects were present is likely to be considered contaminated.

4.2 Results

The dust deposition exposure period for gauges commenced on 17 January 2022. Sample collection was undertaken on 17 February 2022 by AECOM with sample analysis performed by ALS NATA accredited laboratory. Results are summarised in **Table 4-1**. Annual rolling averages for February 2022 have been provided as an indication of performance between February 2021 – February 2022 and does not represent annual average results for 2022 as per Schedule 3, Condition 20 of DA 92/97.

Table 4-1: Dust Depositional Results – February 2022

Location	YTD Insoluble Solids (g/m ² .month)	Insoluble Solids Annual Rolling Average (g/m ² .month)
D1	3.2	2.7
D3a	1.7	1.6
D4	1.6	1.5
D5	3.9	3.4
D6	1.5	2.6
D7b ¹	5.1	8.2
D8	4.7	3.5
D9a	3.2	1.8
D10	1.2	1.0
D11	3.4	1.7
D12	0.9	0.6
D13	1.7	1.4
D14	4.1	2.9
Criterion	3.2	2.7

Notes:

Results in **bold** indicate an elevated measurement of adopted assessment criteria

**Indicates result unavailable due to contaminated depositional dust gauges for YTD

*** annual rolling average not available as new site location

¹Site D7b is located within close proximity to the northern boundary of a neighbouring mining company's main pit and thus is influenced by activities there. This site will continue to be monitored, however will not be used to assess compliance or to represent residential receivers in the area.

* No data due to dust gauge removed during construction activities

Contaminated results, as described in Section 4.1, are not included in the 12 month rolling average. Site D7b is located within close proximity to the northern boundary of a neighbouring mining operation and thus can be influenced by this site. D7b will continue to be monitored, however will not be used to assess compliance or to represent residential receivers in the area. Furthermore, there are no privately-owned receivers in the vicinity of D8 and D14. Whilst these sites do not represent residence(s) on privately-owned land, they will continue to be monitored in accordance with the MPO Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan (MACH Energy, 2019).

Field notes from the February sampling event noted that all the gauges contained insects, two gauges contained bird droppings and one gauge contained vegetation. Site D3a was unable to be accessed due to unsafe conditions.

Figure 4-1 compares the monthly insoluble solids results to the annual averages for each dust gauge and the assessment criterion.

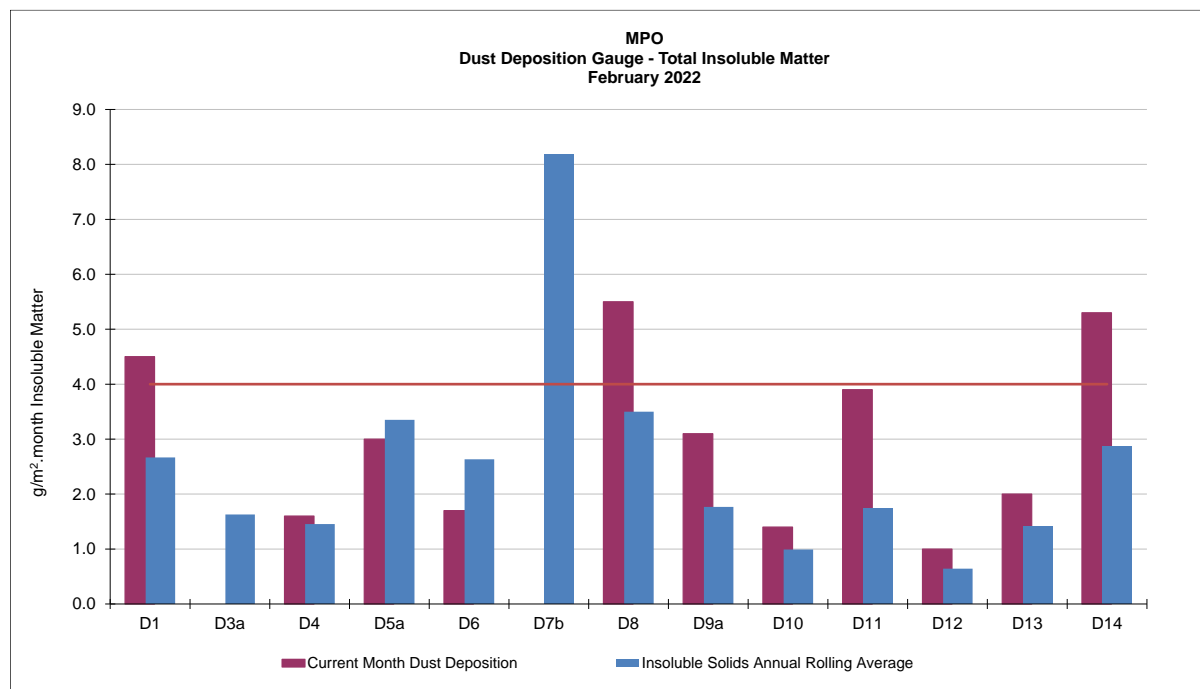


Figure 4-1: MPO Dust Deposition Monthly Results and Annual Rolling Average – February 2022

5. Total Suspended Particulates

All High Volume Air Samplers (HVAS) are run for 24 hours every six days in accordance with AM-15 of Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales (DECC, 2007), referencing AS/NZS 3580.9.3:2015 Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air – Determination of suspended particulate matter – Total suspended particulate matter (TSP) - High volume sampler gravimetric method, for the monitoring of TSP.

Three TSP HVAS units are included in the MPO air quality monitoring network and are displayed in **Table 5-1** below. These units were commissioned in March 2017.

Table 5-1 Total Suspended Particulate Monitoring Sites

ID	Description
A-PF2	Reilly's
M-WS4	Kayuga Road Met Station
A-PF5	Athlone

5.1 Assessment Criteria

TSP is assessed against the guidelines defined in the EPA Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales (EPA 2016) and Project

Approval DA 92/97. The DA 92/97 specifies an annual average project contribution plus background criterion of 90 µg/m³.

5.2 Results

In February 2022 sample collection was undertaken by AECOM with sample analysis performed by ALS NATA accredited laboratory. TSP results for the monitoring period are provided in **Table 5-2**. Annual rolling averages for February 2022 have been provided as an indication of performance between February 2021 – February 2022 and do not represent annual average results for 2022 as per Schedule 3, Condition 20 of DA 92/97.

Table 5-2 Total Suspended Particulate Monitoring Data – February 2022

Run Date	Assessment Criterion	TSP µg/m ³		
		HVAS A-PF2	HVAS M-WS4	HVAS A-PF5
3/02/2022	-	36.2	64.2	33.6
9/02/2022	-	52.4	30.5	34.1
15/02/2022	-	56.4	63.9	49.9
21/02/2022	-	66.3	20.8	19.5
27/02/2022	-	29.6	43.9	23.3
Monthly Mean	-	48.2	44.7	32.1
Annual Rolling Average	90	49	29	28

Note: Results in **bold** indicate an elevated reading

1 Sample collected 24/01/2022 due to environmental influence (lawn mowing) on sampling date

2 Sample collected 1/02/2022 due to power outage on sampling date

3 Sample collected 1/02/2022 due to timer issues on sampling date

5.3 Discussion

For the reporting period, the annual rolling average TSP data at all sites was below the annual average criterion of 90 µg/m³.

6. Real Time Air Quality Monitoring

Continuous particulate matter less than 10 μm (PM_{10}) and particulate matter less than 2.5 μm ($\text{PM}_{2.5}$) monitoring was conducted by three Palas Fidas units (one utilised for management only) at MPO during February 2022.

The EPA identification numbers 1 and 2 refer to Palas Fidas units installed on Wybong Road (A-PF2) and Dorset Road (A-PF5), respectively. In addition, a third unit (A-PF4) is installed on Kayuga Road with data used for management purposes only.

Real time PM_{10} and $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ 12-month rolling averages for February 2022 have been provided in Section 6.2 and 6.4 respectively, as an indication of performance between February 2021 – February 2022 and do not represent annual average results for 2022 as per Schedule 3, Condition 20 of DA 92/97.

6.1 PM_{10} Results – 24 hour rolling average

In accordance with the DA 92/97 limit of 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for the 24 hour rolling average, there was an elevated reading measured on 17 February 2022. This elevated PM_{10} measurement was not suspected to be an incremental increase as a result of mining operations at MPO. The Muswellbrook NW monitor was operational during all days of February. Real time PM_{10} 24 hour rolling average results for February 2022 are presented in **Table 6-1**.

Table 6-1: MPO Palas Fidas PM_{10} Data – February 2022

Date	A-PF2/EPA ID 1	A-PF4	A-PF5/EPA ID 2	Muswellbrook NW	Muswellbrook NW 24 Hour Average Limit (µg/m³)	A-PF2, A-PF4, A-PF5 24 Hour Average Limit (µg/m³)
	24 hour Average Result					
1/02/2022	26	8	13	24.4	44	50
2/02/2022	12	12	7	8.2	44	50
3/02/2022	17	11	12	14.8	44	50
4/02/2022	16	11	12	16.4	44	50
5/02/2022	15	11	11	13.7	44	50
6/02/2022	14	12	12	14.1	44	50
7/02/2022	14	13	11	14.1	44	50
8/02/2022	14	12	14	12.3	44	50
9/02/2022	17	20	11	16.6	44	50
10/02/2022	22	14	22	26.3	44	50
11/02/2022	14	15	12	16	44	50
12/02/2022	16	17	16	20.1	44	50
13/02/2022	17	20	19	20.1	44	50
14/02/2022	19	19	29	22	44	50
15/02/2022	20	22	26	22.5	44	50
16/02/2022	25	16	-	25	44	50
17/02/2022	20	15	-	22.1	44	50
18/02/2022	18	15	16	21.9	44	50
19/02/2022	17	14	18	18	44	50
20/02/2022	14	10	18	13.4	44	50

21/02/2022	20	15	9	17.4	44	50
22/02/2022	15	10	15	15.1	44	50
23/02/2022	11	9	10	10.5	44	50
24/02/2022	9	13	10	8	44	50
25/02/2022	14	11	15	14.8	44	50
26/02/2022	11	12	13	11.8	44	50
27/02/2022	13	10	14	16.4	44	50
28/02/2022	11	13	12	8.1	44	50

Notes:

Results in bold indicate elevated readings during adverse weather conditions.

Results with "-" indicate dates where data was affected by maintenance or servicing (scheduled and unscheduled)

Figure 6-1 below shows the results of real-time PM₁₀ 24 hour rolling average results at MPO air quality monitoring sites February 2022.

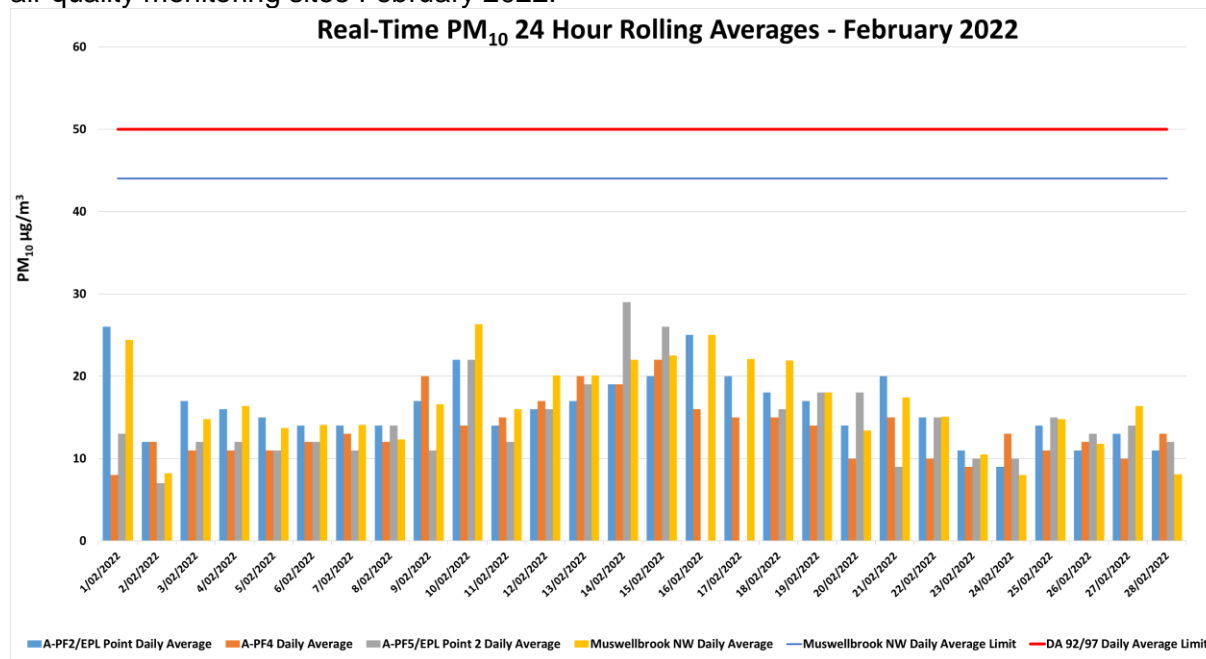


Figure 6-1: Real-time PM₁₀ 24 hour rolling average results for February 2022.

6.2 PM₁₀ Results – Annual rolling average

There were no elevated PM₁₀ measurements reported at MPO for the February 2022 annual rolling average. Real time PM₁₀ annual rolling averages for February 2022 are presented in **Figure 6-2** below.

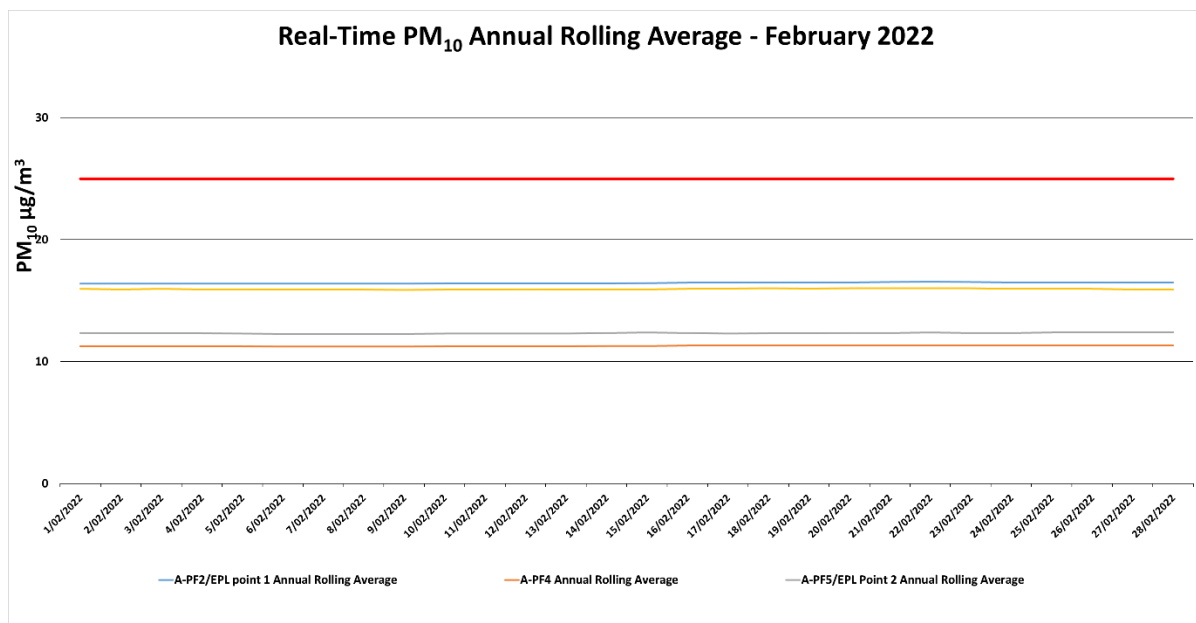


Figure 6-2: Real-time PM₁₀ Annual Rolling average results for February 2022.

6.3 PM_{2.5} Results – 24 hour rolling average

There were no elevated PM_{2.5} measurements reported throughout February 2022. Real time PM_{2.5} 24 hour rolling average results for February 2022 are presented in **Table 6-2**.

Table 6-2: MPO Palas Fidas PM_{2.5} Data – February 2022

Date	A-PF2/EPA ID 1	A-PF4	A-PF5/EPA ID 2	A-PF2, A-PF4, A-PF5 24 Hour Average Limit (µg/m³)
	24 hour Average Result			
1/02/2022	8	6	6	25
2/02/2022	4	3	3	25
3/02/2022	5	5	5	25
4/02/2022	5	4	5	25
5/02/2022	5	4	4	25
6/02/2022	5	5	5	25
7/02/2022	5	5	4	25
8/02/2022	4	4	5	25
9/02/2022	5	4	4	25
10/02/2022	5	5	4	25
11/02/2022	6	6	4	25
12/02/2022	5	5	5	25
13/02/2022	5	6	6	25
14/02/2022	6	6	7	25
15/02/2022	6	6	7	25
16/02/2022	7	7	-	25
17/02/2022	6	5	-	25
18/02/2022	6	5	4	25
19/02/2022	6	6	6	25

20/02/2022	5	5	5	25
21/02/2022	5	4	3	25
22/02/2022	5	6	5	25
23/02/2022	4	4	4	25
24/02/2022	4	3	4	25
25/02/2022	5	5	5	25
26/02/2022	5	5	5	25
27/02/2022	5	5	5	25
28/02/2022	4	4	4	25

Notes:

Results in **bold** indicate elevated readings during adverse weather conditions.

Results with "-" indicate dates where data was affected by maintenance or servicing (scheduled and unscheduled)

Real time PM_{2.5} 24 hour average results for February 2022 are presented in **Figure 6-3** below.

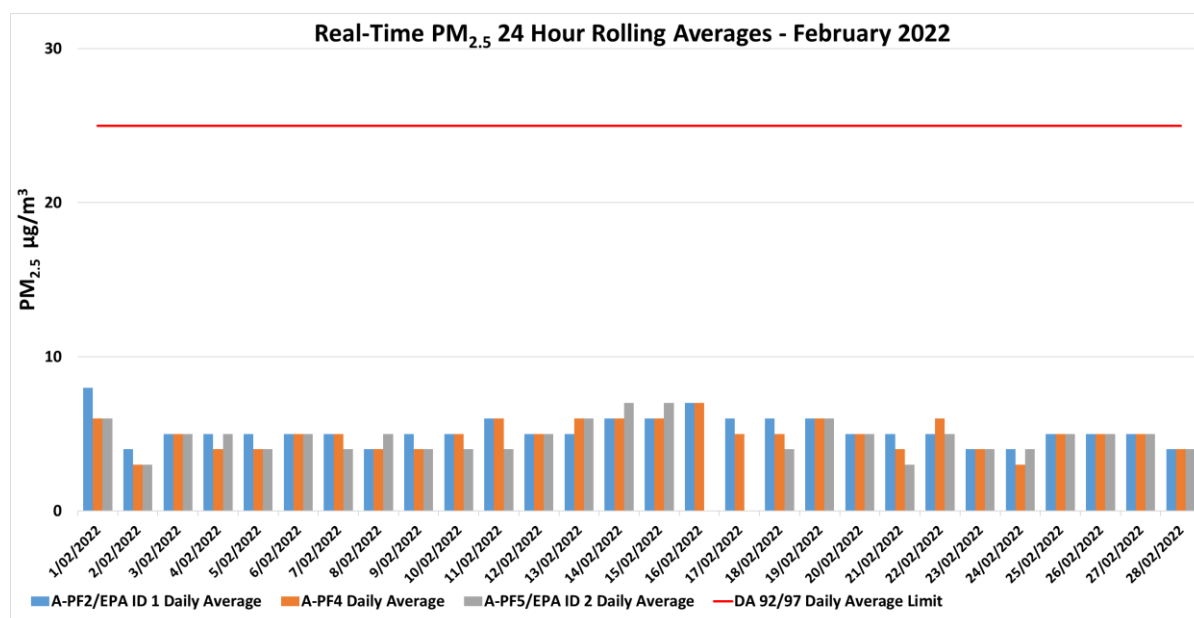


Figure 6-3: Real-time PM_{2.5} 24 hour rolling average results for February 2022.

6.4 PM_{2.5} Results - Annual rolling average

There were no elevated PM_{2.5} measurements reported at MPO for the February 2022 annual rolling average. Real time PM_{2.5} annual rolling averages for February 2022 are presented in **Figure 6-4** below.

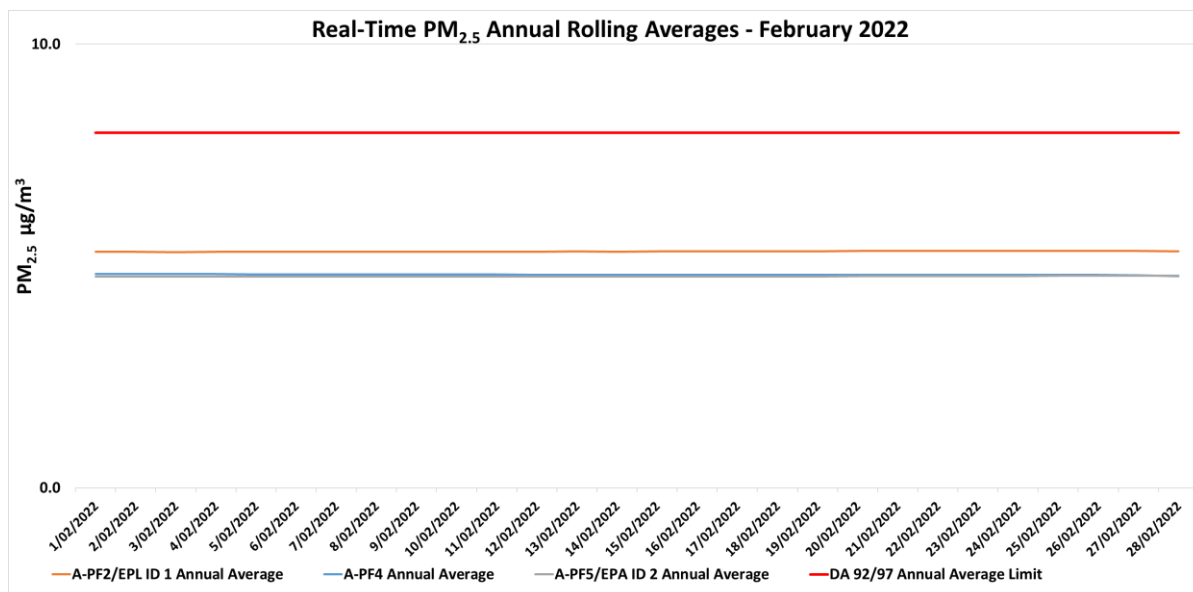


Figure 6-4: Real-time PM_{2.5} Annual Rolling average results for February 2022.

7. Surface Water Monitoring

7.1 Methodology

Surface water quality is monitored at 15 sites on a monthly basis, with additional monitoring conducted if triggered by a rain event. A more comprehensive suite of analysis is performed at these sites on a quarterly basis.

7.2 Assessment Criteria

Surface waters were assessed as per the MPO Water Management Plan (MACH Energy, 2019) in accordance with site specific trigger values that have been developed using the ANZECC (2000) guidelines for sites that contain a minimum of two years of monthly data. Sites with insufficient data are assessed on default trigger values adopted from ANZECC (2000) guidelines.

7.3 Results

Surface water event monitoring was conducted by AECOM on 28 February 2022. Laboratory analysis was performed by ALS NATA accredited laboratory. Monthly monitoring results for pH, EC, TSS and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) are presented in **Table 7-1**.

Table 7-1 – MPO Monthly Surface Water Monitoring Results – 28 February 2022

Station	pH	Electrical Conductivity (EC) (µs/cm) ¹	Total Suspended Solids (TSS) (mg/L)	Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (mg/L)
W1	8.3	690	292	16
W2	8.3	790	351	22
W3	^	^	^	^
W4	7.9	2100	1050	12
W5	*	*	*	*

Station	pH	Electrical Conductivity (EC) (µs/cm) ¹	Total Suspended Solids (TSS) (mg/L)	Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (mg/L)
W6A	8.3	790	418	24
W7	*	*	*	*
W9	^	^	^	^
W11	8.0	5300	2820	6
W12	*	*	*	*
W13	*	*	*	*
W14	8.3	880	419	27
W15	*	*	*	*
W16	8.2	860	485	20
W17	^	^	^	^

Notes:

Results in **bold** indicate elevated reading of adopted assessment criteria.

*Dry or insufficient water to sample.

** Calculated result due to interference from fine colloidal material

^ Indicates no safe access due to wet weather conditions

¹ Results have been rounded in accordance with the In-house method Q4AN(EV)-332-WI3 (pH) and In-house method Q4AN(EV)-332-WI2 (EC).

During the February monthly monitoring, three of the fifteen monitoring location were found to be unsafe access and five sites were dry. Sites W2 and W6A exceeded their respective EC and TSS trigger levels. Sites W17 were outside there respective pH and EC levels. All other sites were within or below their respective pH and EC trigger levels. An investigation will be triggered if elevated measurements occur for three consecutive sampling events in accordance MPO Water Management Plan (MACH Energy, 2019). All other sites were below or inside the assessment trigger ranges.

8. Groundwater Monitoring

Quarterly groundwater monitoring was completed on 21, 22 and 23 February and 2 and 4 March 2022. Water level results for the groundwater bores are presented in **Table 8-1**. The quarterly pH and EC results are presented in **Table 8-2** and **Table 8-3**, respectively.

Table 8-1 - MPO Quarterly Groundwater Water Level Results

Monitoring Location/ ID	Water Level Trigger Range		Current Month Water Level (DTW)	Aug 2021 Water Level (DTW)	May 2021 Water Level (DTW)	Triggered (Yes/No)
	80 th Percentile (DTW)	Trigger				
WRA1L	-	± 0.5m	1.08	3.04	2.73	
WRA1U	-	± 0.5m	*	*	*	
WRA3L	-	± 0.5m	^	^	10.05	
WRA3U	-	± 0.5m	^	^	4.25	
WRA6L	-	± 0.5m	1.08	^	1.19	
WRA6U	-	± 0.5m	2.03	^	2.16	
MPBH1	9.71	10.70	9.76	9.46	9.86	No

Monitoring Location/ ID	Water Level Trigger Range		Current Month Water Level (DTW)	Aug 2021 Water Level (DTW)	May 2021 Water Level (DTW)	Triggered (Yes/No)
	80 th Percentile (DTW)	Trigger				
MPBH2	12.20	14.20	11.49	12.53	12.50	No
MPBH3b	12.00	Dry (or 14.0m)	11.34	12.01	11.93	No
MPBH4	-	± 0.5m	11.31	11.84	11.91	
MPBH5	-	± 0.5m	*	8.83	8.83	
MPBH1-C	-	± 0.5m	9.89	9.64	10.01	
MPBH1-HR	-	± 0.5m	14.02	16.10	20.69	
MPBH2-C	-	± 0.5m	11.80	12.83	12.80	
MPBH2-HR	-	± 0.5m	22.96	36.90	43.96	
MPBH4-C	-	± 0.5m	10.90	11.49	11.49	
MPBH4-HR	-	± 0.5m	50.85	50.78	50.91	
MPBH5-C	-	± 0.5m	11.44	12.47	12.45	
MPBH5-HR	-	± 0.5m	11.38	12.37	12.37	
MPBH6	-	± 0.5m	^	10.17	10.18	
MPBH6-C	-	± 0.5m	^	11.87	11.94	
MPBH6-HR	-	± 0.5m	^	10.97	11.11	
MPBH7	-	± 0.5m	6.51	7.34	7.21	
MPBH7-C	-	± 0.5m	15.25	18.76	18.83	
3500C500 (L)	-	± 0.5m	59.07	60.07	60.74	
3500C500 (S)	-	± 0.5m	24.32	25.45	25.54	
4500F000	-	± 0.5m	31.22	^	30.45	
5000D000	-	± 0.5m	113.14	118.13	117.36	
5500D000	-	± 0.5m	39.28	40.46	^	
6500F500L	-	± 0.5m	53.66	^	53.41	
6500F500M	-	± 0.5m	55.05	^	54.86	
6500F500U	-	± 0.5m	*	^	*	
6500F625	-	± 0.5m	^	^	22.79	
Melody	-	± 0.5m	^	^	13.41	
7500F000	-	± 0.5m	36.68	36.69	36.64	

* Dry/insufficient water to sample

** Bore appeared to be blocked

*** New site – results may not be representative of groundwater conditions at time of sampling due to ongoing well development
- Trigger Levels are not applicable due to non-alluvial bore

Note: An investigation is triggered when the water levels in any **alluvial bores** exceed the 80th percentile and/ or trigger level. Results shown in **bold** indicate that the bore has had a change in standing water level of ± 0.5m from the previous measurement.

Table 8-2 - MPO Quarterly Groundwater pH results

Monitoring Location/ ID	pH Trigger Range		Current Month pH	Nov 2021 Month pH	Aug 2021 pH	Triggered (Yes/No)
	20 th Percentile	80 th Percentile				
WRA1I	6.0	8.5	7.3	7.4	7.1	No
WRA1U	6.0	8.5	*	*	*	No
WRA3L	6.0	8.5	^	^	6.7	No
WRA3U	6.0	8.5	^	^	7.2	No
WRA6L	6.0	8.5	6.9	^	7.0	No
WRA6U	6.0	8.5	6.9	^	6.8	No
MPBH1	6.0	8.5	6.9	6.9	6.9	No
MPBH2	6.0	8.5	6.9	6.8	6.9	No
MPBH3b	6.0	8.5	7.3	7.4	7.9	No
MPBH4	6.0	8.5	7.0	6.9	6.9	No
MPBH5	6.0	8.5	*	*	*	-
MPBH1-C***	6.0	8.5	8.7	7.4	8.2	No
MPBH1-HR***	6.0	8.5	8.0	7.8	8.0	No
MPBH2-C***	6.0	8.5	11.2	10.3	10.4	No
MPBH2-HR***	6.0	8.5	8.4	8.5	8.2	No
MPBH4-C***	6.0	8.5	8.4	8.3	7.6	No
MPBH4-HR***	6.0	8.5	7.4	7.4	7.3	-
MPBH5-C***	6.0	8.5	10.3	10.5	11.1	No
MPBH5-HR***	6.0	8.5	7.6	7.5	7.5	No
MPBH6***	6.0	8.5	^	7.1	7.1	No
MPBH6-C***	6.0	8.5	^	7.7	7.9	No
MPBH6-HR***	6.0	8.5	^	7.3	7.3	No
MPBH7***	6.0	8.5	7.2	7.1	7.1	No
MPBH7-C***	6.0	8.5	7.7	7.3	7.6	No
3500C500 (L)	6.0	8.5	7.5	7.6	7.5	No
3500C500 (S)	6.0	8.5	7.3	6.9	6.9	No
4500F000	6.0	8.5	6.8	^	6.8	No
5000D000	6.0	8.5	**	8.0	7.6	No
5500D000	6.0	8.5	6.9	7.0	^	No
6500F500L	6.0	8.5	7.4	^	7.4	No
6500F500M	6.0	8.5	7.3	^	7.2	No
6500F500U	6.0	8.5	^	^	*	*
6500F625	6.0	8.5	^	^	7.0	No
Melody	6.0	8.5	^	^	7.2	No
7500F000	6.0	8.5	7.8	7.7	7.8	No

* Dry/insufficient water to sample

^ Unsafe Access

*** New site – results may not be representative of groundwater conditions at time of sampling due to ongoing well development
- Trigger Levels are not applicable due to non-alluvial bore

Note: An investigation is triggered when the water levels in any alluvial bores exceed the 80th percentile and/ or trigger level.
Results shown in bold indicate that the bore has had a change in standing water level of $\pm 0.5\text{m}$ from the previous measurement.

Table 8-3 - MPO Quarterly Groundwater EC results

Monitoring Location/ ID	EC Trigger Range	Current Month EC	Aug 2021 EC	May 2021 EC	Triggered (Yes/No)
	Maximum Beneficial Use Trigger				
WRA1I	7800	2900	2800	3650	No
WRA1U	*	**	**	**	-
WRA3L	22000	^	^	16200	No
WRA3U	22000	^	^	5600	No
WRA6L	7800	5900	^	5850	No
WRA6U	22000	10200	^	10700	No
MPBH1	800	630	490	480	No
MPBH2	930	800	770	740	No
MPBH3b	7800	5600	5050	4800	No
MPBH4	*	5800	6050	6250	-
MPBH5	*	**	**	**	-
MPBH1-C	*	1550	650	1250	-
MPBH1-HR	*	2000	1600	2000	-
MPBH2-C	*	1950	1250	1400	-
MPBH2-HR	*	1900	1800	1650	-
MPBH4-C	*	3800	3800	3550	-
MPBH4-HR	*	5750	5800	5850	-
MPBH5-C	*	640	600	640	-
MPBH5-HR	*	950	1050	1000	-
MPBH6	*	^	1000	1100	-
MPBH6-C	*	^	7350	7350	-
MPBH6-HR	*	^	6100	6200	-
MPBH7	*	13400	11900	13800	-
MPBH7-C	*	11300	11700	11200	-
3500C500 (L)	7800	3800	3800	3750	No
3500C500 (S)	7800	3450	1100	2500	No
4500F000	22000	8500	^	8550	No
5000D000	800	***	4400	4000	Yes
5500D000	7800	4500	4500	^	No
6500F500L	7800	3850	^	3900	No
6500F500M	7800	2950	^	3000	No
6500F500U	7800	**	^	**	-

Monitoring Location/ ID	EC Trigger Range	Current Month EC	Aug 2021 EC	May 2021 EC	Triggered (Yes/No)
	Maximum Beneficial Use Trigger				
6500F625	7800	^	^	3850	No
Melody	*	^	^	1000	No
7500F000	7800	6350	6250	6350	No

* indicates no trigger limit identified

** Dry/insufficient water to sample

^ Unsafe access

*** New site - results may not be representative of groundwater conditions at time of sampling due to ongoing well development

^ indicated no trigger limit identified

An investigation is triggered when EC values recorded exceed the beneficial use quality range (as described in the GWMP) for three successive monitoring rounds. Results outside this range are shown in bold.

Results have been rounded in accordance with the In-house method Q4AN(EV)-332-WI3 (pH) and In-house method Q4AN(EV)-332-WI2 (EC). 1 -

Investigation undertaken into elevated measurements at 5000D000 as per Groundwater Management Plan (MACH Energy, 2019) including suitably qualified hydrogeologist assessment; and amendment to Surface & Groundwater Trigger Response Plan (DA92/97-PA-35)

The were no elevated measurements during the February 2022 sampling event not previously reported. The next quarterly monitoring event is scheduled for May 2022.

9. Noise Monitoring

Attended noise monitoring was undertaken during the night period of 9/10 February 2022 at 6 monitoring locations as per the MPO Noise Management Plan (MACH Energy, 2021) in accordance with DA 92/97 and EPL 20850.

9.1 Results

The results for night time attended noise monitoring for noise generated by MPO in February 2022 against noise criteria is shown in **Table 9-1**; **Table 9-2**; and **Table 9-3**.

Table 9-1 – $L_{A1,1min}$ Generated by MPO: Attended Night Monitoring – 9/10 February 2022

Location	Start Date and Time	Wind Speed m/s	Stability Class	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies ¹	MPO Only $L_{A1,1min}$ dB ^{2,4}	Exceedance dB ^{3,4}
N-AT1	09/02/2022 22:45	1.4	F	45	Yes	<25	Nil
N-AT2	09/02/2022 22:00	1.5	E	45	Yes	IA	Nil
N-AT3	09/02/2022 22:31	2.6	D	45	Yes	IA	Nil
N-AT4	09/02/2022 22:56	1.0	F	45	Yes	45	Nil
N-AT5	09/02/2022 23:21	0.9	E	45	Yes	36	Nil
N-AT6	09/02/2022 22:15	2.0	E	45	Yes	<25	Nil

Notes:

- As per Condition L2.3 of EPL 20850, noise emission limits do not apply during wind speeds greater than 3m/s at 10m above ground level, or stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2m/s at 10m above ground level, or stability category G temperature inversion conditions;
- Estimated or measured $L_{A1,1minute}$ attributed to MPO;

3. NA in exceedance column means meteorological conditions outside those specified in Condition L2.3 of EPL 20850 and thus criterion is not applicable; and
4. Bold results indicate exceedance of criteria.
5. IA indicates inaudible noise attributed to MPO.
6. Remeasure

Table 9-2 – $L_{Aeq,15min}$ Generated by MPO: Attended Night Monitoring – 9/10 February 2022

Location	Start Date and Time	Wind Speed m/s	Stability Class	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies ¹	MPO Only L_{Aeq} dB ^{2,4}	Exceedance dB ^{3,4}
N-AT1	09/02/2022 22:45	1.4	F	43	Yes	<25	Nil
N-AT2	09/02/2022 22:00	1.5	E	36	Yes	IA	Nil
N-AT3	09/02/2022 22:31	2.6	D	41	Yes	IA	Nil
N-AT4	09/02/2022 22:56	1.0	F	42	Yes	38	Nil
N-AT5	09/02/2022 23:21	0.9	E	40	Yes	33	Nil
N-AT6	09/02/2022 22:15	2.0	E	35	Yes	<20	Nil

Notes:

1. As per Condition L2.3 of EPL 20850, noise emission limits do not apply during wind speeds greater than 3m/s at 10m above ground level, or stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2m/s at 10m above ground level, or stability category G temperature inversion conditions;
2. Estimated or measured $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ attributed to MPO;
3. NA in exceedance column means meteorological conditions outside those specified in Condition L2.3 of EPL 20850 and thus criterion is not applicable; and
4. Bold results indicate exceedance of criteria.
5. Remeasure

Table 9-3 – $L_{Aeq,period}$ Cumulative Noise: Attended Night Monitoring – 9/10 February 2022

Location	Start Date and Time	Cumulative Noise Criterion L_{Aeq} dB	Measured Mining Only $L_{Aeq,period}$ dB ^{1,2}	Exceedance dB
N-AT1	09/02/2022 22:45	40	Nil	Nil
N-AT2	09/02/2022 22:00	40	Nil	Nil
N-AT3	09/02/2022 22:31	40	Nil	Nil
N-AT4	09/02/2022 22:56	40	Nil	Nil
N-AT5	09/02/2022 23:21	40	Nil	Nil
N-AT6	09/02/2022 22:15	40	Nil	Nil

Notes:

1. These are the results for MPO and all other mining sources. 15-minute measurements have been assumed to apply across the entire night period as a conservative measure and to represent "worst case" results; and

2. By definition, cumulative noise refers to two or more noise sources. If only one other source of mining is audible, or if MPO is inaudible, the measured cumulative noise defined here is 'Nil'.

The purpose of the noise monitoring is to quantify and describe the existing acoustic environment around the mining operation and compare results with relevant limits as per the MPO Noise Management Plan (MACH Energy, 2021). Noise levels from MPO complied with noise limits at all monitoring locations during the monitoring period.

10. Blast Monitoring

There were 8 blast events during February (a total of 15 blasts YTD). Results for February 2022 are presented in **Table 10-1**. All blast results during the February 2022 monitoring period were below the criteria in Schedule 3, Condition 10 of DA 92/97 and EPL 20850 and therefore compliant.

Table 10-1 – MPO Blast Monitoring Results – February 2022

Day & Date Fired	Time Fired	Vibration (mm/s) BVOA	Overpressure (dBL) BVOA	Vibration (mm/s) BVOC	Overpressure (dBL) BVOC	Vibration (mm/s) BVO2	Overpressure (dBL) BVO2	Blast Fume Compliant
Wednesday 2/02/2022	1.15	0.650	100.7	0.330	94.9	0.550	98.4	Y
Thursday 3/02/2022	12.57	0.020	94	0.010	98.6	0.010	77.9	Y
Friday 4/02/2022	9.31	0.880	105.8	0.990	99.7	0.850	92.1	Y
Friday 11/02/2022	14:20	0.180	97.8	0.150	86.3	0.510	105.4	Y
Monday 14/02/2022	13:10	0.300	92.3	0.280	91.1	0.300	89.1	Y
Wednesday 16/02/2022	13:31	0.310	101.4	0.300	90.4	0.520	93.6	Y
Friday 18/02/2022	10:12	0.480	96.6	0.270	88.3	0.760	96.9	Y
Friday 25/02/2022	9:40	0.690	100	0.530	99.6	0.800	95.3	Y

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