AIR, WATER AND METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING – DECEMBER 2018

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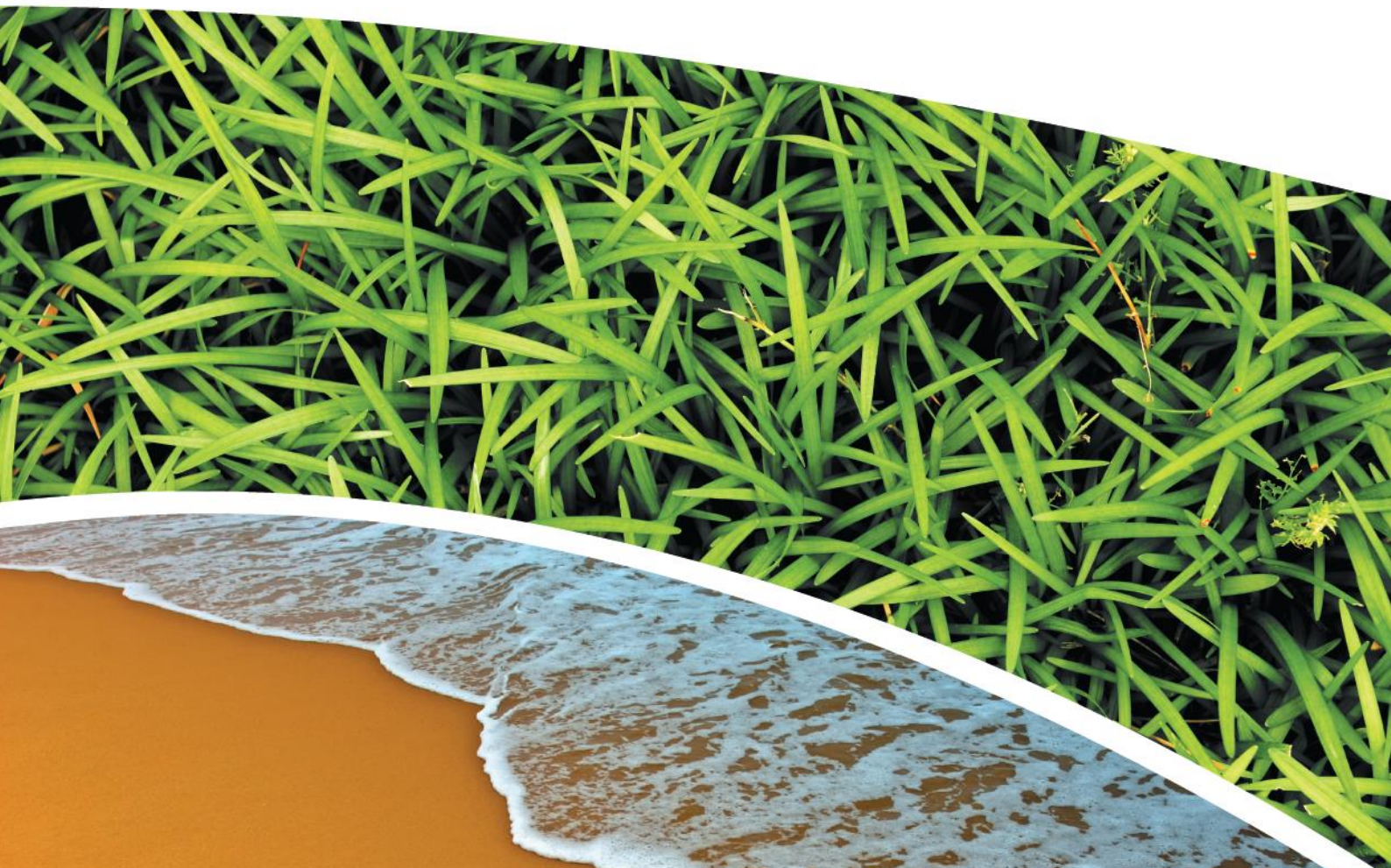

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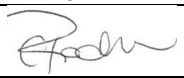
/0	Final	C Rocher	K Shaw	C Rocher		16.01.2019

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DECEMBER 2018

1 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of air, water and meteorological monitoring undertaken at Pine Dale Mine, Blackmans Flat during the month of December 2018.

Air and water samples were collected by RCA Laboratories – Environmental staff. Meteorological data was obtained from the site weather station.

This report satisfies the requirements to monitor environmental parameters as presented in the Pine Dale Mine Environmental Protection Licence (EPL 4911).

2 ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

The analytical procedures used by RCA Laboratories – Environmental (NATA Accreditation number 9811) are based on established internationally recognised procedures such as APHA and Australian Standards. Analytical test methods are detailed in **Table 1**.

Table 1 *Analytical Test Methods*

Analysis	Method	Units	Analysing Laboratory	NATA Accreditation Status
Determination of Suspended Particulate Matter	ENV-LAB003	µg/m^3	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Determination of Particulate Matter – Deposited Matter	ENV-LAB004	g/m^2.month	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
pH	ENV-LAB006	pH	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Conductivity	ENV-LAB010	µS/cm	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Total Suspended Solids	ENV-LAB009	mg/L	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Turbidity	ENV-LAB037	NTU	RCA Laboratories - Environmental	NATA Analysis
Oil and Grease	ENV-LAB022	mg/L	RCA Laboratories - Environmental	Non-NATA Analysis
Major Anions (Alkalinity, Cl, SO_4)	ED037, ED041, ED045	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis
Major Cations (Ca, Mg, Na, K)	ED093	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis
Dissolved Metals	EG020F	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis

ALS Environmental has been used to obtain analysis of anions, cations and dissolved metals (NATA Accreditation number 825).

3 WATER MONITORING RESULTS

3.1 GROUNDWATER

A total of two (2) groundwater samples were collected from within the Pine Dale Mine site during December 2018. Water quality analysis results are shown in **Table 2**. Groundwater monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix A**.

Table 2 *Groundwater Analysis Results*

Analysis	Units	P6	P7
Sample Number	-	12186880009	12186880010
Date Sampled	-	06/12/18	07/12/18
Time Sampled	-	17:04	9:40
Depth to Water from Surface	m	25.64	6.93
Water Level (AHD)	m	891.31	887.47
Temperature	°C	18.3	16.2
pH	pH	6.58	6.93
Conductivity	µS/cm	***1660***	769
Turbidity	NTU	34	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	<1	
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	43	
Oil and Grease	mg/L	<5	
Bicarbonate Alkalinity ($CaCO_3$)	mg/L	80	
Total Alkalinity ($CaCO_3$)	mg/L	80	
Sulphate (as SO_4)	mg/L	774	
Chloride	mg/L	48	
Calcium	mg/L	150	
Magnesium	mg/L	70	
Sodium	mg/L	68	
Potassium	mg/L	21	
Cobalt (dissolved)	mg/L	0.062	
Manganese (dissolved)	mg/L	3.33	
Nickel (dissolved)	mg/L	0.107	
Zinc (dissolved)	mg/L	0.019	
Iron (dissolved)	mg/L	44.6	
Trigger Levels			
pH trigger level ^	pH	6.2 – 8.0	6.3 – 8.0
Conductivity trigger level	µS/cm	1180	852
Water Level (AHD) #	m	887.90	883.28

Indicates analysis was not required.

^ pH trigger level is exceeded if the pH is outside the nominated range

Water Level trigger is exceeded if the AHD water level drops below the nominated trigger level.

Results shown in ***bold italics*** indicates exceedance of trigger level.

3.2 SURFACE WATER MONITORING

Quarterly surface water monitoring was not scheduled to be undertaken in December 2018. The next quarterly monitoring round will be undertaken in February 2019.

4 AIR QUALITY RESULTS

4.1 HIGH VOLUME AIR SAMPLERS (HVAS)

Monitoring of particulate matter less than 10 micrometres (PM_{10}) and total suspended particulates (TSP) is undertaken at Pine Dale Mine using High Volume Air Samplers (HVAS). HVAS at this facility conform to AS/NZS 3580.9.3:2015, AS/NZS 3580.9.6:2015 and AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2016. The locations of these HVAS units are shown in **Appendix A**.

HVAS Total Suspended Particulate results are shown in **Table 4**. PM_{10} results are shown in **Table 5**. HVAS Monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix A**. Graphical HVAS result presentations are shown in **Appendix B**.

RCA notes that both the TSP and PM_{10} HVAS units ran for less than the 24±1 hour period stipulated within AS/NZS 3580.9.3:2015 and AS/NZS 3580.9.6:2015 on the 21 December and therefore this run event is non-compliant.

Table 3 *Total Suspended Particulates (TSP)*

Run Date	TSP (µg/m3)	Sample Number	Filter Number	Date Filter Off	Time Filter Off	Field Tech	Hours Run
03-Dec-18	59	12186880031	9589212	04-Dec-18	9:30	Client	24.00
09-Dec-18	36	12186880033	9589296	14-Dec-18	6:25	Client	24.01
15-Dec-18	175	12186880035	9519725	20-Dec-18	7:49	Client	24.00
21-Dec-18	22	12186880037	9589214	26-Dec-18	16:53	Client	10.68
27-Dec-18	31	12186880039	9589216	01-Jan-19	18:51	Client	24.00

Table 4 *Suspended Particulate Matter <10 µm (PM_{10})*

Run Date	PM_{10} (µg/m^3)	Sample Number	Filter Number	Date Filter Off	Time Filter Off	Field Tech	Hours Run
3-Dec-18	19	12186880032	9589213	04-Dec-18	9:35	Client	24.00
9-Dec-18	21	12186880034	9589297	14-Dec-18	6:30	Client	24.00
15-Dec-18	110	12186880036	9521249	20-Dec-18	7:55	Client	24.00
21-Dec-18	3	12186880038	9589215	26-Dec-18	16:55	Client	10.66
27-Dec-18	16	12186880040	9589217	01-Jan-19	16:54	Client	24.00

4.1.1 TSP SUMMARY

The NSW EPA Annual Mean TSP allowable limit is 90µg/m^3. All TSP HVAS results recorded during this monitoring period are in compliance with consent conditions, as the *current rolling annual mean* (January 2018 to December 2018) for the TSP unit is 26.4µg/m^3. The twelve monthly graph is provided in **Appendix B**.

4.1.2 PM_{10} SUMMARY

The NSW EPA twenty four (24) hour maximum PM_{10} allowable limit is 50µg/m^3. The 24 hour maximum allowable limit was exceeded during the 15 December 2018 run event. Mining personnel noted dust storms occurring during mid December 2018. The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (NSW OEH) also records air quality data for NSW and on this date the Bathurst air monitoring location recorded an average PM_{10} concentration of 274µg/m^3. Is it therefore considered based on the regional air quality data and observations, that the elevated concentrations on the 15 December were impacted by extraneous events such as dust storm.

The EPA Annual Mean PM_{10} allowable limit is 25µg/m^3. All PM_{10} HVAS results recorded during this monitoring period conform to consent conditions, as the *current rolling annual mean* for the PM_{10} unit is 12.2µg/m^3, which is below the allowable limit of 25µg/m^3.

4.2 DEPOSITIONAL DUST MONITORING

The depositional dust monitoring exposure period for December 2018 was 7 November – 6 December 2018. Depositional dust gauges at this facility conform to AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2016 and AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2016. Depositional dust monitoring results are shown in **Table 6**. Depositional dust monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix A**.

Depositional dust gauge D2 is situated on private property; this gauge was removed at the request of the property owner in March 2018 and monitoring has therefore ceased at this location.

Table 5 *Depositional Dust Monitoring*

Deposit Gauge	Number of Days	Notes	Insoluble Solids	Ash	Combustible Matter	Rolling Annual Average
D1	29	IT	3.0	1.8	1.2	1.3
D3	29	I	2.9	2.2	0.7	1.0
D4	29	I	2.8	1.9	0.9	1.0
D5	29	I	2.8	2.0	0.8	1.3
D6	29	I	2.5	1.8	0.7	0.9

All units are g/m^2/month

I indicates insects noted to be present in sample.
T indicates tree litter in samples (eg. leaves, twigs, gum nuts).

4.2.1 ALLOWABLE DEPOSITIONAL DUST LIMITS

The EPA long term (annual average) deposited dust limit is $4g/m^2$ per month. The rolling annual depositional dust results for all sites within the period (January 2018 – December 2018) are in compliance with consent conditions. The annual average for dust gauges D1, D3, D4, D5 and D6 are all less than or equal to $1.3g/m^2$ per month. Depositional dust gauge graphs showing twelve months of dust concentrations are provided in **Appendix B**.

5 METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING

Pine Dale Mine records meteorological data continuously via an onsite weather station. Details of the weather data recorded during the period 1 to 31 December 2018 are shown in **Appendix C**.

Data availability during this period was 100%.

6 BLASTING RESULTS

No blasting was undertaken during this month as mining operations have ceased since the end of March 2014.

7 NOISE MONITORING RESULTS

Quarterly noise monitoring is required to be undertaken on a quarterly basis. The fourth quarter monitoring is required to be undertaken in the October – December 2018 period. Quarter 4 monitoring was undertaken in October 2018. Noise monitoring results are shown in RCA Australia Noise Monitoring Report *13856-402.0 Pine Dale Mine Operation Attended Noise – October 2018.*

8 OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

All of the approved minable reserves at the Pine Dale Mine have now been exhausted. Operational mining and the last coal sales ceased as of the end of March 2014.

All former operators have been made redundant; however some statutory positions still remain. Pine Dale Mine has been placed in care and maintenance since April 2014.

9 SUMMARY

During the month of December 2018 environmental monitoring results were found to be generally in compliance with EPL 4911 with the exception of:

- Electrical conductivity in groundwater sample P6 was in excess of the of the site specific trigger level.
- The NSW EPA short term impact criteria of 50µg/m^3 for PM_{10} particulates was exceeded on the 15 December 2018.

The elevated PM_{10} concentration has been compared to a nearby NSW OEH station, the corresponding TSP result and local observations and it is considered likely to be attributable to extraneous events occurring in the region.

Rolling annual averages from both the TSP and PM_{10} High Volume Air Samplers are currently well below the EPA Annual Mean TSP and PM_{10} criterion of 90µg/m^3 and 25µg/m^3, respectively.

Currently there are no depositional dust gauge results which are greater than the EPA Long Term (annual average) criteria of 4g/m^2.month based upon a rolling average of the past 12 months.

Meteorological monitoring was undertaken for the entire month of December with 100% data capture.

Pine Dale Mine ceased operation in March 2014 and therefore no blasting occurred at the site. No noise monitoring was undertaken during December 2018.

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The information in this report is considered accurate at the date of issue with regard to the current conditions of the site. Conditions can vary across any site that cannot be explicitly defined by investigation.

Yours faithfully

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Appendix A

Monitoring Locations

EP PDH7/GW Site E

EP DDH7/GW Site A

EP DDH5/GW Site B

EP DDH1/GW Site C

EP DDH4/GW Site D

Bong Water

EPL Site 2

S1

Weather Station

S2

S3

Old Shaft

P6

S4

S5

S6

EPL Site 13

P7

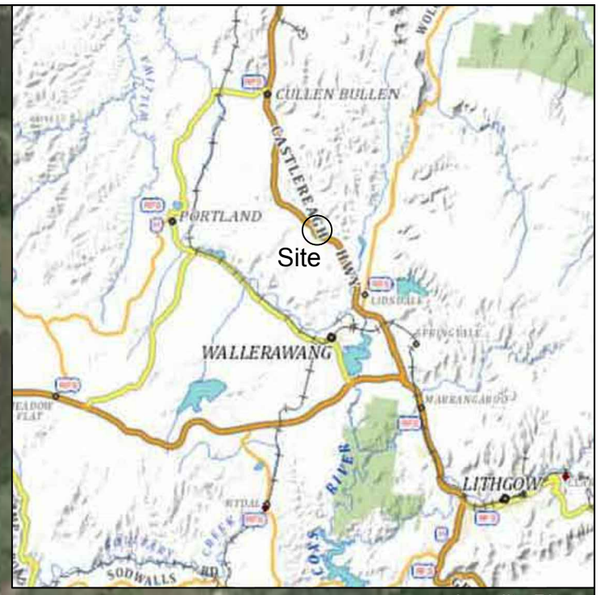
S7

EP PDH4/GW

EP PDH3GW

EPL Site 14

EPL Site 14



Locality Plan
N.T.S.

LEGEND

- Surface water monitoring location
- Groundwater monitoring location
- Enhance groundwater monitoring location
- Meteorological monitoring location

Aerial image taken from Google Earth, November 12 2014

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metres

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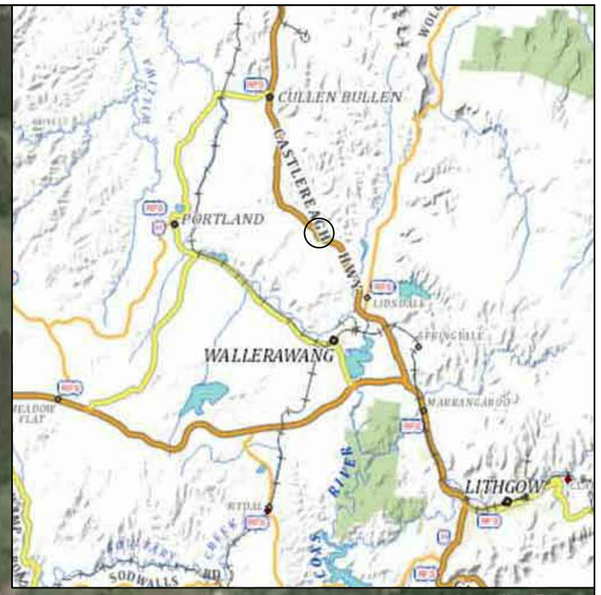

Locality Plan
N.T.S.

PCB1
PCB7
Weather Station
HVAS
D1
PCB2
PCB3
D2
D3
D4
D5
D6

LEGEND

- Depositional dust monitoring location
- High volume air sampling location
- Meteorological monitoring location

Aerial image taken from Google Earth, November 12 2014

0 200 400 600 800 1000
metres

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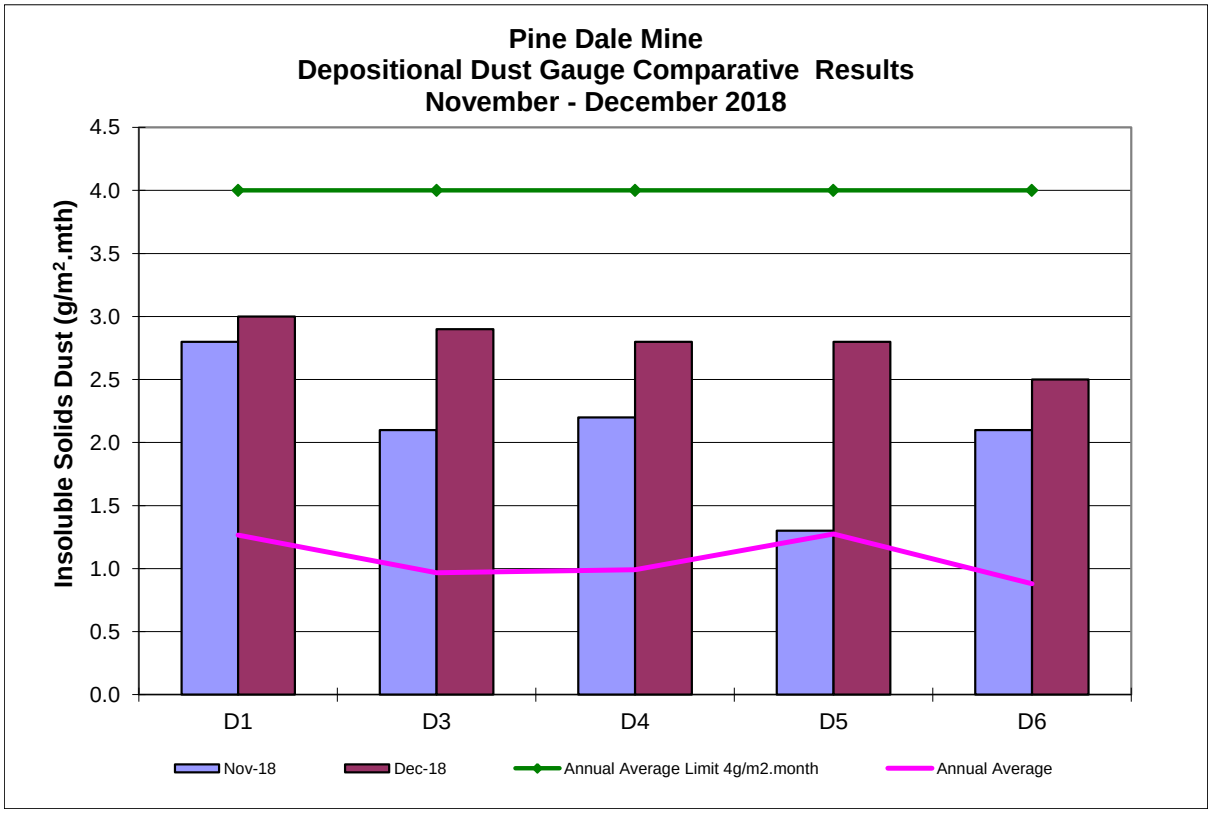
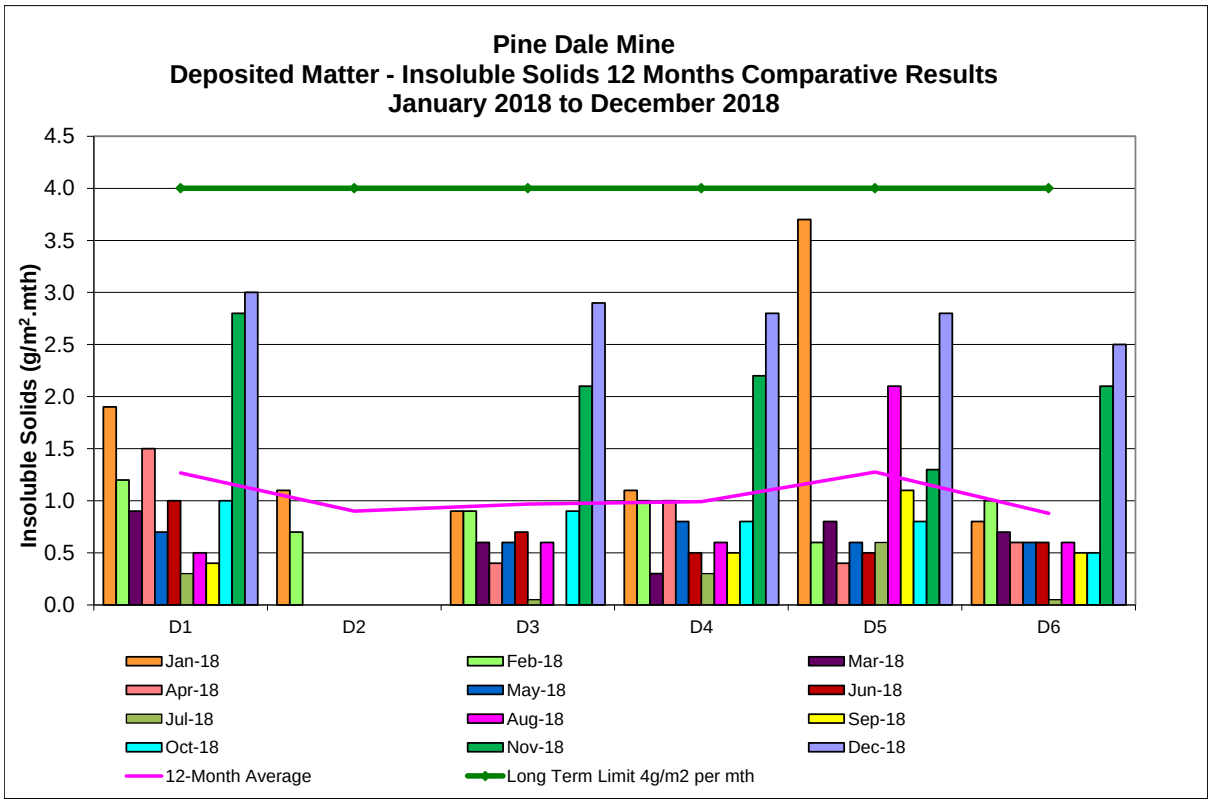
Appendix B

Depositional Dust and HVAS Graphs


Pine Dale Mine
Depositional Dust Gauge Comparative Results
November - December 2018
Insoluble Solids Dust (g/m².mth)
4.5
4.0
3.5
3.0
2.5
2.0
1.5
1.0
0.5
0.0
D1
D3
D4
D5
D6
Nov-18
Dec-18
Annual Average Limit 4g/m2.month
Annual Average


Pine Dale Mine
Deposited Matter - Insoluble Solids 12 Months Comparative Results
January 2018 to December 2018
Insoluble Solids (g/m².mth)
4.5
4.0
3.5
3.0
2.5
2.0
1.5
1.0
0.5
0.0
D1
D2
D3
D4
D5
D6
Jan-18
Feb-18
Mar-18
Apr-18
May-18
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Jul-18
Aug-18
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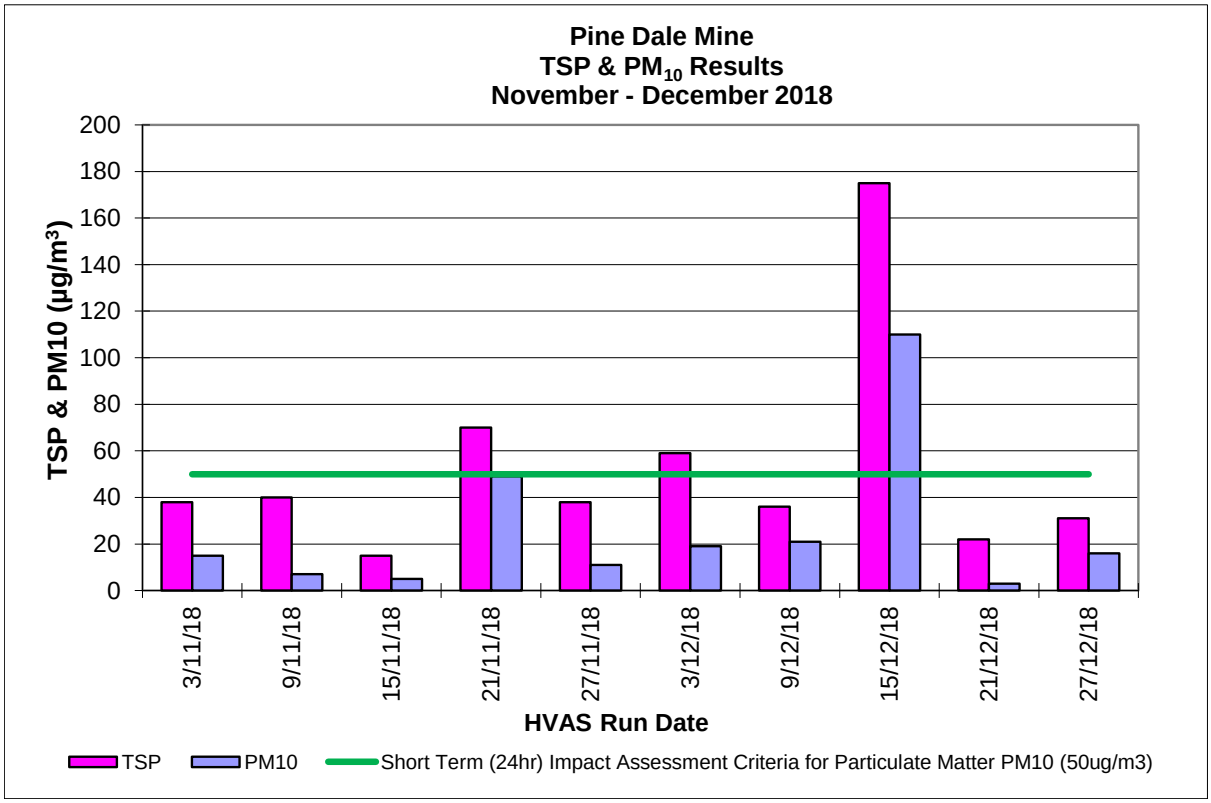
Oct-18
Nov-18
Dec-18
12-Month Average
Long Term Limit 4g/m2 per mth


Pine Dale Mine
TSP & PM10 Results
November - December 2018
TSP & PM10 (µg/m³)
200
180
160
140
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
3/11/18
9/11/18
15/11/18
21/11/18
27/11/18
3/12/18
9/12/18
15/12/18
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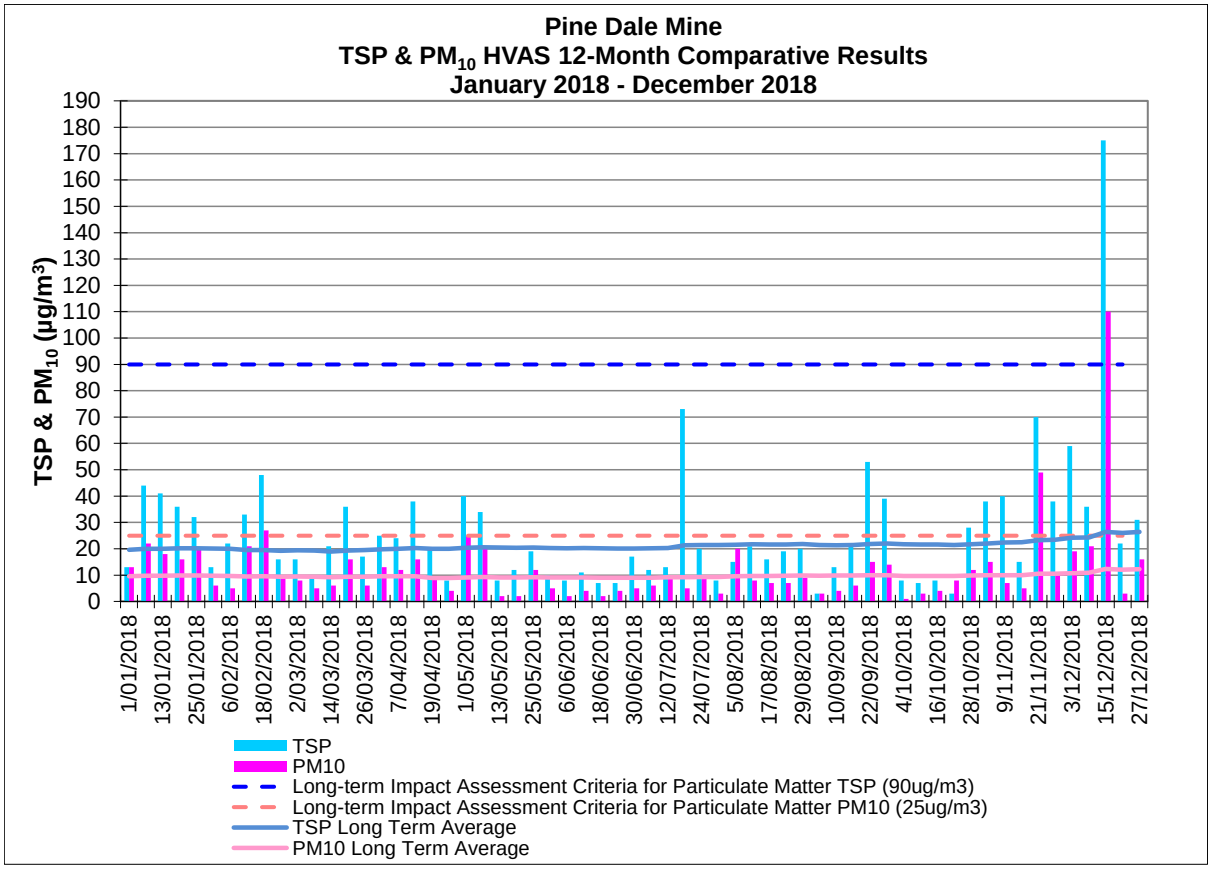
27/12/18
HVAS Run Date
TSP
PM10
Short Term (24hr) Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter PM10 (50ug/m3)


Pine Dale Mine
TSP & PM10 HVAS 12-Month Comparative Results
January 2018 - December 2018
TSP & PM10 (µg/m³)
190
180
170
160
150
140
130
120
110
100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
1/01/2018
13/01/2018
25/01/2018
6/02/2018
18/02/2018
2/03/2018
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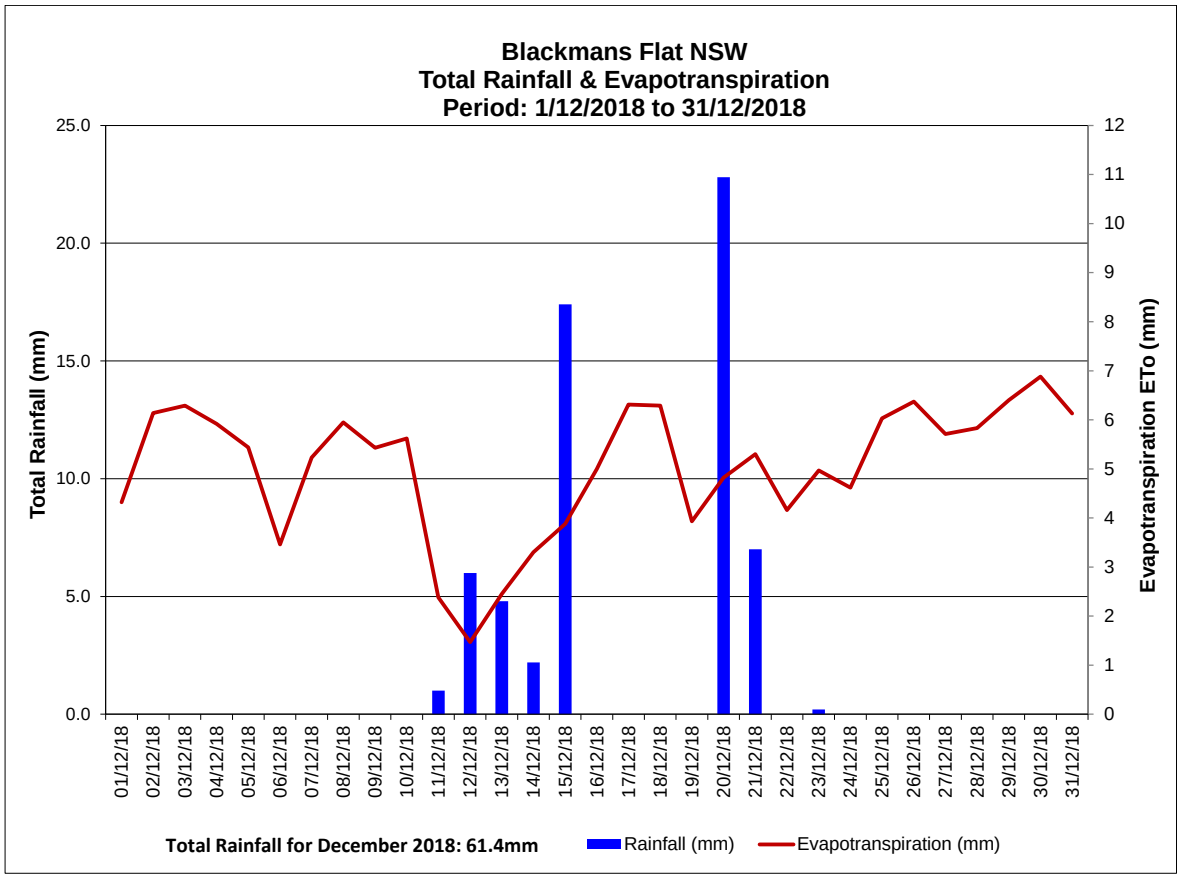
16/10/2018
28/10/2018
9/11/2018
21/11/2018
3/12/2018
15/12/2018
27/12/2018
TSP
PM10
Long-term Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter TSP (90ug/m3)
Long-term Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter PM10 (25ug/m3)
TSP Long Term Average
PM10 Long Term Average

Appendix C

Meteorological Data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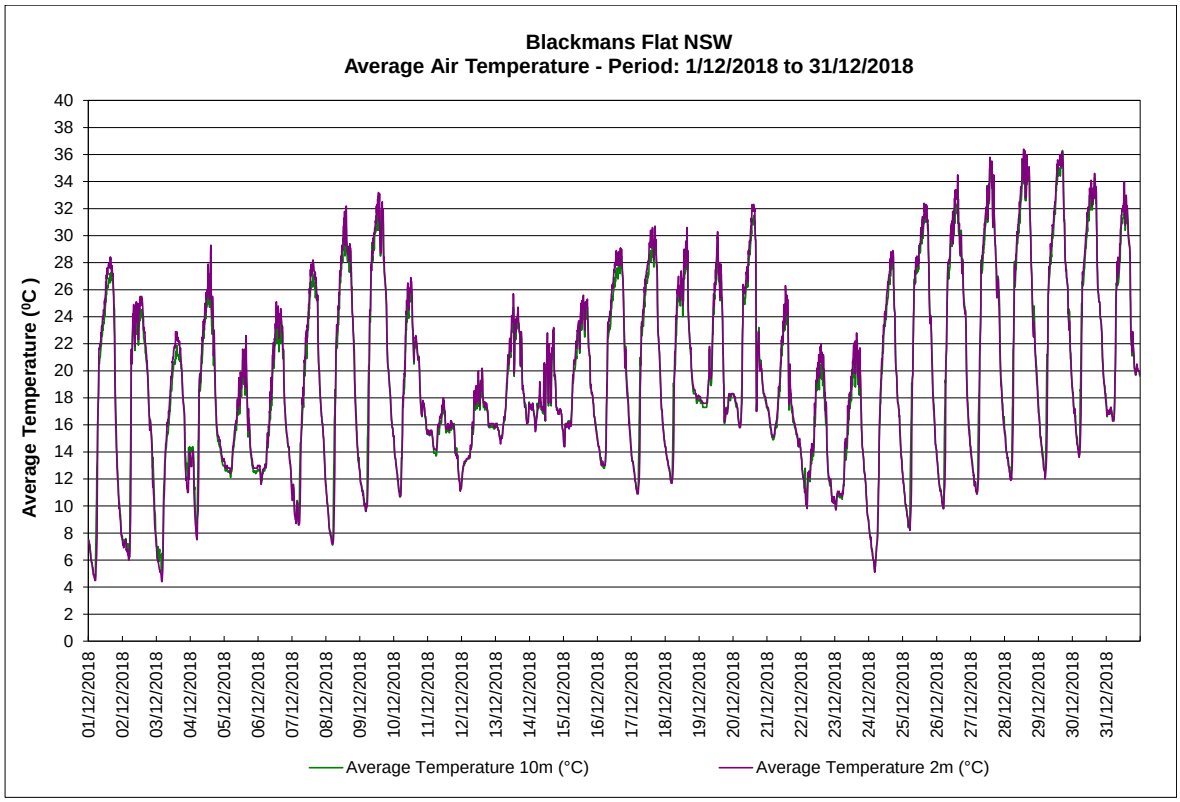
Total Rainfall & Evapotranspiration
Period: 1/12/2018 to 31/12/2018
Total Rainfall (mm)
Evapotranspiration ETo (mm)
Total Rainfall for December 2018: 61.4mm
Rainfall (mm)
Evapotranspiration (mm)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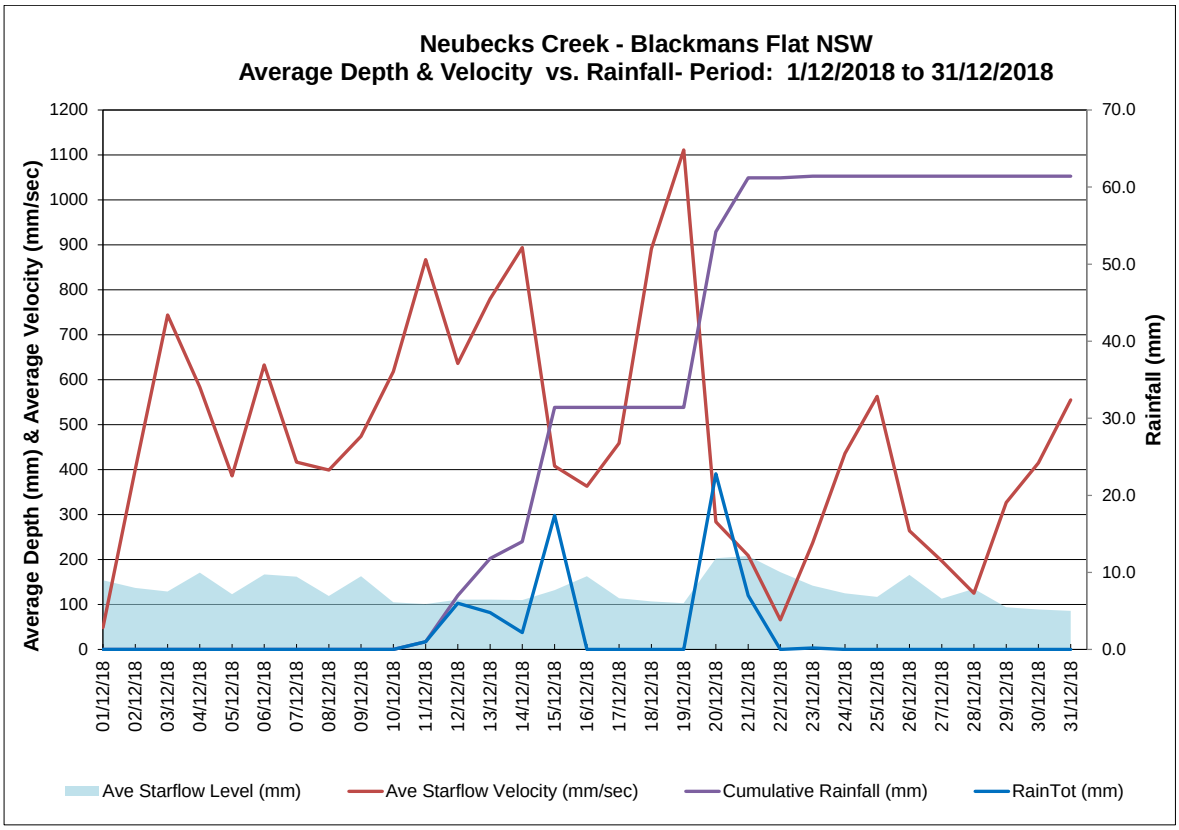
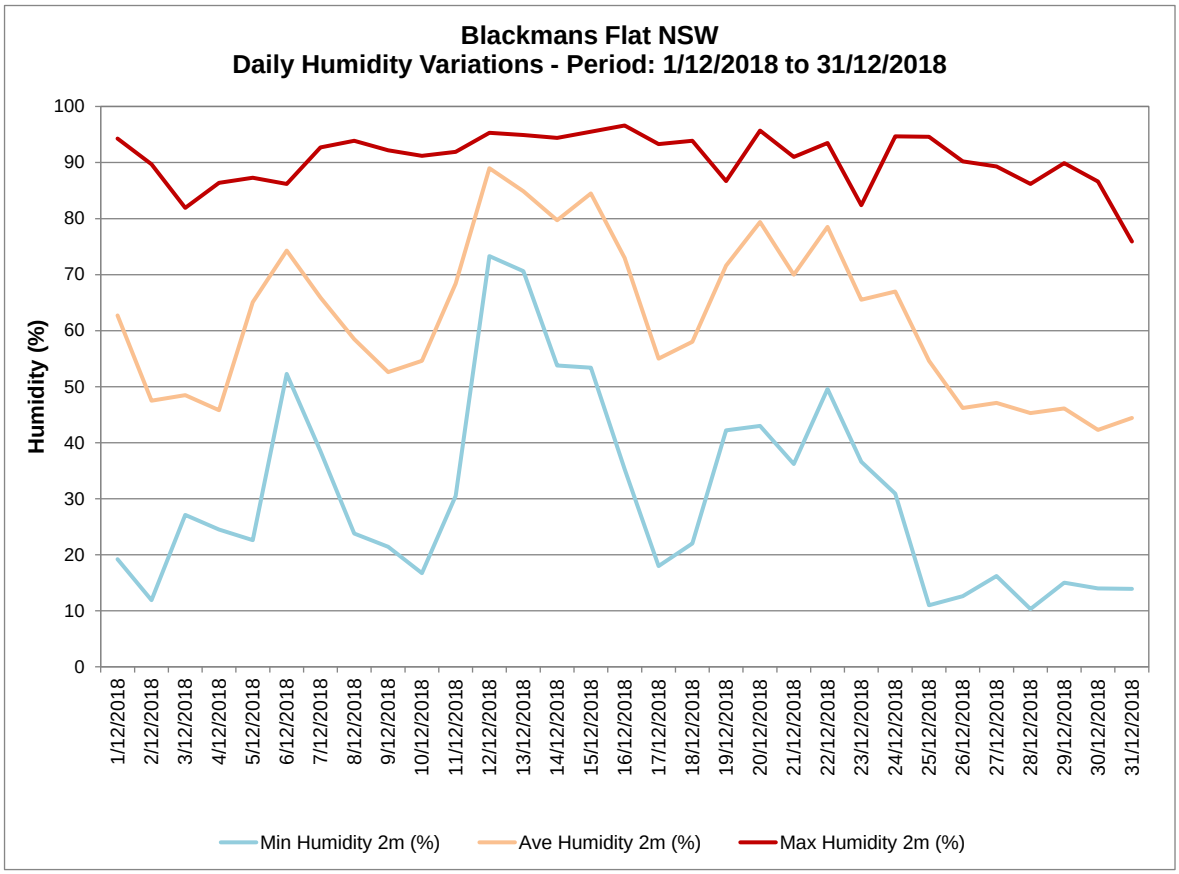
Average Air Temperature - Period: 1/12/2018 to 31/12/2018
Average Temperature (ºC)
Average Temperature 10m (°C)
Average Temperature 2m (°C)


Neubecks Creek - Blackmans Flat NSW
Average Depth & Velocity vs. Rainfall- Period: 1/12/2018 to 31/12/2018
Average Depth (mm) & Average Velocity (mm/sec)
Rainfall (mm)
Ave Starflow Level (mm)
Ave Starflow Velocity (mm/sec)
Cumulative Rainfall (mm)
RainTot (mm)


Blackmans Flat NSW
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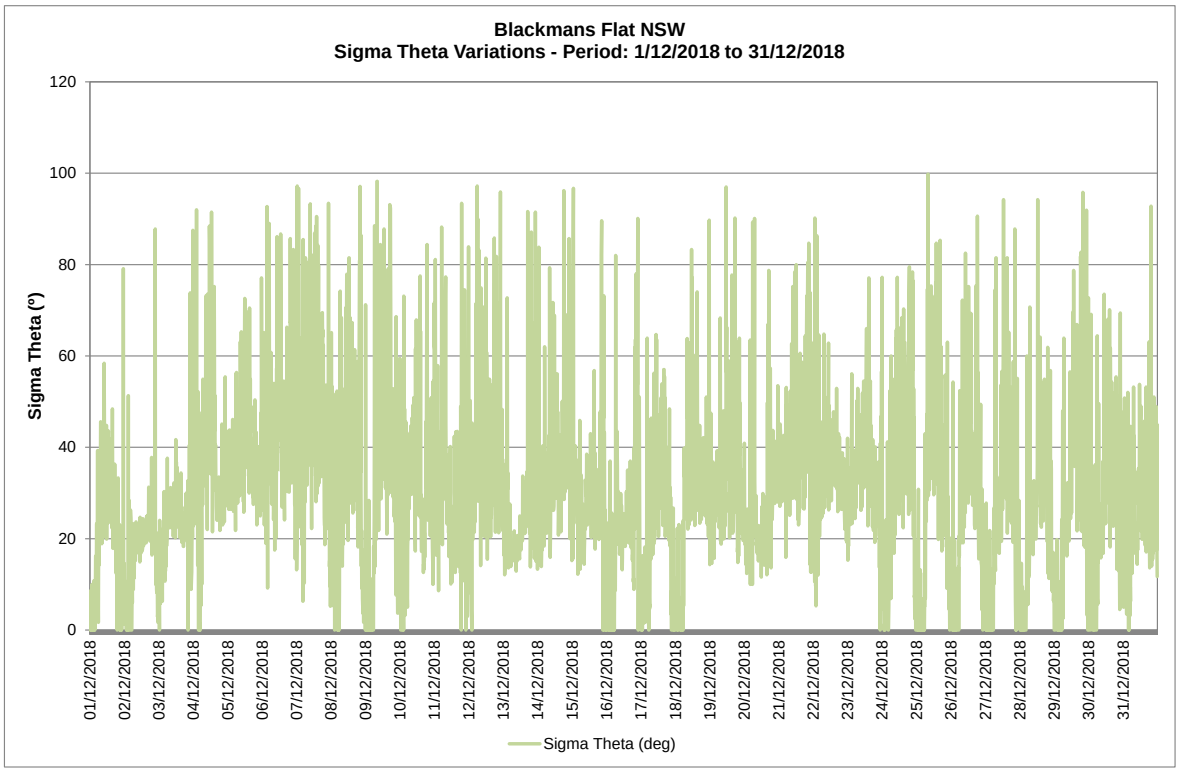
Humidity (%)
Min Humidity 2m (%)
Ave Humidity 2m (%)
Max Humidity 2m (%)


Blackmans Flat NSW
Sigma Theta Variations - Period: 1/12/2018 to 31/12/2018
Sigma Theta (°)
120
100
80
60
40
20
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02/12/2018
03/12/2018
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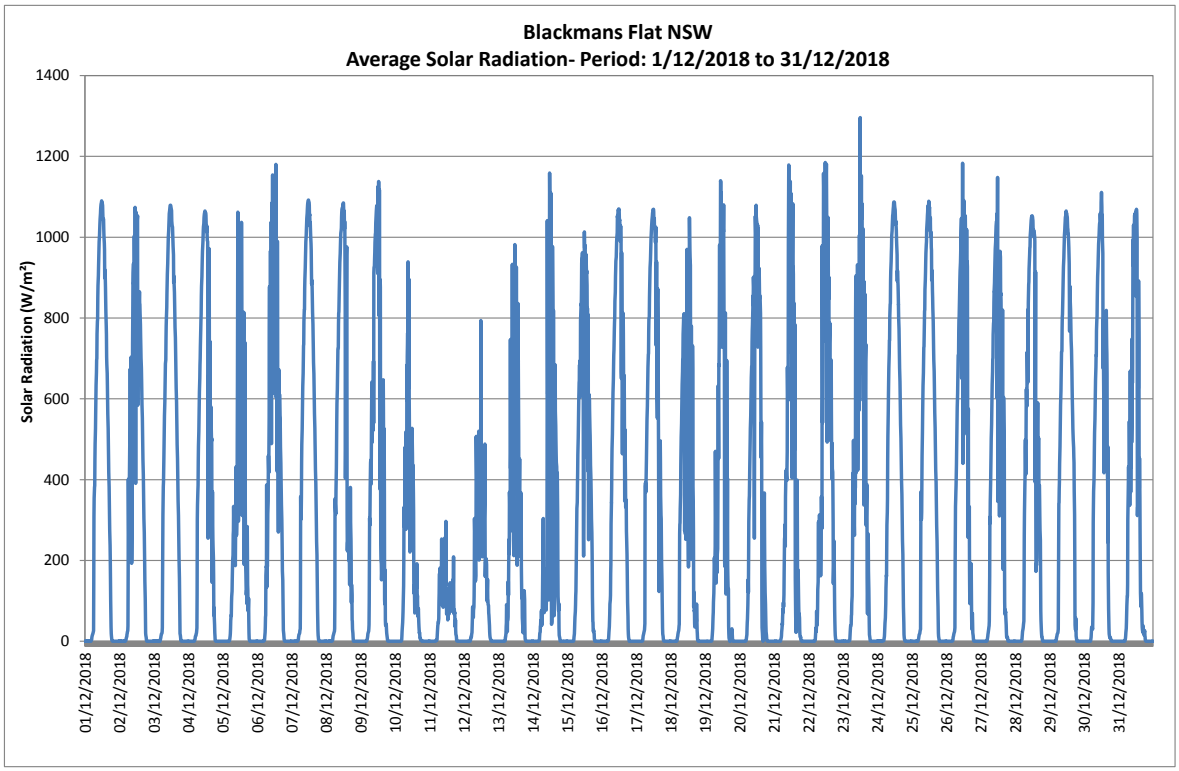
Blackmans Flat NSW
Average Solar Radiation- Period: 1/12/2018 to 31/12/2018
Solar Radiation (W/m²)
1400
1200
1000
800
600
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0
01/12/2018
02/12/2018
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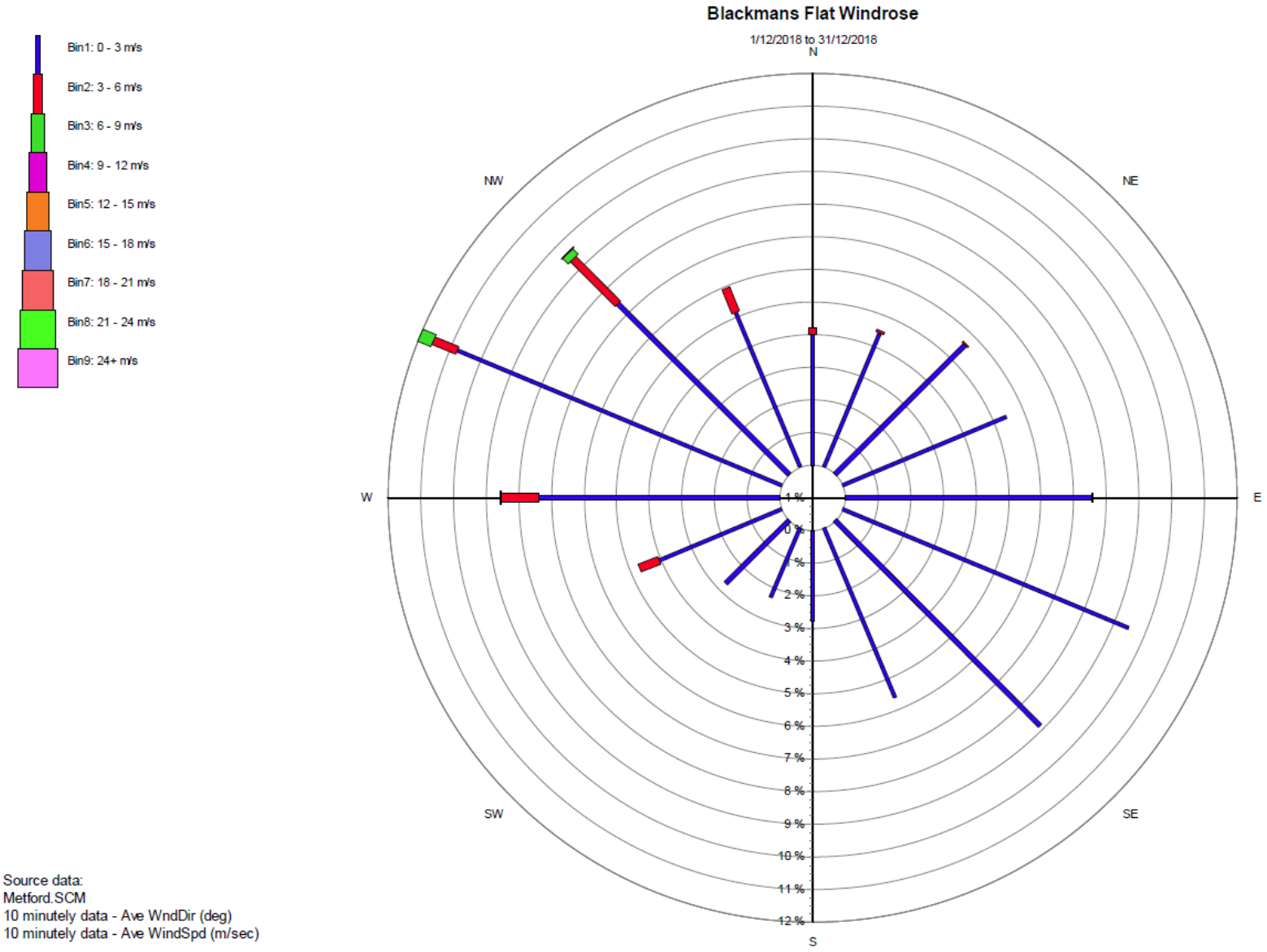

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