



# **Karuah East Quarry**

## **Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report**

**August 2018**

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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 August 2018 is covered in this report.

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

**Table 1 Licence Information**

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

## 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	<sup>4</sup> Criterion
Total suspended particulates (TSP)	Annual	<sup>1</sup> 90 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Particulate matter < 10 µm (PM10)	Annual	<sup>1</sup> 30 µg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Table 3 PA 09\_0175 Short term impact assessment criteria for particulate matter**

Pollutant	Averaging period	<sup>4</sup> Criterion
Particulate matter < 10 µm (PM10)	Daily	<sup>1</sup> 50 µg/m <sup>3</sup>

**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
<sup>3</sup> Deposited dust	Annual	<sup>2</sup> 2 g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	<sup>1</sup> 4 g/m <sup>2</sup> /month

**Notes to Tables 2-4:**

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

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

<sup>3</sup> **Deposited dust** is to be assessed as insoluble solids 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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<sub>10</sub> 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 East Quarry	5760 Pacific Hwy, Karuah NSW 2324	32°38'04''S 151°59'58''E
DDG 2	MP 5	South-East of Karuah East Quarry	5770 Pacific Hwy, Karuah NSW 2324	32°38'02''S 152°00'09''E
DDG 3	MP 6	East of Karuah East Quarry	DP 1024341, Karuah	32°37'57''S 151°59'41''E
DDG 4	MP 7	West of Karuah East Quarry	21 Halloran Rd, North Arm Cove NSW 2324	32° 37' 30.87"S 152°01'10.18"E
DDG 5	MP 8	West of Karuah East Quarry	Lot 21/DP 1024341 Karuah NSW 2324	32° 37' 55.33"S 152°00'2.74"E
HVAS (TSP/PM10)	MP 9	South-East of Karuah East Quarry	5770 Pacific Hwy, Karuah NSW 2324	32°38'03''S 152°00'09''E

**2.1 Dust Deposition Results**

Dust deposition results for August 2018 and the year to date are shown in **Table 6**.

**Table 6 Insoluble Solids (g/m<sup>2</sup>/month) for the Year to Date**

Date	DDG 1	DDG 2	DDG 3	DDG 4	DDG 5
4/04/2016 to 6/05/2016	1.5	1.1	0.4	3.2	-
6/05/2016 to 3/06/2016	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.4	-
3/06/2016 to 4/07/2016	0.4	1.6	0.5	0.3	-
4/07/2016 to 1/08/2016	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.5	-
1/08/2016 to 31/08/2016	2.7	3.0	0.8	0.7	-
31/08/2016 to 28/09/2016	2.1	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9
28/09/2016 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

Date	DDG 1	DDG 2	DDG 3	DDG 4	DDG 5
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 09/11/2017	1.7	0.5	0.9	1.0	1.2
9/11/2017 to 07/12/2017	1.0	1.8	0.7	1.8	2.1
07/12/2017 to 08/01/2018	1.3	0.6	1.1	1.7	1.3
08/01/2018 to 05/02/2018	1.5	0.8	1.3	1.0	0.7
05/02/2018 to 05/03/2018	1.6	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.0
05/03/2018 to 03/04/2018	0.6	0.6	1.1	2.6	0.9
03/04/2018 to 01/05/2018	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.7	0.7
01/05/2018 to 30/05/2018	0.9	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.3
30/05/2018 to 27/06/2018	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.5
27/06/2018 to 26/07/2018	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.6
26/07/2018 to 23/08/2018	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.8
<sup>1</sup> Rolling Annual Average	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.0

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

## 2.2 High Volume Air Sampling Results

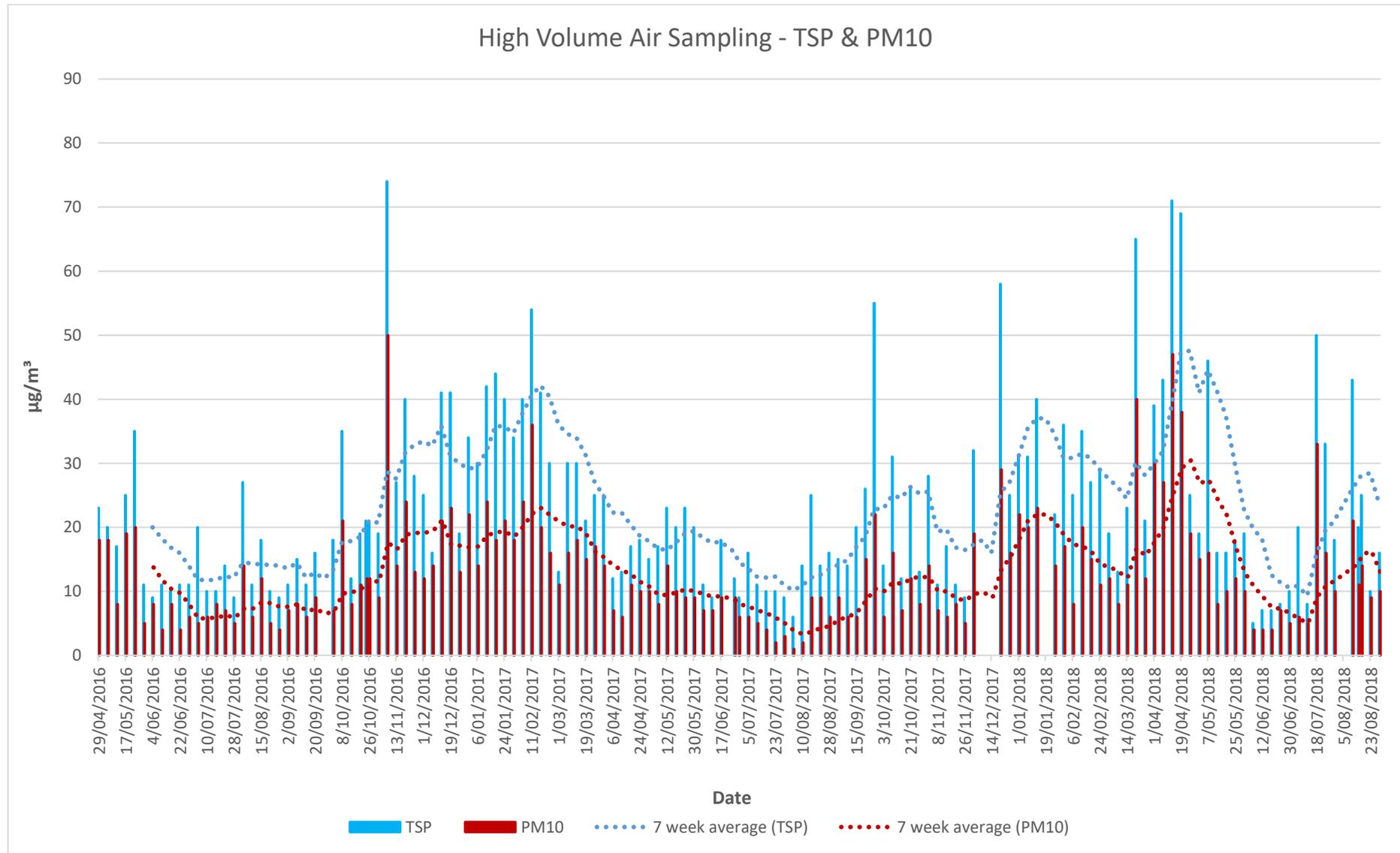
The TSP and PM10 results for August 2018 are shown in **Table 7** with the long term monitoring results displayed in **Figure 1**.

**Table 7 High Volume Air Sampling ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) results**

Date	HVAS TSP ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	HVAS PM10 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
11/08/2018	43	21
15/08/2018	20	11
17/08/2018	25	14
23/08/2018	10	9
29/08/2018	16	10
<sup>1</sup> 24hr Max Criteria	N/A	50
Report Average	22.8	13.0
<sup>2</sup> Rolling Annual Average	25.8	14.3
<sup>1</sup> 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.

Figure 1 High Volume Air Sampling – Long term results



## 2.3 Dust Monitoring Results Summary

All dust monitoring results to the end of August 2018 indicate that the Dust Deposition (Insoluble Solids), TSP and PM10 levels 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, or any public infrastructure	120	10	0%
	115	5	5% of the total number of blasts over a period of 12 months

**Blasting was not carried out during August 2018.**

## 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 9**.

**Table 9 Operational Noise Criteria (dB(A) LA<sub>eq(15min)</sub>)**

Location	Criteria ( <sup>1</sup> day)
Residence on Lot 11 DP 10244564	43
A	40
B	37
G	38
All other residence	35

**Note <sup>1</sup>:** 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 9** 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 10**.

**Table 10 Noise Monitoring Program**

<b>Construction Noise Monitoring</b>			
<b>Monitoring Method</b>	<b><sup>1</sup>Location</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b><sup>2</sup>Criteria (dB(A) LA<sub>eq(15min)</sub>)</b>
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
<b>Operational Noise Monitoring</b>			
<b>Monitoring Method</b>	<b><sup>1</sup>Location</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b><sup>2</sup>Criteria</b>
Attended noise monitoring	F, G	Quarterly	As per Table 10, 12 and 13 <a href="#">Noise MP (SLR, 2015)</a>
Unattended noise monitoring	G	Quarterly	As per Table 10, 12 and 13 <a href="#">Noise MP (SLR, 2015)</a>

- Note:**
1. Monitoring locations are shown in Appendix 1.
  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 11**. 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 (LA<sub>max</sub>) 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 11 Operator Attended Noise Survey Results**

Location	Date/Start Time/ Weather	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)					Description of Noise Emissions and Typical Maximum Noise Levels (dBA)
		LAmx	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	
<b>F</b> <b>Lot 50 DP</b> <b>1036893</b>	14/8/2018 11:14am W = 2m/s WSW Temp = 18°C	80	65	51	43	54	Local Traffic 62 – 80 Pacific Highway 40 – 44 Birdsong 45 – 53  <b>Karuah East Project Inaudible</b>
		Karuah East Quarry inaudible					
<b>G</b> <b>Lot 3 DP</b> <b>1032636</b>	14/8/2018 09:59am W = 2m/s WSW Temp = 14°C	75	52	50	46	49	Pacific Highway 46-51 Birds 48-49 Domestic Noise 62-75  <b><u>Karuah East Project Audible</u></b> Jaw Crusher 49-51 Reverse beeper 49-50 General processing plant 45-51  <b>Estimated LAeq(15minute) Contribution 47 dBA</b>
		Estimated LAeq(15 minute) noise contribution 47 dBA					

#### 4.2 Unattended Continuous Monitoring Results

**Table 12 Unattended Continuous Noise Monitoring Results**

INP Period	Units	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq
<b>Location G</b>					
Daytime <sup>1</sup>	dBA	55	51	39	53
Evening <sup>2</sup>	dBA	51	47	38	46
Night <sup>3</sup>	dBA	48	45	35	45

#### 4.3 Noise Monitoring Summary

The attended noise monitoring that was conducted on the 14 August 2018 shows that the Karuah East Quarry was not audible at location F but was audible at location G. The Karuah East project estimated noise contribution at location G was found to be above the limits of 38 dBA (LAeq 15 minute) as per the Project Approval and the Environmental Protection Licence for the Karuah East Quarry.

## 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.

All discharged water from the three licensed discharge points are required to meet the water quality concentration limits as stipulated in Condition L2.4 of the EPL. This criterion is shown in **Table 13** below.

**Table 13 Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Criteria**

Sampling Points	Pollutant	Unit	EPL Limit
LDP001 (Dam 1)	pH	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

### 5.1 Discharge Monitoring Results

A single controlled discharge event was undertaken on the 23 August 2018 at Dam 3 (LDP003). A total of approximately 300,000 litres was released.

**Table 14 Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Results – Dam 3**

Date	LDP003 (Dam 3)		
	pH (Lab)	TSS	Oil & Grease
<b>EPL Criterion</b>	<b>6.5-8.5</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5</b>
23/08/2018	7.60	16	<5
<b>Average</b>	<b>7.60</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>

**Units:** pH in pH units, Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in mg/L, Oil & Grease in mg/L, Electrical Conductivity (EC) in  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$

## 5.2 Monthly Monitoring Results

Monthly water sampling was undertaken on the 17 August 2018.

Summary of monthly monitoring results is shown in **Table 15** and **Table 16**.

**Table 15 Surface Water Monthly Monitoring Results – Sediment Dams**

Date	LDP001 (Dam 1)				LDP002 (Dam 2)				LDP003 (Dam 3)			
	pH (Lab)	TSS	Oil & Grease	EC	pH (Lab)	TSS	Oil & Grease	EC	pH (Lab)	TSS	Oil & Grease	EC
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
15/12/2017	6.55	5	<5	580	5.55	7	<5	455	7.10	28	6	838
19/01/2018	7.29	9	<5	665	7.29	37	<5	434	7.08	10	6	925
16/02/2018	7.71	9	<5	662	6.48	22	<5	548	7.21	16	<5	1075
20/03/2018	6.95	19	<5	574	6.81	6	<5	535	7.37	27	<5	788
18/04/2018	6.40	5	<5	529	7.70	17	<5	490	7.10	17	<5	830
18/05/2018	5.86	12	<5	555	5.80	4	<5	345	6.48	21	<5	654
19/06/2018	7.33	76	<5	496	7.51	828	<5	171	7.28	418	<5	347
20/07/2018	6.50	12	<5	600	6.80	5	<5	540	7.40	63	<5	570
17/08/2018	6.71	12	<5	553	6.64	5	<5	604	7.16	14	<5	622

Units: pH in pH units, Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in mg/L, Oil & Grease in mg/L, Electrical Conductivity (EC) in  $\mu\text{S/cm}$

**Table 16 Surface Water Monthly Monitoring Results – Drain lines**

Date	SW1 (Bulga Creek)				SW2 (Bulga Creek)				SW4 (Yalimbah Creek)			
	pH (Lab)	TSS	Oil & Grease	EC	pH (Lab)	TSS	Oil & Grease	EC	pH (Lab)	TSS	Oil & Grease	EC
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	-	-	-	-

Date	SW1 (Bulga Creek)				SW2 (Bulga Creek)				SW4 (Yalimbah Creek)			
	pH (Lab)	TSS	Oil & Grease	EC	pH (Lab)	TSS	Oil & Grease	EC	pH (Lab)	TSS	Oil & Grease	EC
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	-	-	-	-
15/12/2017	-	-	-	-	6.10	23	<5	520	-	-	-	-
19/01/2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16/02/2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20/03/2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18/04/2018	-	-	-	-	6.60	9	<5	550	-	-	-	-
18/05/2018	-	-	-	-	5.75	5	<5	536	-	-	-	-
19/06/2018	-	-	-	-	7.10	72	<5	255	6.55	61	<5	259
20/07/2018	-	-	-	-	6.50	14	<5	410	-	-	-	-
17/08/2018	-	-	-	-	6.52	16	<5	385	-	-	-	-

Units: pH in pH units, Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in mg/L, Oil & Grease in mg/L, Electrical Conductivity (EC) in  $\mu\text{S/cm}$

### 5.3 Surface Water Results Summary

A single controlled discharged occurred during the month at Dam 3 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Monitoring results indicate that the pH, TSS and Oil & Grease were within the EPL criterion for discharge on this day.

The monitoring that was undertaken on 17 August showed that the pH, Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and oil & grease were all within the EPL criterion for discharge at all licenced discharge points (Dam 1, Dam 2 and Dam 3).

## 6. GROUNDWATER MONITORING

Groundwater monitoring is undertaken to meet the *EA Statement of Commitments* (Appendix 6, PA 09\_0175) and Section 8.2 [Water Management Plan \(SLR, 2015\)](#). Groundwater levels are monitored quarterly and water quality biannually at four groundwater monitoring bores (piezometers). Details of this monitoring program is shown in **Table 17**. Refer to Appendix 1 for piezometer locations.

**Table 17 Groundwater Monitoring Program**

Piezometer	Location	Water Level	Water Quality
		monitoring frequency	monitoring frequency
<sup>1</sup> BH205	Lot 13/DP1024564	Quarterly	Biannually
<sup>2</sup> 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 18** Groundwater Levels

Date	Unit	<sup>2</sup> BH205	<sup>3</sup> BH207	BH208	BH303
30/03/2016	<sup>1</sup> metres	22.83	12.38	19.54	29.93
04/10/2016	<sup>1</sup> metres	24.00	9.61	19.77	30.45
04/04/2017	<sup>1</sup> metres	25.30	9.39	19.99	30.66
05/10/2017	<sup>1</sup> metres	22.87	8.88	19.90	30.60
17/01/2018	<sup>1</sup> metres	21.98	9.12	20.27	30.67
18/04/2018	<sup>1</sup> metres	21.69	9.20	20.47	30.80
26/07/2018	<sup>1</sup> metres	20.46	8.89	20.49	30.86

- 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**

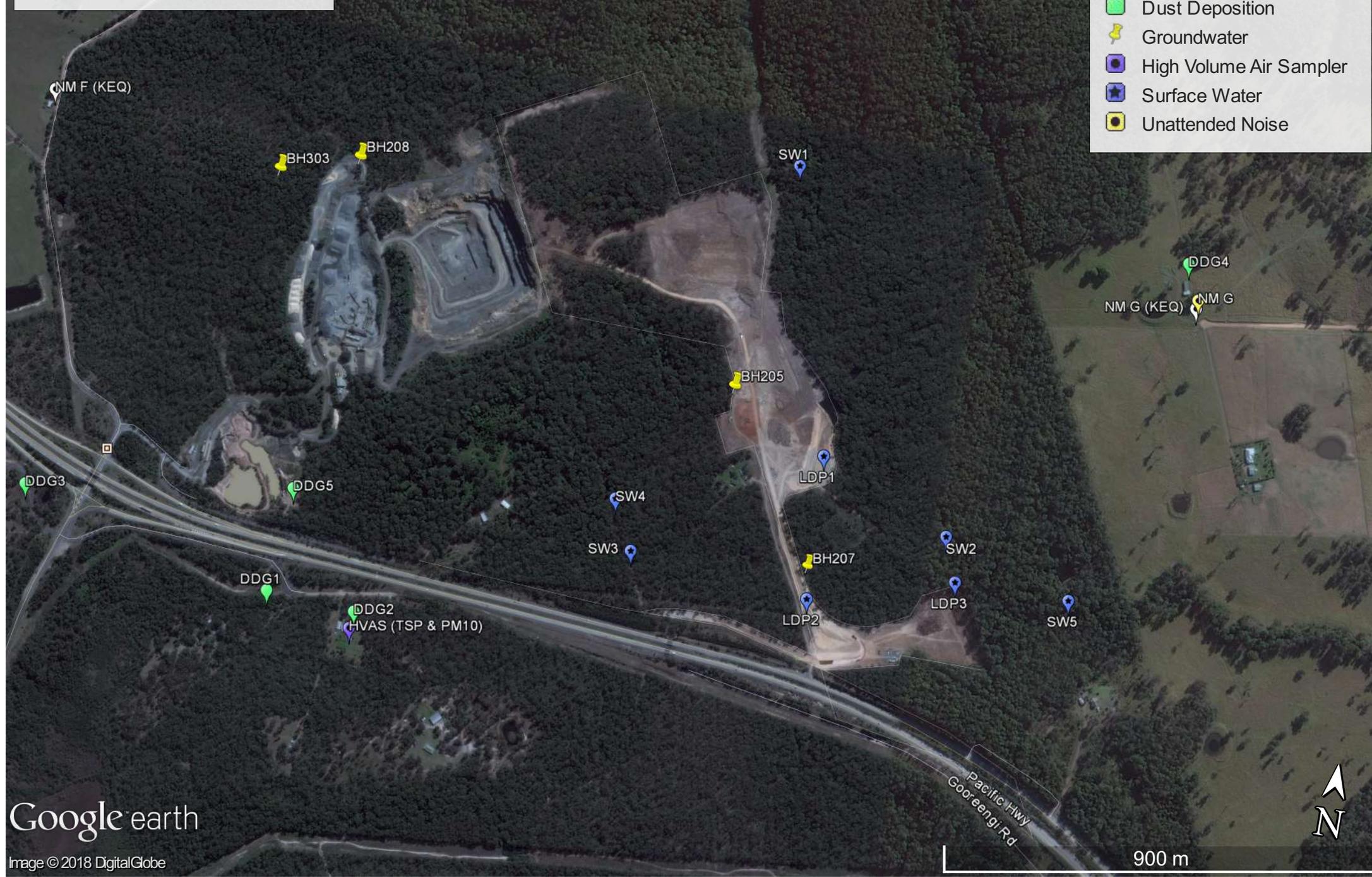
### **Monitoring Locations**

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## Legend

- Attended Noise
- Dust Deposition
- Groundwater
- High Volume Air Sampler
- Surface Water
- Unattended Noise



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