

Karuah East Quarry

Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

November 2017

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1. INTRODUCTION

This report has been completed to meet the requirements of Section 66(6) of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and the NSW Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) Requirements for Publishing Pollution Monitoring Data (October 2013). This report summarises the required monitoring data under Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) 20611 for the Karuah East Quarry. This report also includes some monitoring requirements under Project Approval 09_0175 and the approved Statement of Commitments (SoC).

A summary of the environmental data for <u>November 2017</u> is covered in this report.

A summary of the licence information is provided in **Table 1** below.

Table 1 Licence Information

Environmental Protection Licence Number	20611
Licensee's Name	Karuah East Quarry Pty Ltd
Licensee's Address	Postal Address: PO Box 3284 Thornton NSW 2322 Quarry Location:
	Lot 13 DP1024564
	Pacific Highway
	Karuah NSW 2324
Link to full Licence on the EPA Website	EPL 20611

2. DUST MONITORING

There are no specific dust criteria listed in the EPL, but the dust criteria (Tables 2-4) are listed in Schedule 3 Condition 13 of Project Approval 09_0175.

Table 2 PA 09_0175 Long term impact assessment criteria for particulate matter

Pollutant	Averaging period	⁴ Criterion
Total suspended particulates (TSP)	Annual	¹90 μg/m³
Particulate matter < 10 μm (PM10)	Annual	¹ 30 μg/m³

Table 3 PA 09 0175 Short term impact assessment criteria for particulate matter

Pollutant	Averaging period	⁴Criterion
Particulate matter < 10 μm (PM10)	Daily	¹ 50 μg/m³

Table 4 PA 09_0175 Long term impact assessment criteria for Deposited Dust

Pollutant	Averaging period	Maximum increase in deposited dust level	Maximum total deposited dust level
³ Deposited dust	Annual	² 2 g/m ² /month	¹ 4 g/m ² /month

Notes to Tables 2-4:

All dust monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the *Approved Methods of Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in NSW* (EPA, 2007).

Dust deposition and TSP/PM $_{10}$ monitoring is undertaken at Karuah East Quarry at the locations listed in **Table 5**.

Table 5 Air Quality Monitoring Locations for Karuah East Quarry

Site ID	EPL ID	Location	Address	GPS Coordinates
DDG 1	MP 4	South-East of Karuah	5760 Pacific Hwy,	32°38′04″S
DDG 1	IVIF 4	East Quarry	Karuah NSW 2324	151°59′58″E
DDG 2	MP 5	South-East of Karuah	5770 Pacific Hwy,	32°38′02″S
DDG 2	IVIP 5	East Quarry	Karuah NSW 2324	152°00′09′′E
DDG 3	MP 6	East of Karuah East	DP 1024341, Karuah	32°37′57″S
DDG 3	IVIP 0	Quarry	DF 1024541, Kaluali	151°59′41′′E
DDG 4	MP 7	West of Karuah East	21 Halloran Rd, North	32° 37' 30.87"S
DDG 4	IVIF /	Quarry	Arm Cove NSW 2324	152°01'10.18"E
DDG 5	MP 8	West of Karuah East	Lot 21/DP 1024341	32° 37' 55.33"S
DDG 3	IVIFO	Quarry	Karuah NSW 2324	152°00'2.74"E
HVAS	MP 9	South-East of Karuah	5770 Pacific Hwy,	32°38′03″S
(TSP/PM10)	IVIF 9	East Quarry	Karuah NSW 2324	152°00′09′′E

2.1 Dust Deposition Results

Dust deposition results for November 2017 and the year to date are shown in Table 6.

Table 6 Insoluble Solids (g/m²/month) for the Year to Date

Date	DDG 1	DDG 2	DDG 3	DDG 4	DDG 5
7/9/2015 to 8/10/2015	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	-
8/10/2015 to 6/11/2015	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.5	-
6/11/2015 to 8/12/2015	2.1	0.8	0.8	4.1	-
8/12/2015 to 8/1/2016	6.4	0.9	0.6	1.2	-
8/1/2016 to 8/2/2016	1.4	0.9	1.1	1.2	-
8/2/2016 to 3/3/2016	4.0	0.7	0.6	0.9	-
3/3/2016 to 4/4/2016	3.1	0.3	1.0	2.0	-
4/4/2016 to 6/5/2016	1.5	1.1	0.4	3.2	-
6/5/2016 to 3/6/2016	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.4	-
3/6/2016 to 4/7/2016	0.4	1.6	0.5	0.3	-
4/7/2016 to 1/8/2016	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.5	-
1/8/2016 to 31/8/2016	2.7	3.0	0.8	0.7	-

¹ Total impact (ie incremental increase in concentrations due to the project plus background concentrations due to all other sources).

² Incremental impact (ie incremental increase in concentrations due to the project on its own).

³ **Deposited dust** is to be assessed as <u>insoluble solids</u> as defined by Standards Australia, AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2003: Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air – Determination of Particulate Matter – Deposited Matter – Gravimetric Method.

⁴ Excludes extraordinary events such as bushfires, prescribed burning, dust storms, sea fog, fire, incidents, illegal activities or any other activity agreed by the Secretary in consultation with EPA.

Date	DDG 1	DDG 2	DDG 3	DDG 4	DDG 5
31/8/2016 to 28/9/2016	2.1	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9
28/9/2016 to 26/10/2016	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.7
26/10/2016 to 23/11/2016	0.7	1.0	1.3	2.3	1.9
23/11/2016 to 21/12/2016	1.3	0.5	0.9	1.0	4.2
21/12/2016 to 18/01/2017	0.4	0.8	0.7	2.5	3.1
18/01/2017 to 16/02/2017	1.3	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.9
16/02/2017 to 20/03/2017	0.4	1.4	0.5	3.8	1.3
20/03/2017 to 21/04/2017	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.3
21/04/2017 to 23/05/2017	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.8
23/05/2017 to 20/06/2017	0.5	1.3	0.9	1.6	0.5
20/06/2017 to 18/07/2017	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.2	0.4
18/07/2017 to 17/08/2017	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.8
17/08/2017 to 14/09/2017	1.4	0.2	1.4	1.5	0.7
14/09/2017 to 12/10/2017	1.1	0.1	1.2	1.8	1.5
12/10/2017 to 9/11/2017	1.7	0.5	0.9	1.0	1.2
¹ Rolling Annual Average	1.4	0.3	1.2	1.4	1.1

Note ¹: Rolling Annual Average from the EPL 20611 anniversary date of 26 August.

2.2 High Volume Air Sampling Results

The monthly results for TSP and PM10 are shown in **Table 7**.

Table 7 High Volume Air Sampling (μg/m³) results

Date	HVAS TSP (μg/m³)	HVAS PM10 (μg/m³)
27/08/2016	9	4
02/09/2016	11	7
08/09/2016	15	8
14/09/2016	11	6
20/09/2016	16	9
26/09/2016	Breakdown	Breakdown
02/10/2016	18	7
08/10/2016	35	21
14/10/2016	12	8
20/10/2016	19	11
26/10/2016	21	12
01/11/2016	19	9
07/11/2016	74	50
13/11/2016	27	14
19/11/2016	40	14
25/11/2016	28	13
01/12/2016	25	12
07/12/2016	16	14
13/12/2016	41	21
19/12/2016	41	23
25/12/2016	19	13
31/12/2016	34	22
06/01/2017	30	14

Date	HVAS TSP	HVAS PM10
	(μg/m³)	(μg/m³)
12/01/2017	42	24
18/01/2017	44	18
24/01/2017	40	21
30/01/2017	34	18
05/02/2017	40	24
11/02/2017	54	36
17/02/2017	41	20
23/02/2017	30	16
01/03/2017	13	11
07/03/2017	30	16
13/03/2017	30	18
19/03/2017	21	15
25/03/2017	25	17
31/03/2017	25	14
06/04/2017	12	7
12/04/2017	13	6
18/04/2017	17	11
24/04/2017	18	10
30/04/2017	18	10
06/05/2017	17	5
12/05/2017	23	14
18/05/2017	20	10
24/05/2017	23	9
30/05/2017	20	9
05/06/2017	11	7
11/06/2017	9	7
17/06/2017³	18	9
26/06/20174	12	9
29/06/2017	9	6
05/07/2017	16	6
11/07/2017	11	5
	10	4
17/07/2017		
23/07/2017	10	2 3
29/07/2017	9	1
04/08/2017	6	2
10/08/2017	14	
16/08/2017	25	9
22/08/2017	14	9
28/08/2017	16	6
03/09/2017	15	9
09/09/2017	14	6
15/09/2017	20	6
21/09/2017	26	15
27/09/2017	55	22
3/10/2017	14	6
9/10/2017	31	16
15/10/2017	12	7
21/10/2017	26	12

Date	HVAS TSP (μg/m³)	HVAS PM10 (μg/m³)
27/10/2017	13	8
2/11/2017	28	14
8/11/2017	11	7
14/11/2017	17	6
20/11/2017	11	8
26/11/2017	9	5
¹ 24hr Max Criteria	N/A	50
Report Average	15.2	8.0
² Rolling Annual Average	19.6	9.6
¹ Annual Average Criteria	90	30

- **Note:** 1. Maximum criteria as specified in PA 09_0175
 - 2. Rolling Annual Average from the EPL 20611 anniversary date of 26 August.
 - 3. Value is a 48 hour average for two scheduled run dates (17/6/17 and 23/6/17).
 - 4. An unscheduled "catch up" sample day for the 23/6/17.

2.3 Dust Monitoring Results Summary

All dust monitoring results to the end of November 2017 indicate that the Dust Deposition (Insoluble Solids), TSP and PM10 levels recorded were below the project criterion.

3. BLAST MONITORING RESULTS

The conditions stipulated for blasting is referred to in Condition L5 and M7 of EPL 20611 and Schedule 3, Condition 8 of PA 09_0175. Blast monitoring is undertaken at every blast. **Table 8** summarises the blast monitoring criteria.

Table 8 Blasting criteria

Location	Airblast overpressure (dB(Lin Peak)	Ground vibration (mm/s)	Allowable exceedance
Any residence on privately-owned land,	120	10	0%
or any public infrastructure	115	5	5% of the total number of blasts over a period of 12 months

Summary of the blasting results is shown in **Table 9**.

Table 9 **Blast Monitoring Results**

Date and time	Overpressure and vibration	Monitor 1 (Front Gate)	Monitor 2 (Nearest Residence)
	Blasting was not conducted	d during November 202	<u>17</u>

4. NOISE MONITORING

Schedule 3 Condition 3 of the Project Approval and Condition L4.1 of the EPL requires Karuah East Quarry to ensure noise generated by Quarry operations does not exceed criteria outlined in Table 10.

Table 10 Operational Noise Criteria (dB(A) LA_{eq(15min)})

Location	Criteria (¹day)
Residence on Lot 11 DP 10244564	43
Α	40
В	37
G	38
All other residence	35

Note 1: A day is defined as the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 6pm Sunday and Public Holidays.

The noise criteria shown in **Table 10** is not indicative of the construction noise criteria for the Karuah East Quarry project. Construction noise criteria has been developed based on the NSW EPA Interim Construction Noise Guideline for each location and is set out in Table 9 of the approved Noise Management Plan (SLR, 2015).

In accordance with Schedule 3 Condition 5 and Condition 7 of the Project Approval and the Noise Management Plan (SLR, 2015) a noise monitoring program has been implemented. Summary of this monitoring program is outlined in Table 11.

Table 11 Noise Monitoring Program

Construction Noise Mo	Construction Noise Monitoring								
Monitoring Method	¹ Location	Frequency	² Criteria (dB(A) LA _{eq(15min)})						
Attended noise monitoring	F	At the commencement of new activities and a min of once per quarter.	54						
Attended noise monitoring	G	At the commencement of new activities and a min of once per quarter.	44						
Operational Noise Mon	itoring								
Monitoring Method	¹ Location	Frequency	² Criteria						
Attended noise monitoring	F, G	Quarterly	As per Table 10, 12 and 13 Noise MP (SLR, 2015)						
Unattended noise monitoring	G	Quarterly	As per Table 10, 12 and 13 Noise MP (SLR, 2015)						

- **Note:** 1. Appendix 1 illustrates the monitoring locations.
 - 2. Criteria is for daytime limits. Daytime is defined as the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 6pm Sunday and Public Holidays.

4.1 Operator Attended Monitoring Results

The results of the operator attended noise surveys are presented in Table 12. Ambient noise levels given in the tables include all noise sources such as traffic, insects, birds, adjacent quarry and Karuah East Quarry. The table provides the following information:

a) Monitoring location and serial number of the noise logger;

- b) Date, start time, Wind velocity (m/s) and Temperature (°C) at the measurement location; and
- c) Typical maximum (LAmax) and contributed noise levels.

Quarry contributions listed in the tables are from Karuah East Quarry and are stated only when a contribution could be quantified.

Table 12 Operator Attended Noise Survey Results

Location	Date/Start Time/	Primary (dBA re	Description of Noise Emissions and Typical				
	Weather	LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	Maximum Noise Levels (dBA)
F Lot 50 DP 103	444	d. d i			-td	at a di di wa	ing November 2017
G Lot 3 DP 1032636	<u>Atten</u>	<u>aea noise</u>	<u>monitoi</u>	ring was n	ot conduc	ctea duri	ing November 2017

4.2 Unattended Continuous Monitoring Results

Table 13 Unattended Continuous Noise Monitoring Results

INP Period	Units	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq			
Location G								
Daytime during Operational Hours ¹	dBA							
Daytime outside Operational Hours ²	dBA	Und	Unattended noise monitoring was not					
Evening ³	dBA	conducted during November 2017						
Night ⁴	dBA							

- Note: 1. Daytime 7.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday, 8.00 am to 12.00 pm Saturday, not operational on Sunday.
 - 2. Daytime 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm Monday to Friday, 12.00 pm to 6.00 pm Saturday, 8.00 am to 6.00 pm Sunday.
 - 3. Evening 6.00 pm 10.00 pm.
 - 4. Night 10.00 pm to 7.00 am pm Monday to Saturday, 10.00 pm to 8.00 am Sunday.

5. SURFACE WATER MONITORING

Condition M2 of the EPL outlines the requirement to monitor surface water discharges from Karuah East Quarry via the three licensed discharge points (LDP001, LDP002, LDP003). The Statement of Commitments (Appendix 6, PA 09 0175) requires additional surface water monitoring to be undertaken for the first twelve months of operations. This additional water monitoring requires monthly sampling to be undertaken at the three licensed discharge points and at four locations on Yalimbah and Bulga Creeks when in flow.

5.1 Discharge Monitoring Results

A controlled discharge was performed at Dam 2 (LDP002) for a 24 hour period commencing on 9 November 2017. Approximately 400,000 litres of water was released this event. Monitoring results are presented in **Table**.

Table 14 summarises the discharge criteria as per EPL.

Table 14 Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Criteria

Sampling Points	Pollutant	Unit	EPL Limit
LDP001 (Dam 1)	рН	pH units	6.5 – 8.5
LDP002 (Dam 2)	TSS	mg/L	40
LDP003 (Dam 3)	Oil & Grease	mg/L	5 and/or none visible
	Turbidity	NTU	-

Table 15 Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Results

	LDP002 (Dam 2)							
Date	рН	TSS	Oil &	Turbidity				
	(Lab)		Grease					
09/11/2017	5.70	12	<5	15				
10/11/2017	5.80	18	<5	19				
Average	5.75	15	<5	17				
Max	5.80	18	<5	19				
Min	5.70	12	<5	15				

Values outside of EPL limits highlighted in red.

5.2 Monthly Monitoring Results

Yalimbah and Bulga Creek drain lines were not flowing during November 2017 but water was pooled at monitoring point SW2, Bulga Creek.

Surface water sampling was undertaken on 21 November 2017 at Dam 1, Dam 2, Dam 3 and monitoring point SW2. Water was pooled and not flowing at monitoring point SW2 at time of sampling.

Summary of monthly monitoring results is shown in **Table 16** and **Table 17**.

Table 16 Surface Water Monthly Monitoring Results – Sediment Dams

	LDP00)1 (Dar	n 1)		LDP00)2 (Dar	n 2)		LDP00	3 (Dam	ı 3)	
Date	рН	TSS	Oil &	EC	рН	TSS	Oil &	EC	рН	TSS	Oil &	EC
	(Lab)		Grease		(Lab)		Grease		(Lab)		Grease	
19/01/2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25/07/2016	6.60	<5	<5	107	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30/08/2016	6.07	<5	<5	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19/10/2016	5.57	96	<5	317	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29/11/2016	5.89	63	<5	305	5.39	72	<5	520	5.22	<5	34	260
19/12/2016	4.97	570	<5	335	4.75	119	<5	559	4.75	58	<5	284
22/02/2017	5.90	145	8	349	-	-	-	-	5.28	8	<5	323
01/03/2017	5.28	40	<5	533	-	-	-	-	5.32	883	<5	216
21/03/2017	5.97	383	18	612	-	-	-	-	4.78	890	16	286
21/04/2017	6.48	21	<5	586	-	-	-	-	7.09	54	8	431
19/05/2017	6.81	11	<5	907	-	-	-	-	6.97	169	14	500
16/06/2017	5.94	220	22	457	-	-	-	-	5.95	1180	25	482

14/07/2017	6.50	82	<5	462	-	-	-	-	6.51	228	<5	452
18/08/2017	6.81	47	8	515	-	-	-	-	6.73	190	12	487
22/09/2017	6.98	18	10	492	6.61	26	8	444	6.80	122	10	520
23/10/2017	6.78	90	<5	438	6.73	336	15	382	6.63	164	10	475
21/11/2017	6.92	71	39	511	6.10	18	<5	490	7.28	15	31	694

Units: pH in pH units, Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in mg/L, Oil & Grease in mg/L, Electrical Conductivity (EC) in μ S/cm

Table 17 Surface Water Monthly Monitoring Results – Drain lines

	SW1 (Bulga	Creek)		SW2 (Bulga	Creek)		SW4 (Yaliml	bah Creek)	
Date	рН	TSS	Oil &	EC	рН	TSS	Oil &	EC	рН	TSS	Oil &	EC
	(Lab)		Grease		(Lab)		Grease		(Lab)		Grease	
19/01/2016	5.60	<5	9	204	4.66	<5	<5	173	5.70	13	<5	201
25/07/2016	-	-	-	-	5.97	7	<5	158	-	-	-	
30/08/2016	-	-	-	-	5.70	<5	<5	207	-	-	-	-
19/10/2016	-	-	-	-	5.84	7	<5	172	-	-	-	-
29/11/2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19/12/2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21/03/2017	4.90	<5	<5	313	4.76	12	<5	309	-	-	-	
31/03/2017	-	-	-	-	5.70	86	34	319	5.79	9	97	263
21/04/2017	-	-	-	-	5.76	12	<5	369	-	-	-	
19/05/2017	-	-	-	-	5.89	7	<5	414	-	-	-	-
16/06/2017	5.47	6	<5	329	5.54	65	8	313	5.29	6	24	259
14/07/2017	-	-	-	-	5.81	47	<5	348	-	-	-	-
18/08/2017	-	-	-	-	6.04	22	<5	385	-	-	-	-
22/09/2017	-	-	-	-	6.34	10	<5	406	-	-	-	-
23/10/2017	-	-	-	-	6.42	29	6	323	-	-	-	-
21/11/2017	-	-	-	-	6.01	33	17	466				

Units: pH in pH units, Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in mg/L, Oil & Grease in mg/L, Electrical Conductivity (EC) in μ S/cm

5.3 Surface Water Results Summary

The TSS and oil & grease recorded during the discharge from Dam 2 were below the EPL criterion. The pH values during this discharge event were outside of the EPL discharge criterion but were not abnormal for the area. As shown from previous monitoring results, the pH values are naturally low (usually less than 6.5) in the Karuah East Quarry vicinity.

6. GROUNDWATER MONITORING

Groundwater monitoring is undertaken to meet the *EA Statement of Commitments* (Appendix 6, PA 09_0175) and Section 8.2 <u>Water Management Plan (SLR, 2015)</u>. Groundwater levels are monitored quarterly and water quality biannually at four groundwater monitoring bores (piezometers). Details of this monitoring program is shown in **Table 18**. Refer to Appendix 1 for piezometer locations.

Table 18 Groundwater Monitoring Program

Piezometer	Location	Water Level	Water Quality
		monitoring frequency	monitoring frequency
¹ BH205	Lot 13/DP1024564	Quarterly	Biannually
² BH207	Lot 13/DP1024564	Quarterly	Biannually

BH208	Lot 21/DP1024341	Quarterly	Biannually
BH303	Lot 21/DP1024341	Quarterly	Biannually

Note:

- 1. Piezometer BH205 was relocated approximately 30m to the west on 13 March 2017
- 2. Piezometer BH207 was relocated approximately 60m to the north on 26 September 2016.

6.1 Groundwater Levels

Table 19 Groundwater Levels

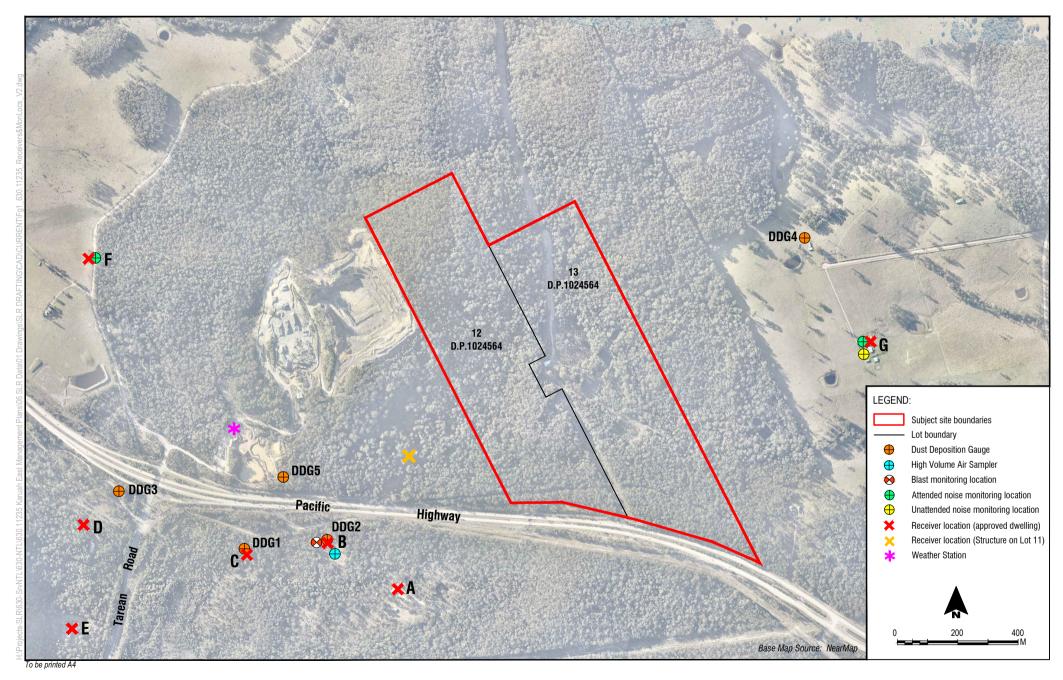
Date	Unit	² BH205	³ BH207	BH208	BH303
30/03/2016	¹ metres	22.83	12.38	19.54	29.93
04/10/2016	¹ metres	24.00	9.61	19.77	30.45
04/04/2017	¹ metres	25.30	9.39	19.99	30.66
05/10/2017	¹ metres	22.87	8.88	19.90	30.60

Note:

- 1. Groundwater levels are measured in metres below ground level.
- 2. Piezometer BH205 was relocated approximately 30m to the west on 13 March 2017.
- 3. Piezometer BH207 was relocated approximately 60m to the north on 26 September 2016.

APPENDIX 1

Monitoring Locations





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