SURFACE WATER, DEPOSITIONAL DUST, HVAS AND METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING

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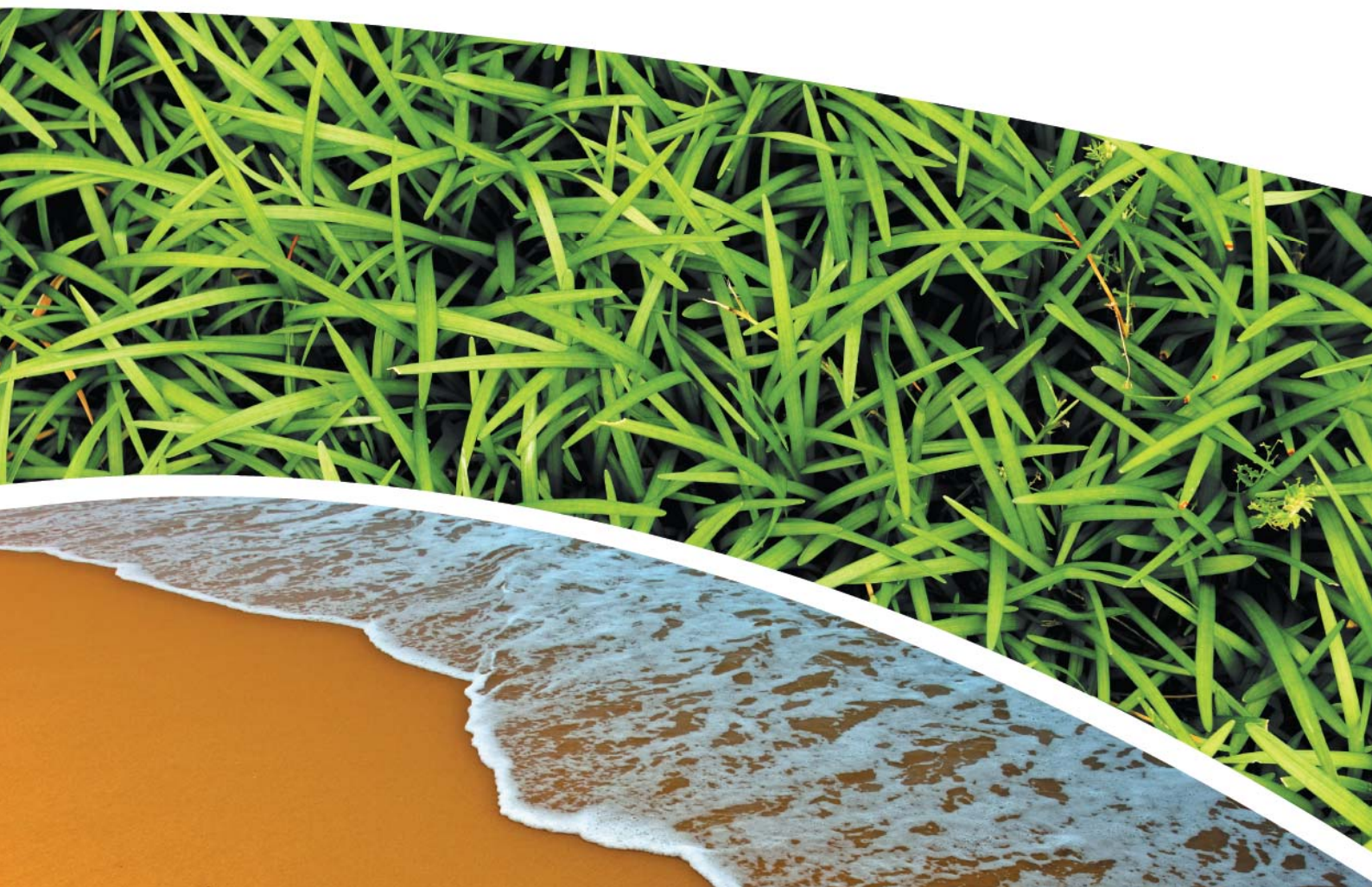

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1 GENERAL COMMENTS

Job Number: 6880.
Date Samples Received: During the month of February 2017.
Samples received were sampled by RCA Laboratories – Environmental staff.

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

Table 1 *Analytical Test Methods*

ANALYSIS	METHOD	UNITS	ANALYSING LABORATORY	NATA / NON-NATA ANALYSIS
Determination of Suspended Particulate Matter	ENV-LAB003	$\mu g/m^3$	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

3 WATER MONITORING RESULTS

3.1 GROUNDWATER

A total of 2 on-site groundwater samples were collected during the month of February 2017. Sampling at Bores P2, P3 and P7a are no longer required under the new sampling regime undertaken in accordance with Project Approval (PA 10_0041) and the Pine Dale Mine Water Management Plan (Report No. 613/20). This sampling regime commenced 1 August 2013. Water quality analysis results are shown in **Table 2**.

Table 2 *Groundwater Analysis Results – Monthly Monitoring*

ANALYSIS	UNITS	P6	P7
Sample Number	-	02176880011	02176880012
Date Sampled	-	10/02/17	9/02/17
Time Sampled	-	8:28	9:20
Depth to Water from Surface	m	23.56	6.71
Water Level (AHD)	m	893.39	887.69
Temperature	°C	16.5	16.0
pH	pH	6.29	***6.23***
Conductivity	µS/cm	903	612
Turbidity	NTU	13	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	5.0	
TSS	mg/L	52	
Oil and Grease	mg/L	<5	
Bicarbonate Alkalinity ($CaCO_3$)	mg/L	45	212
Total Alkalinity ($CaCO_3$)	mg/L	45	212
Sulfate (as SO_4)	mg/L	586	101
Chloride	mg/L	31	62
Calcium	mg/L	119	41
Magnesium	mg/L	64	56
Sodium	mg/L	58	51
Potassium	mg/L	21	8
Cobalt (dissolved)	mg/L	0.067	
Manganese (dissolved)	mg/L	2.5	
Nickel (dissolved)	mg/L	0.115	
Zinc (dissolved)	mg/L	0.13	
Iron (dissolved)	mg/L	30	
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

NOTES: *****Depth relative to ground level (not standpipe height).

Indicates analysis was not required

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

Groundwater monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix 1**.

3.2 EPA SURFACE WATER MONITORING

Routine quarterly surface water monitoring was undertaken during the month of February at three surface water sites (EPA Point 2, 3 and 14). Water quality analysis results are shown in **Table 3**

Table 3 *EPA Surface Water Analysis Results*

ANALYSIS	UNITS	EPA Point 2 Neubecks Ck Upstream	EPA Point 3 Neubecks Ck Downstream	EPA Point 14 Coxs River Downstream
Sample Number	-	02176880009	02176880004	02176880010
Date Sampled	-	10/02/17	10/02/17	9/02/17
Time Sampled	-	08:21	09:45	17:25
Temperature	°C	21.0	23.5	29.0
pH	pH	7.24	7.45	***8.42***
Conductivity	µS/cm	***2588***	***3020***	1120
Sulfate	NTU	1820	1770	127
Dissolved Iron	mg/L	0.11	0.07	<0.05
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	<5	<5	9
Turbidity	mg/L	3	3	4
Trigger Levels*				
pH	pH	7.1 – 8.0	6.4 – 8.0	7.5 – 8.0
Conductivity	µS/cm	2055	2223	1166
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	30	30	30

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

4 AIR QUALITY MONITORING RESULTS

4.1 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.

HVAS Total Suspended Particulate analysis results are shown in **Table 4**. PM_{10} Suspended Particulate Matter results are shown in **Table 5**

Table 4 *Total Suspended Particulates (µg/m³ 0°C 101.3 kPa)*

RUN DATE	TSP (µg/m^3)	SAMPLE NUMBER	FILTER NUMBER	DATE FILTER OFF	TIME FILTER OFF	FIELD TECH	HOURS RUN
05-Feb-17	24	02176880031	9326319	09-Feb-17	16:45	Client	24.00
11-Feb-17	66	02176880033	9326321	15-Feb-17	12:23	Client	24.00
17-Feb-17	44	02176880035	9326323	20-Feb-17	7:40	Client	24.00
23-Feb-17	35	02176880037	9326675	24-Feb-17	14:30	Client	23.99

Table 5 *Suspended Particulate Matter PM_{10} ($\mu g/m^3$ 0^oC 101.3 kPa)*

RUN DATE	PM_{10} ($\mu g/m^3$)	SAMPLE NUMBER	FILTER NUMBER	DATE FILTER OFF	TIME FILTER OFF	FIELD TECH	HOURS RUN
05-Feb-17	14	02176880032	9326320	09-Feb-17	16:50	Client	24.00
11-Feb-17	30	02176880034	9326322	15-Feb-17	12:27	Client	24.00
17-Feb-17	23	02176880036	9326324	20-Feb-17	7:45	Client	24.00
23-Feb-17	18	02176880038	9326676	24-Feb-17	14:35	Client	24.00

4.1.1 TSP Summary

The 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* (from March 2016 to February 2017) for the TSP unit is 20.7µg/m^3, which is well below the allowable limit of 90µg/m^3.

4.1.2 PM_{10} Summary

The EPA 24h Maximum PM_{10} allowable limit is 50µg/m^3. The EPA Annual Mean PM_{10} allowable limit is 30µg/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 9.7µg/m^3, which is below the allowable limit of 30µg/m^3. The 24 hour maximum allowable limit of 50µg/m^3 was not exceeded during the month of February 2017.

4.1.3 Comments

HVAS monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix 1**.
Graphical HVAS results presentations are shown in **Appendix 2**.

4.2 DEPOSITIONAL DUST

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**.

Table 6 *Depositional Dust Monitoring - Deposited Matter – February 2017*

SAMPLE NUMBER	DEPOSIT GAUGE	DATE SAMPLE STARTED	DATE SAMPLE COMPLETED	NUMBER OF DAYS	NOTES	INSOLUBLE SOLIDS (g/m^2.month)	ASH (g/m^2.month)	COMBUSTIBLE MATTER (g/m^2.month)
02176880021	D1	9/01/2017	9/02/2017	31	I	0.8	0.4	0.4
02176880022	D2	9/01/2017	9/02/2017	31	I	0.2	<0.1	0.2
02176880023	D3	9/01/2017	9/02/2017	31	IT	0.9	0.5	0.4
02176880024	D4	9/01/2017	9/02/2017	31	IT	1.0	0.4	0.6
02176880025	D5	9/01/2017	9/02/2017	31	I	0.7	0.4	0.3
02176880026	D6	9/01/2017	9/02/2017	31	I	2.8	1.4	1.4

Glossary of Terms Used in Notes:

I Insects (eg, Ants, Spiders) IT Insects and bird droppings

4.2.1 Allowable Depositional Dust Limits

The EPA Long Term (Annual Average) Dust Limit is 4g/m^2 per month. All Depositional Dust results during this monitoring period are in compliance with consent conditions. The Annual Average for Dust Gauges D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D6 are all less than or equal to 0.9g/m^2 per month, which is below the allowable Annual Average Long Term Limit of 4g/m^2 per month.

Depositional Dust monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix 1**. Graphical Depositional Dust results are shown in **Appendix 2**.

5 BLASTING RESULTS

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

6 NOISE MONITORING RESULTS

Routine quarterly noise monitoring was not required this month. The next round of quarterly noise monitoring is due to be undertaken in April 2017.

7 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.

8 SUMMARY

During the month of February 2017 environmental monitoring constituents were found to be generally in compliance with EPL 4911.

Standing water levels within the site groundwater bores were compliant with their respective trigger levels. The pH at bore P7 was slightly below the respective lower pH trigger level criteria. The electrical conductivity recorded at both bores was compliant with the respective conductivity trigger levels.

The EPA quarterly surface water monitoring was undertaken this month. The pH values recorded at EPA Point 2 and EPA Point 3 were within the respective trigger value ranges. The pH recorded at EPA Point 14 was slightly above the upper pH trigger level (by 0.42pH units). The conductivity concentrations recorded at EPA Point 2 and 3 exceeded the respective site specific trigger levels. The conductivity at EPA Point 14 was below the respective trigger level criterion. The total suspended solids concentrations at the three EPA surface water sites was below the specified trigger level.

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 30µg/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.

Pine Dale Mine ceased operation in March 2014 and therefore no blasting occurred at the site.

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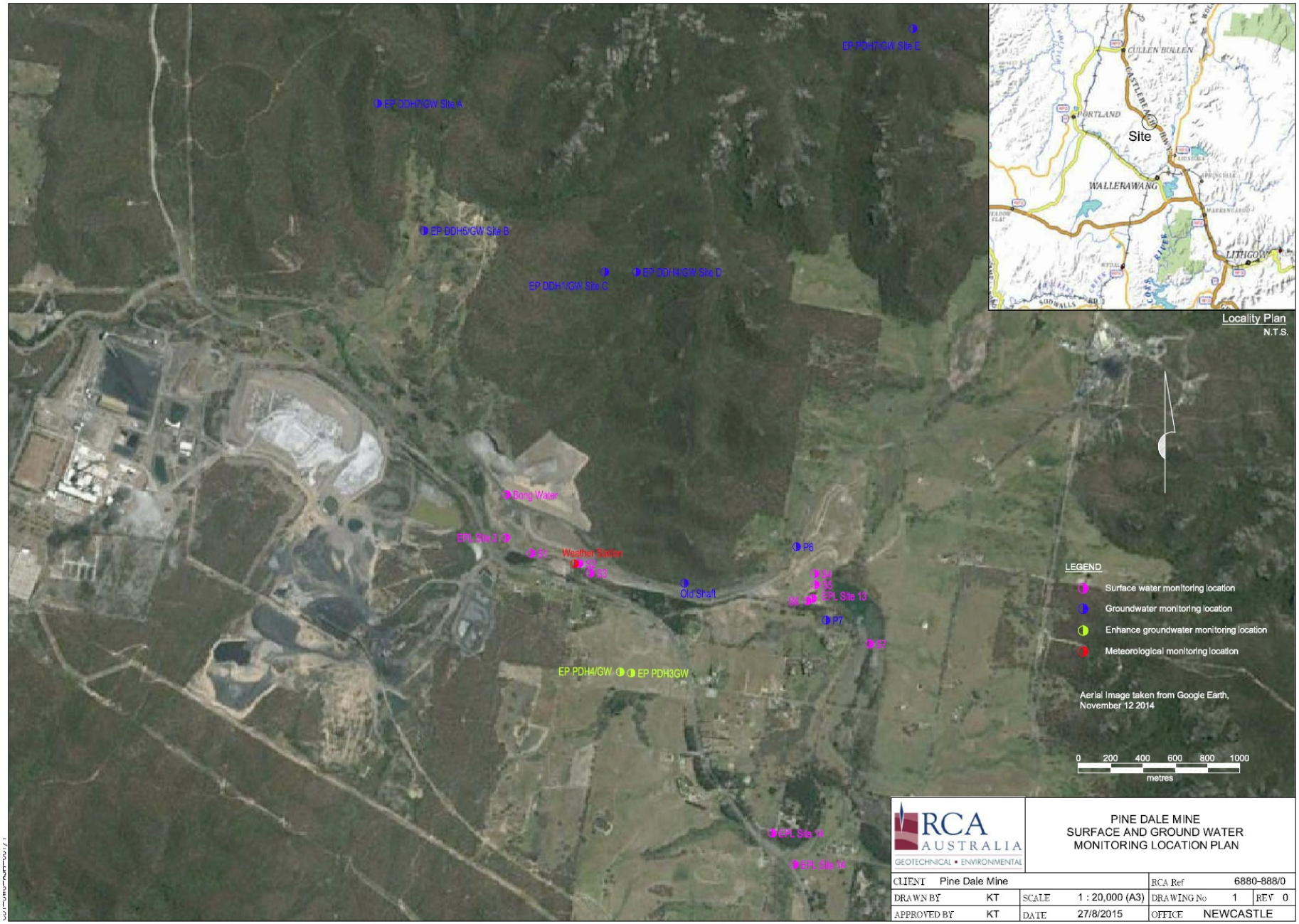
Appendix 1

Surface Water Groundwater and Air Quality Monitoring Locations



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SURFACE AND GROUND WATER MONITORING LOCATION PLAN

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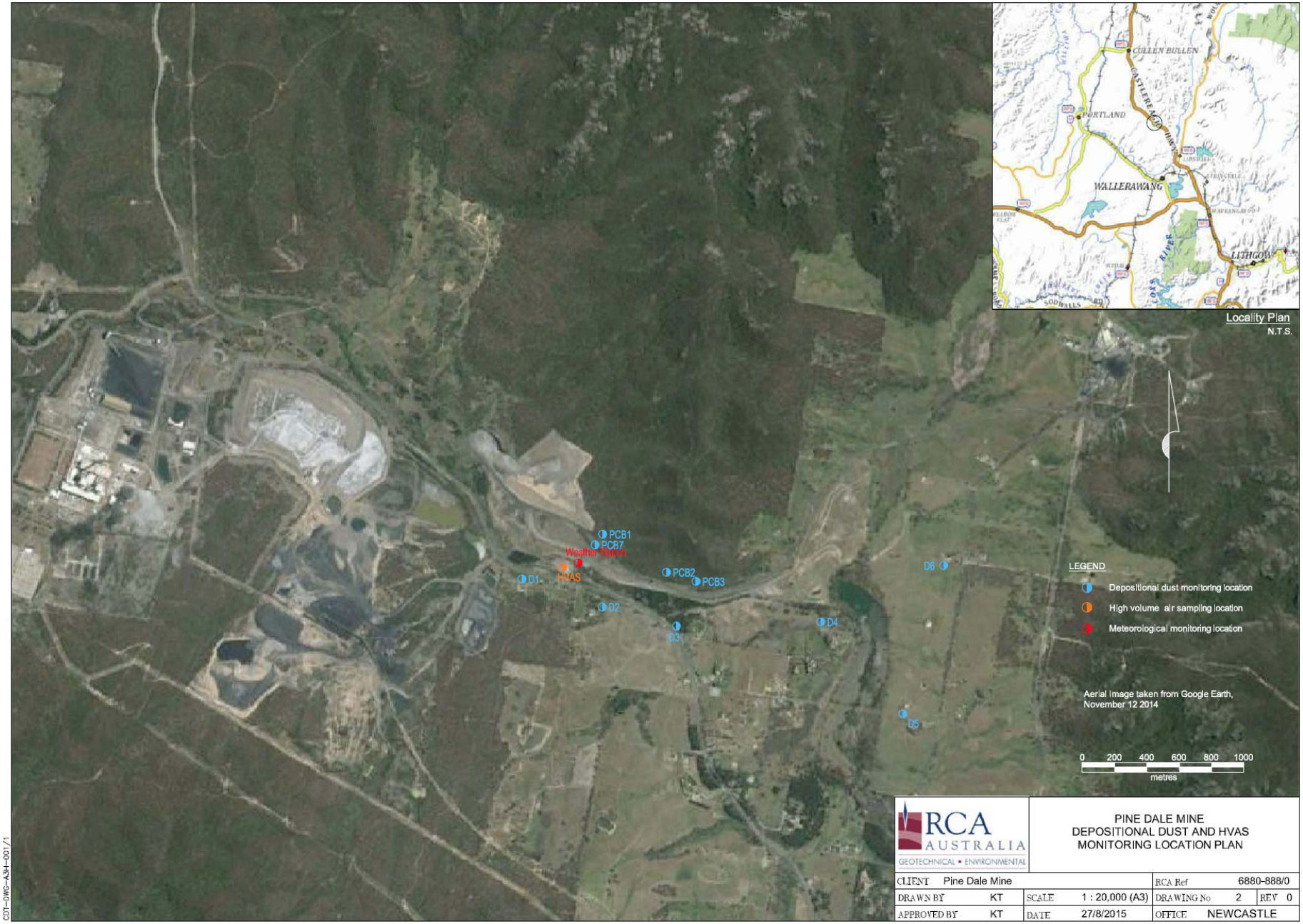

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DEPOSITIONAL DUST AND HVAS
MONITORING LOCATION PLAN

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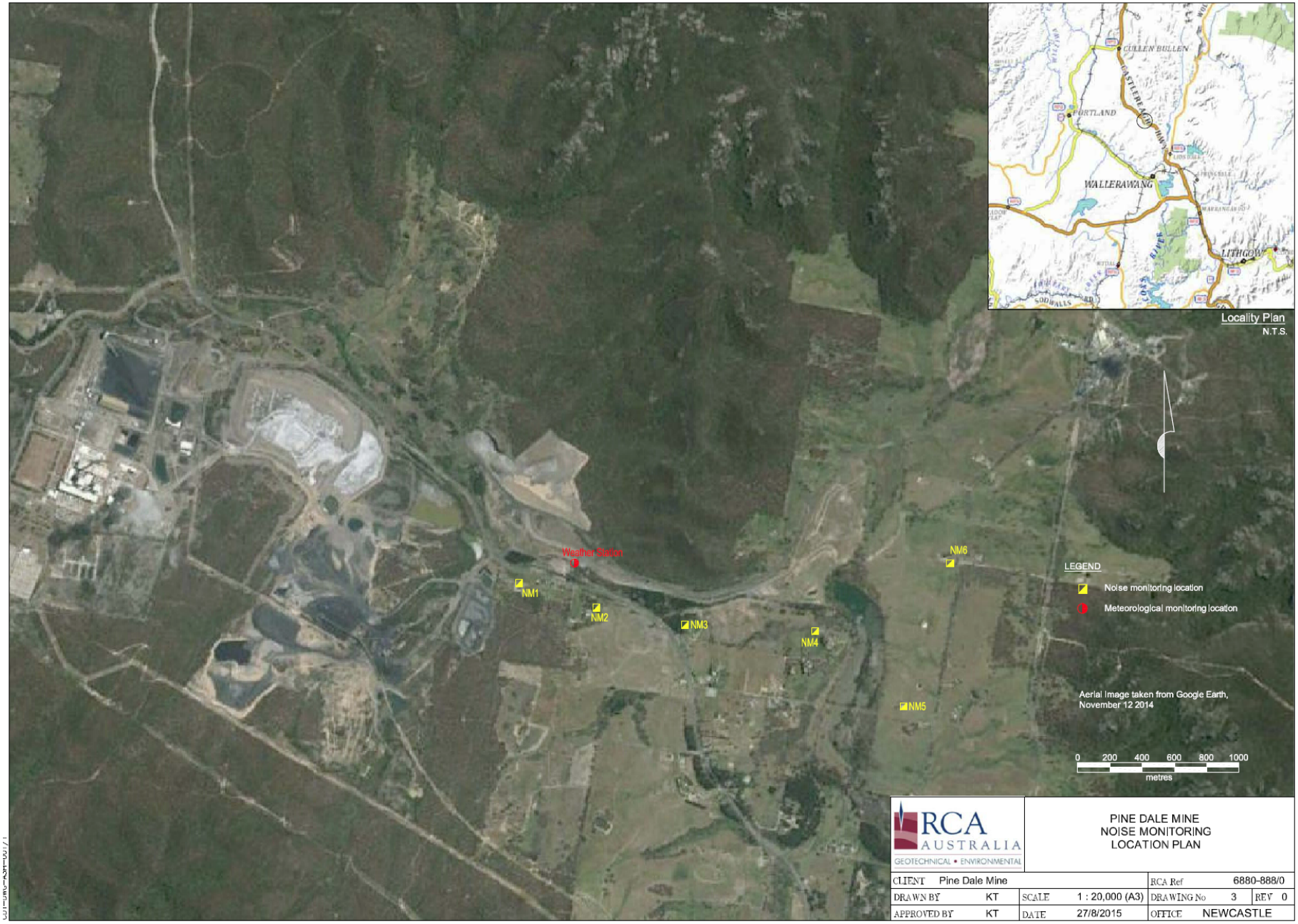

Locality Plan
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PINE DALE MINE
NOISE MONITORING
LOCATION PLAN

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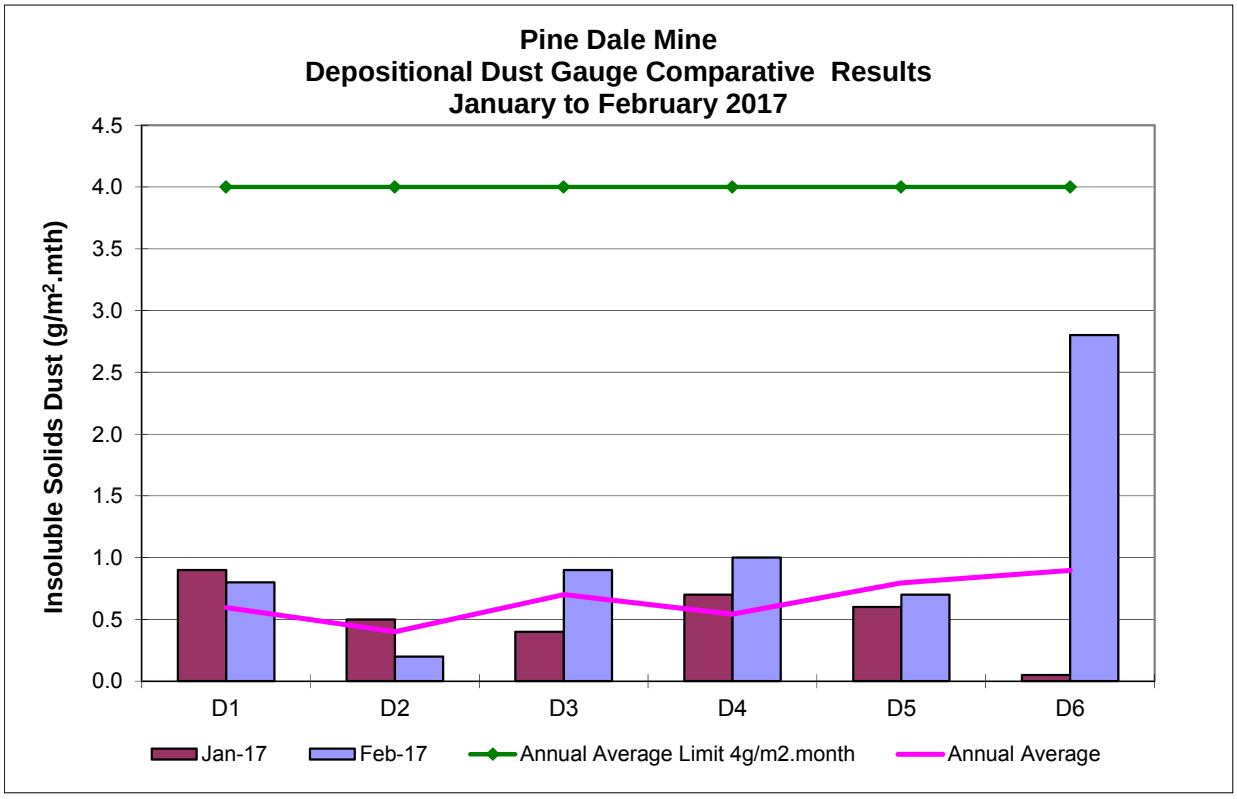
Appendix 2

Depositional Dust and HVAS Graphs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Insoluble Solids Dust (g/m².mth)
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4.0
3.5
3.0
2.5
2.0
1.5
1.0
0.5
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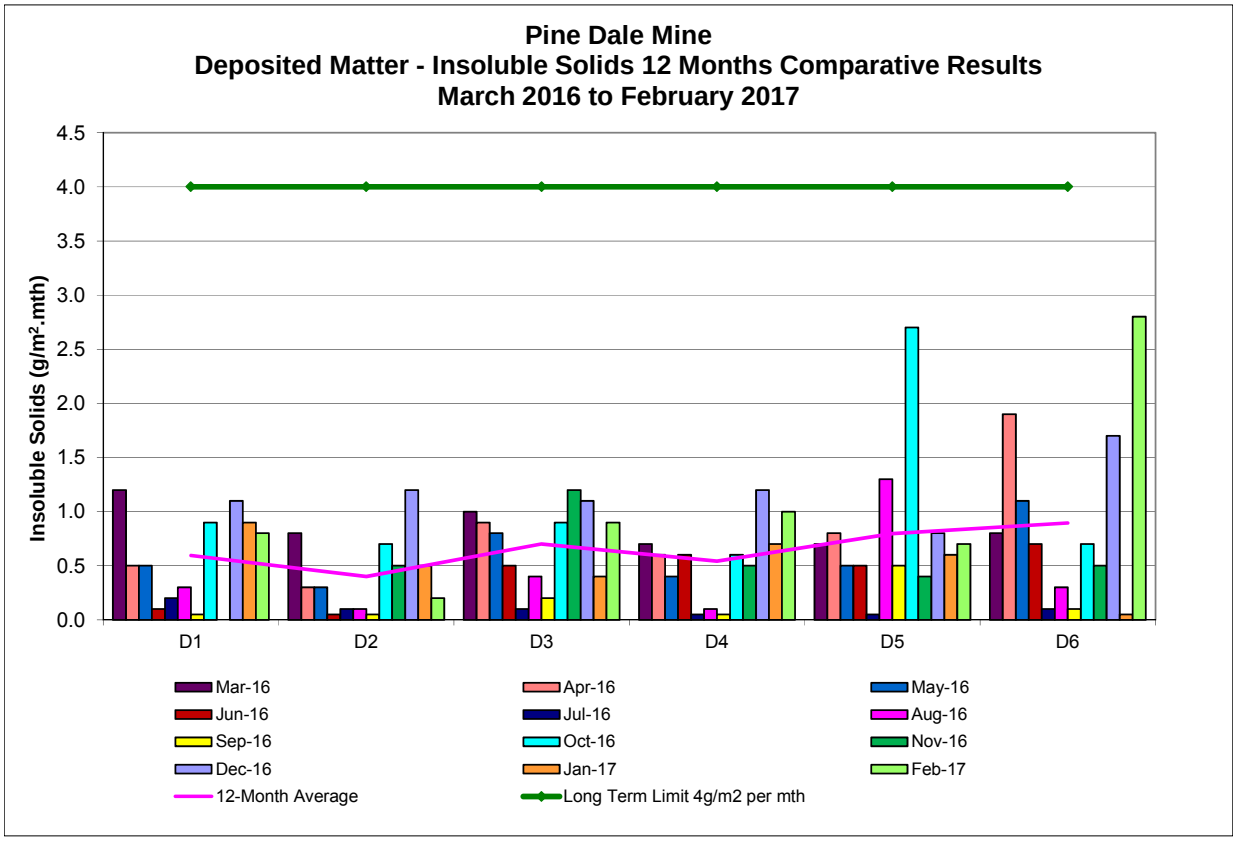
D1
D2
D3
D4
D5
D6
Jan-17
Feb-17
Annual Average Limit 4g/m2.month
Annual Average


Pine Dale Mine
Deposited Matter - Insoluble Solids 12 Months Comparative Results
March 2016 to February 2017
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
Mar-16
Apr-16
May-16
Jun-16
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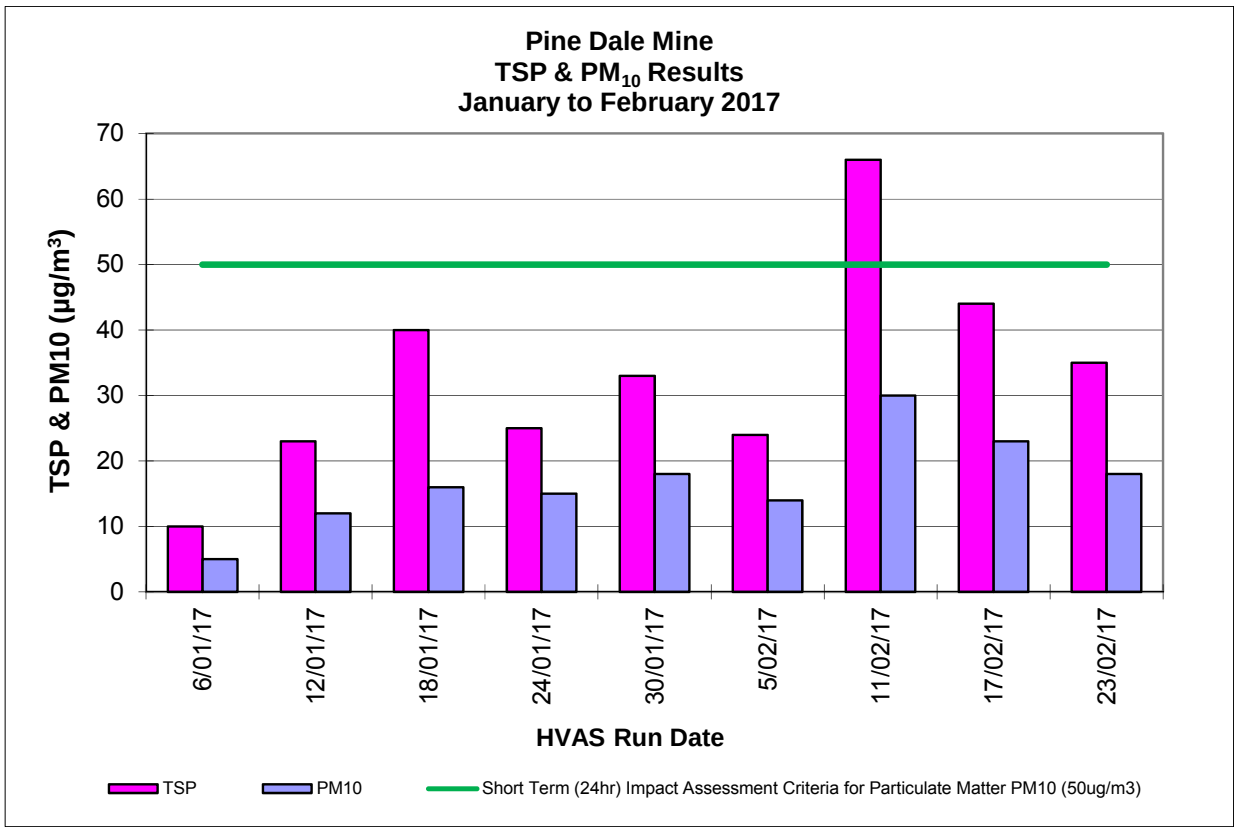
12-Month Average
Long Term Limit 4g/m2 per mth


Pine Dale Mine
TSP & PM10 Results
January to February 2017
TSP & PM10 (µg/m³)
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
6/01/17
12/01/17
18/01/17
24/01/17
30/01/17
5/02/17
11/02/17
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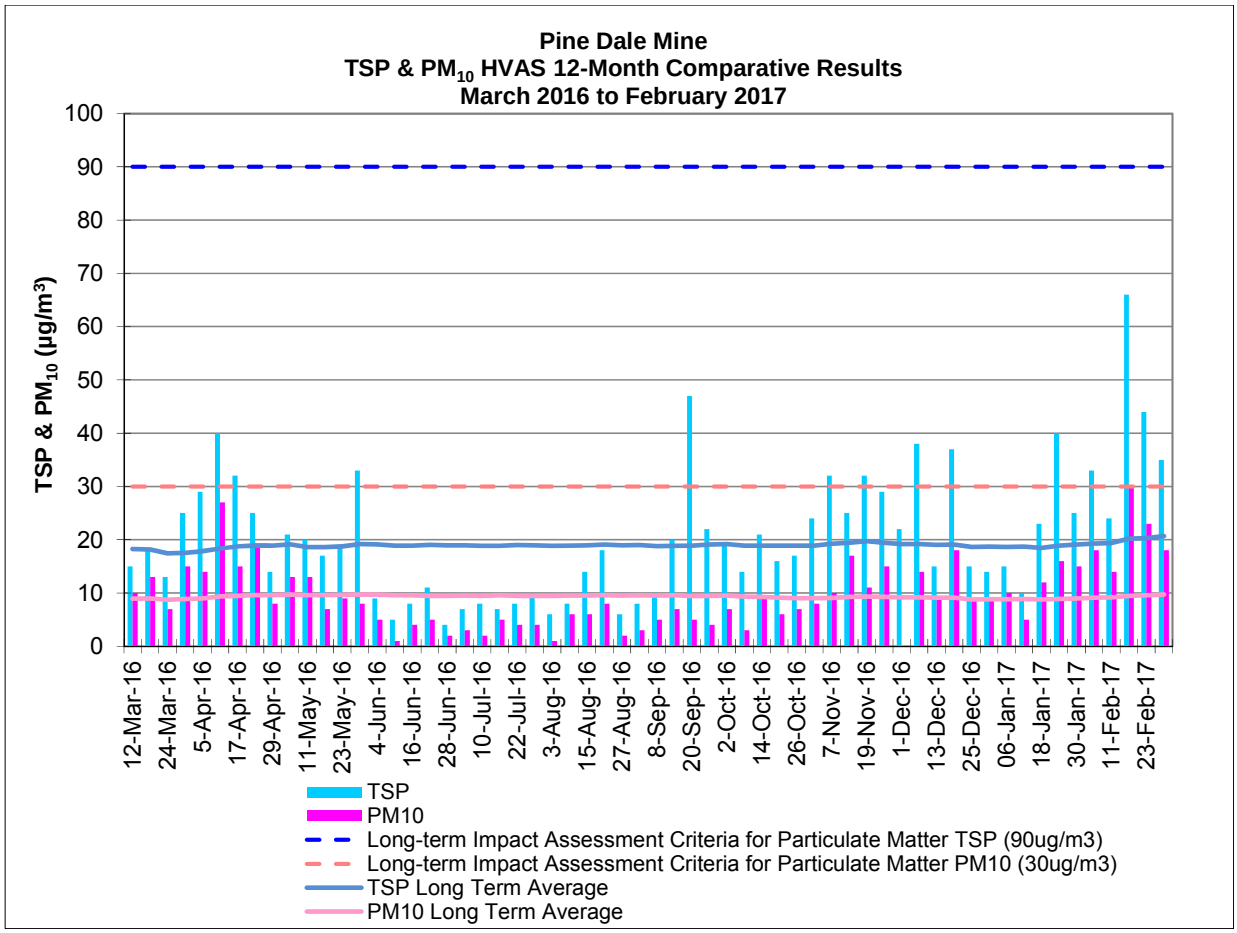
23/02/17
HVAS Run Date
TSP
PM10
Short Term (24hr) Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter PM10 (50ug/m3)


Pine Dale Mine
TSP & PM10 HVAS 12-Month Comparative Results
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90
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20
10
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12-Mar-16
24-Mar-16
5-Apr-16
17-Apr-16
29-Apr-16
11-May-16
23-May-16
4-Jun-16
16-Jun-16
28-Jun-16
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22-Jul-16
3-Aug-16
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7-Nov-16
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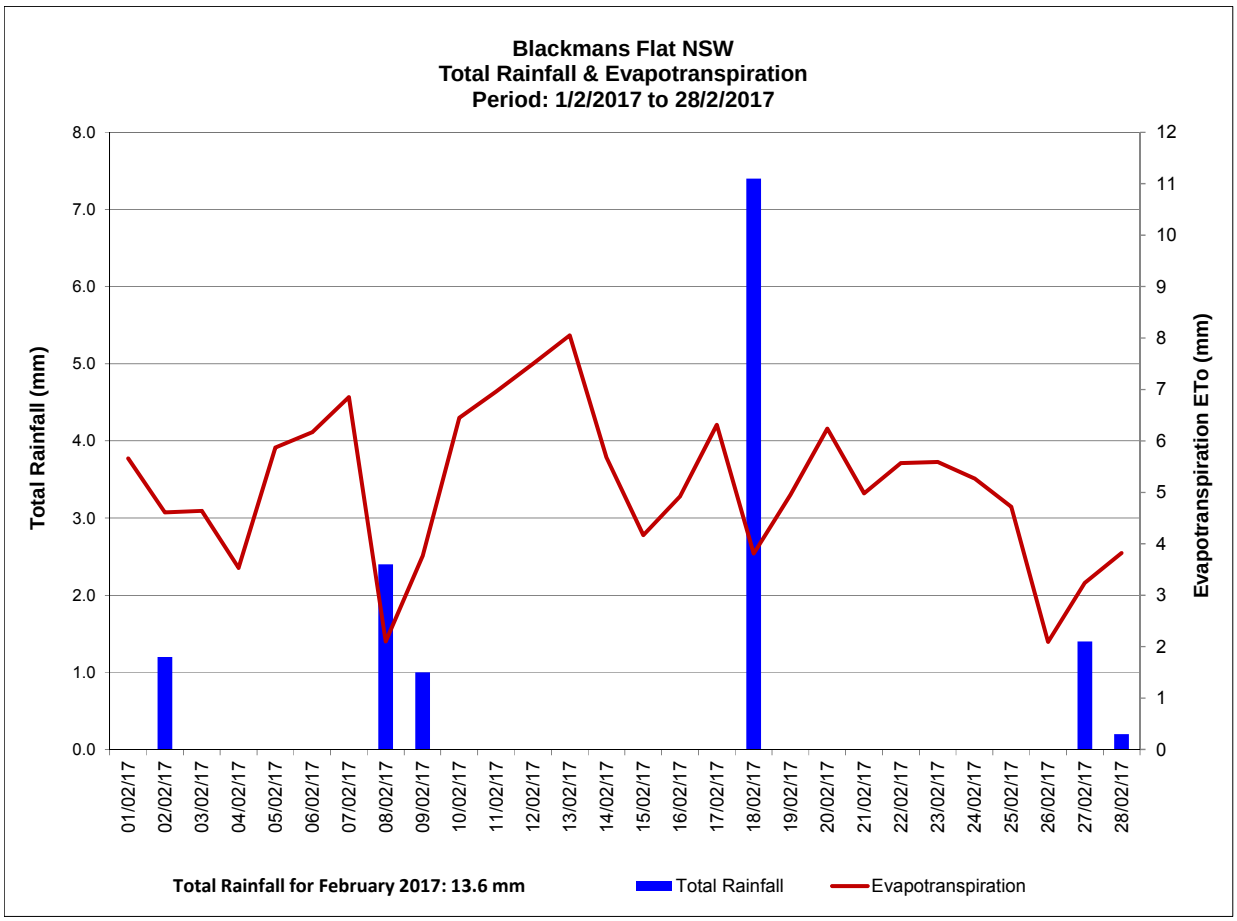
1-Dec-16
13-Dec-16
25-Dec-16
06-Jan-17
18-Jan-17
30-Jan-17
11-Feb-17
23-Feb-17
TSP
PM10
Long-term Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter TSP (90ug/m3)
Long-term Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter PM10 (30ug/m3)
TSP Long Term Average
PM10 Long Term Average

Appendix 3

Meteorological Data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Total Rainfall & Evapotranspiration
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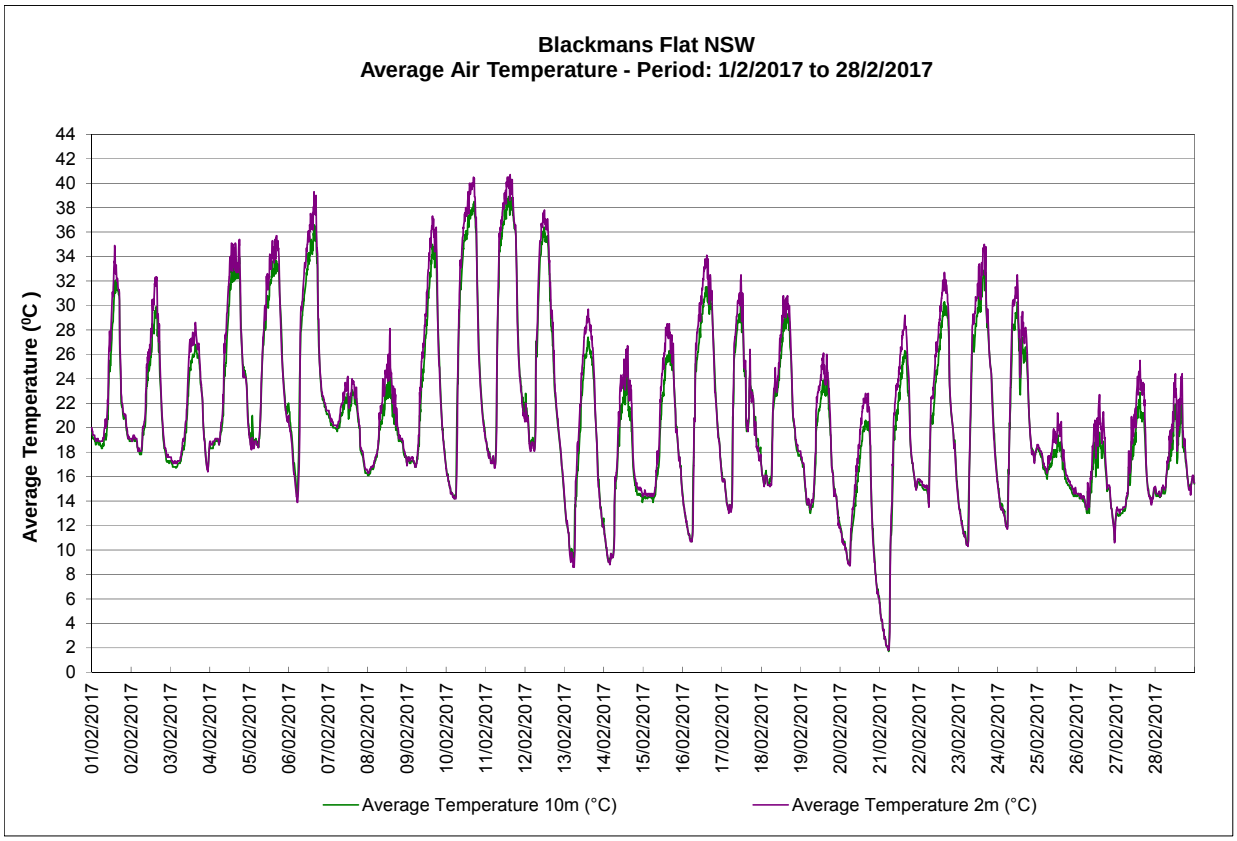
Total Rainfall (mm)
Evapotranspiration ETo (mm)
Total Rainfall for February 2017: 13.6 mm
Total Rainfall
Evapotranspiration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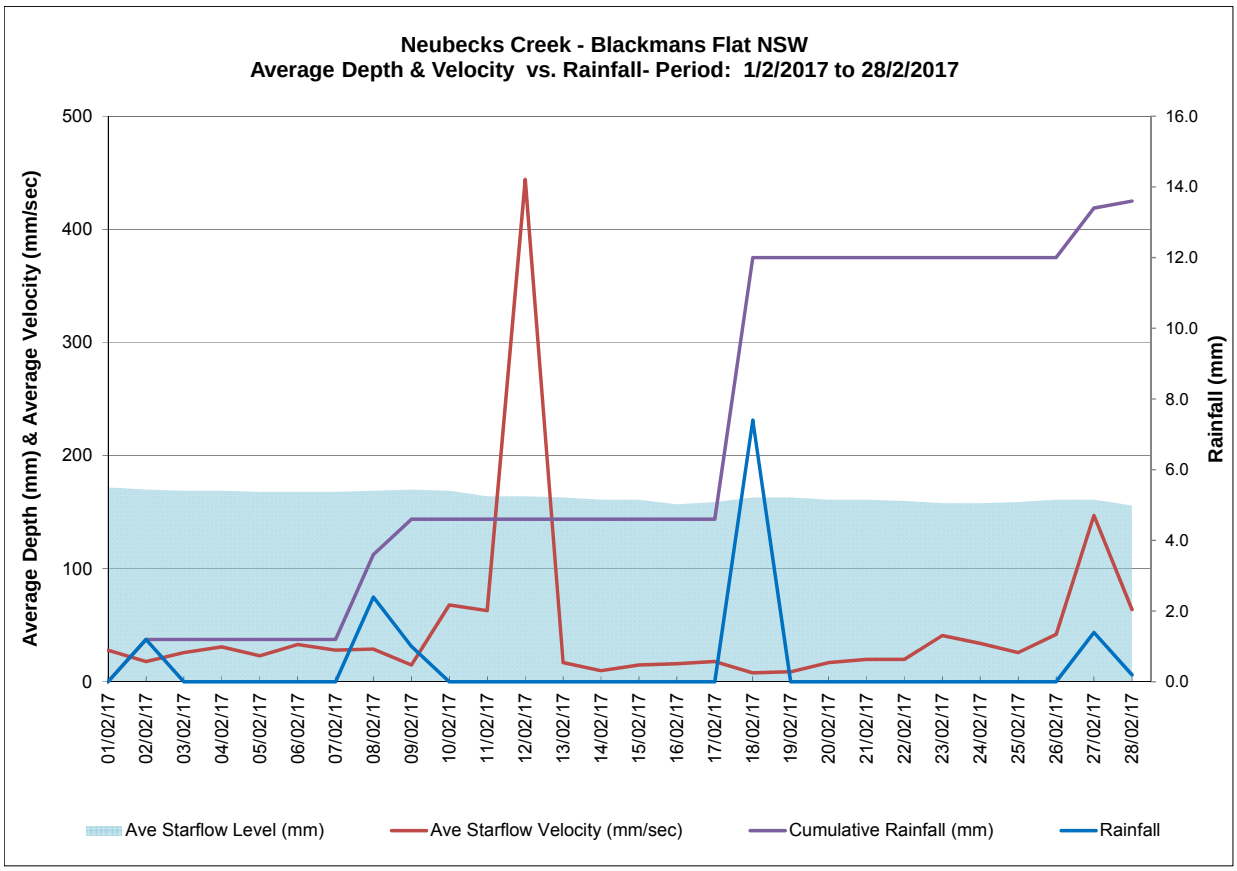
Average Air Temperature - Period: 1/2/2017 to 28/2/2017
Average Temperature (ºC)
Average Temperature 10m (°C)
Average Temperature 2m (°C)


Neubecks Creek - Blackmans Flat NSW
Average Depth & Velocity vs. Rainfall- Period: 1/2/2017 to 28/2/2017
Average Depth (mm) & Average Velocity (mm/sec)
Rainfall (mm)
500
400
300
200
100
0
16.0
14.0
12.0
10.0
8.0
6.0
4.0
2.0
0.0
01/02/17
02/02/17
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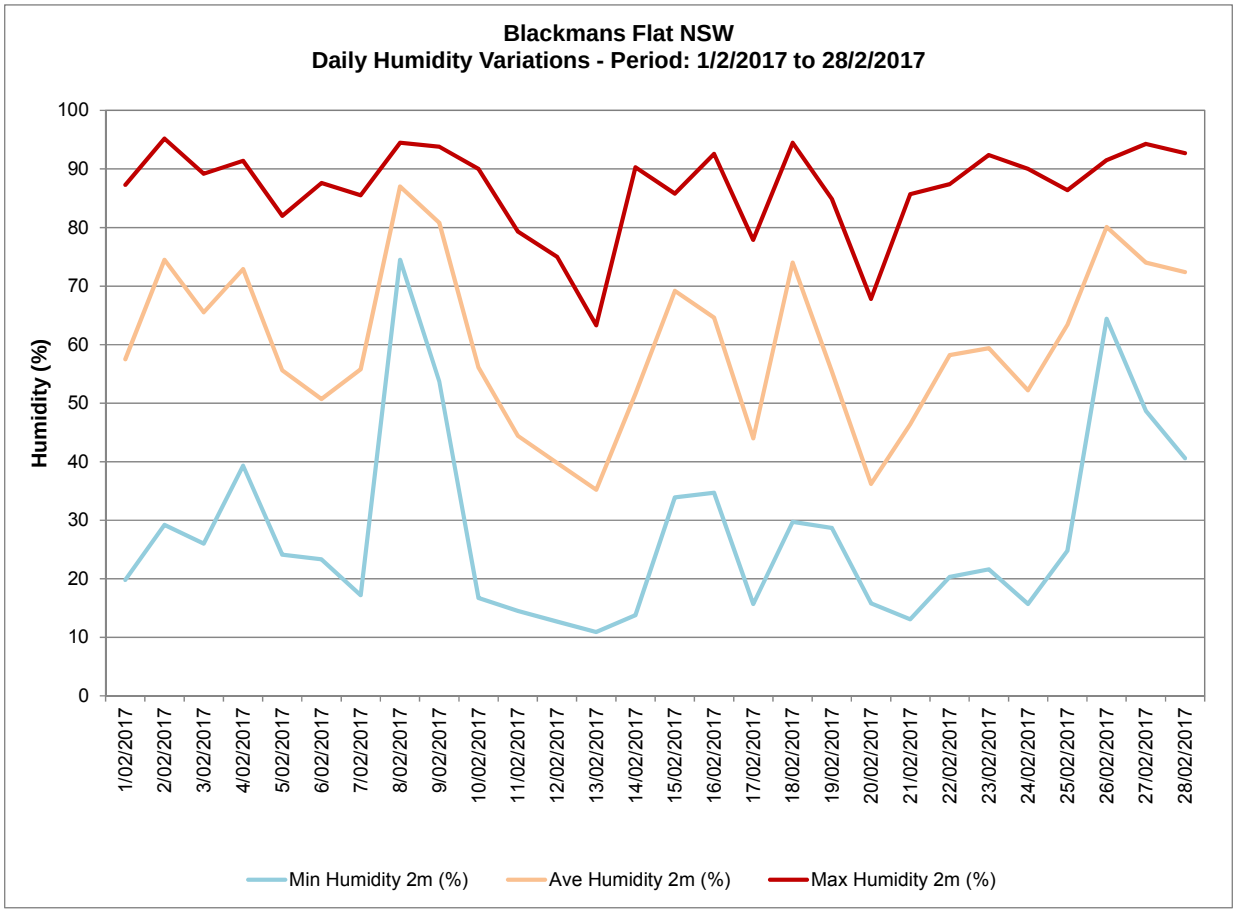
Ave Starflow Level (mm)
Ave Starflow Velocity (mm/sec)
Cumulative Rainfall (mm)
Rainfall


Blackmans Flat NSW
Daily Humidity Variations - Period: 1/2/2017 to 28/2/2017
Humidity (%)
100
90
80
70
60
50
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30
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1/02/2017
2/02/2017
3/02/2017
4/02/2017
5/02/2017
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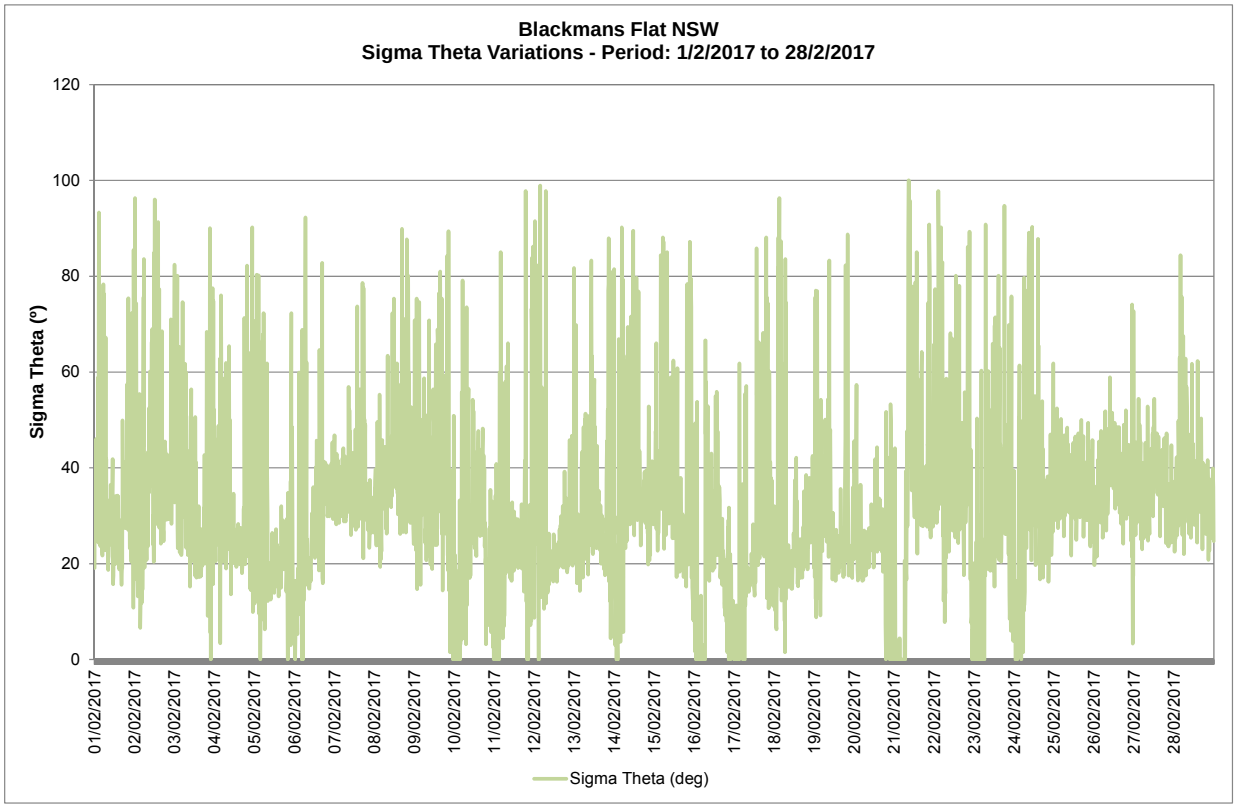
Blackmans Flat NSW
Sigma Theta Variations - Period: 1/2/2017 to 28/2/2017
Sigma Theta (°)
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100
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60
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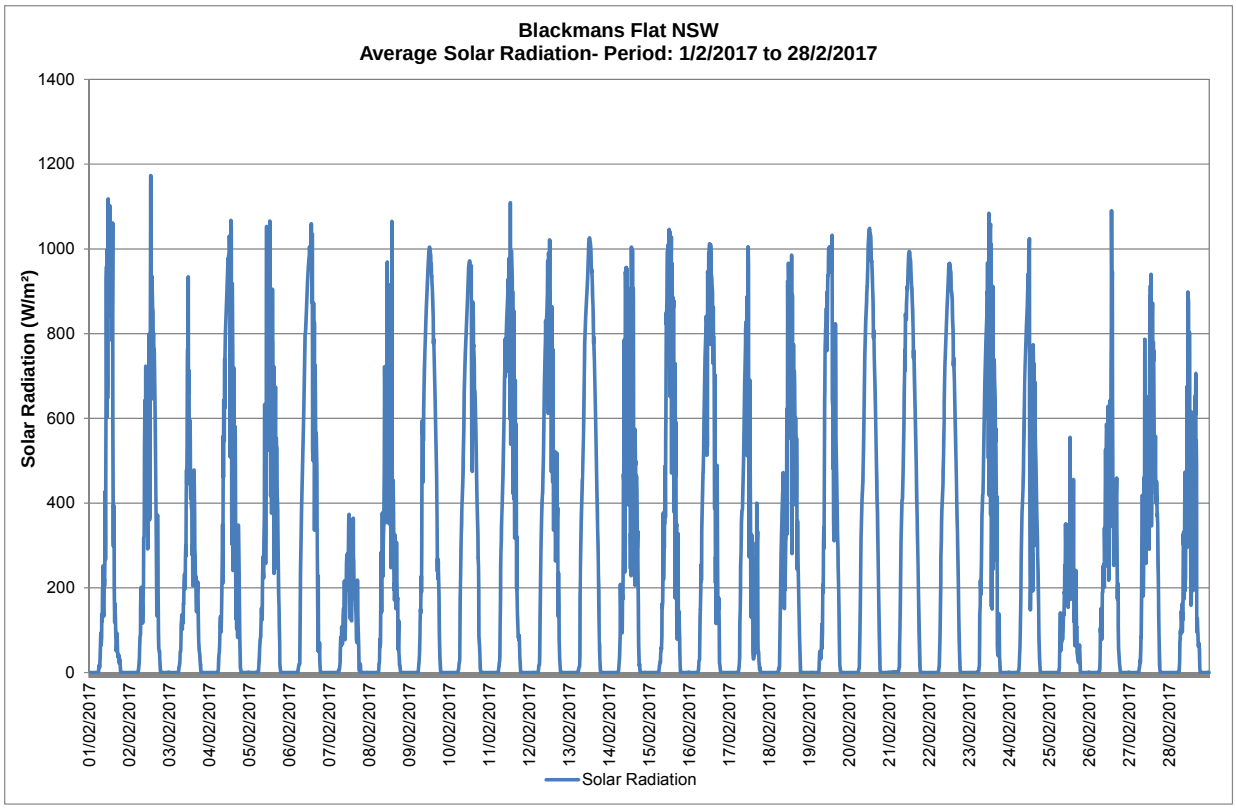
Blackmans Flat NSW
Average Solar Radiation- Period: 1/2/2017 to 28/2/2017
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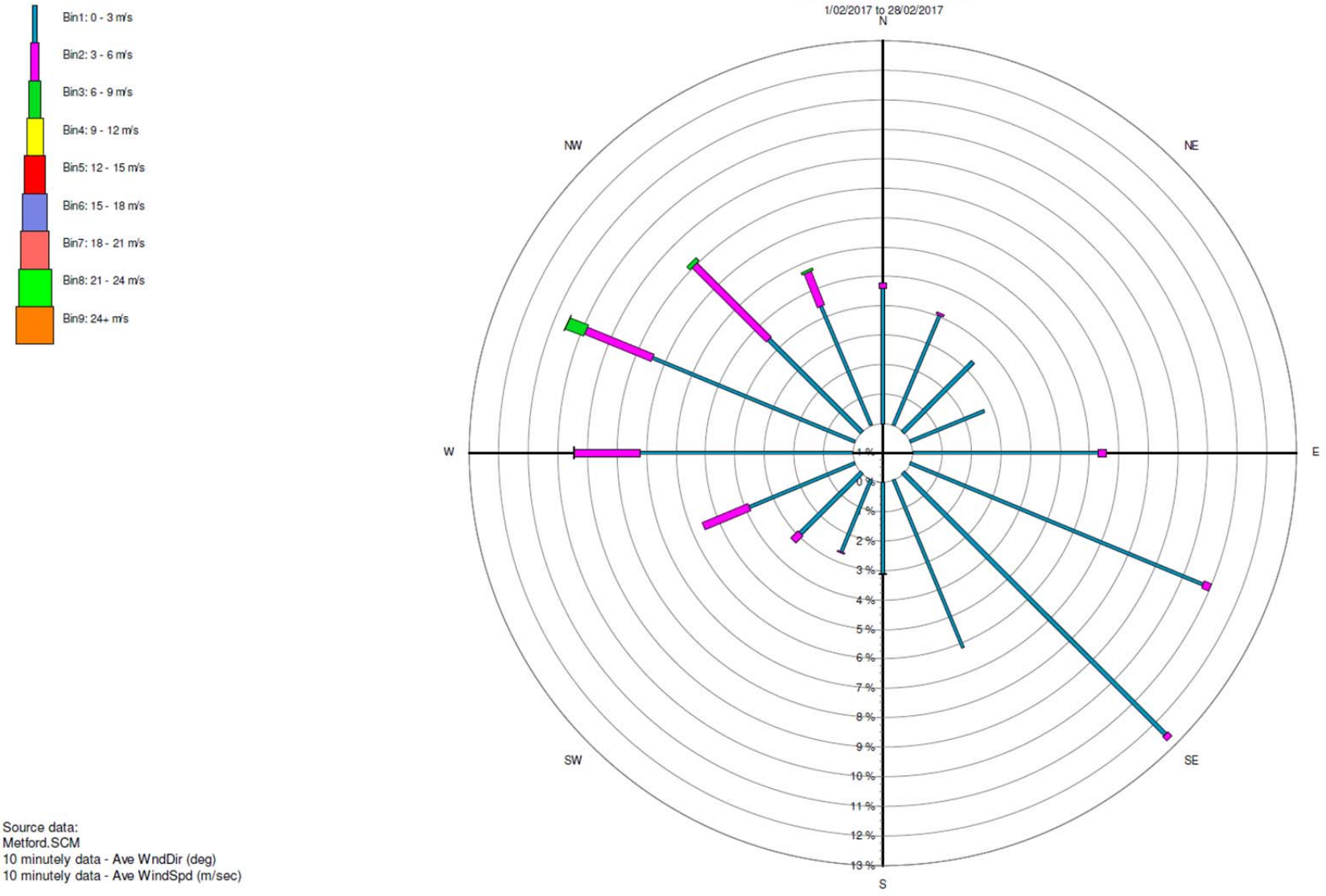

Source data:
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10 minutely data - Ave WndDir (deg)
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