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Media response

Re: Callide mine water releases

For: Owen Jacques
APN

Date: 15 April 2013

Please attribute the following to a spokesperson for the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection informs councils if untreated mine water has the potential to adversely impact on supplies, which the council is then responsible for treating to drinking water standard.

In the case of discharges from the Callide mine, the releases were small volumes of mine water going into very high volumes of natural stream flow.

The risk of the discharges impacting on water quality in the untreated water storage Callide Dam was negligible, and therefore council was not notified.

The non-compliance issues were not related to the quality of water. They related to an overflow from the mine dam and a failure of the company's gauging station equipment which had been damaged by ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald.

Water released from Callide mine was mostly within the Environmental Authority limit for water quality releases in Callide Creek upstream of Callide Dam.

ENDS

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Re: Mine water releases in the Callide River

For: Owen Jacques – APN

Date: Friday 12 April 2013

Please attribute the following to Dean Ellwood, Deputy Director General, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

Callide Mine has undertaken two mine water release events from the Dunn Creek Dam this year. The Callide Dam is approximately 2km downstream of this release point.

The first release was approximately 249.9ML.

To date, 255.7ML have been released as part of the second event, which is currently ongoing.

The release from Lake Gasteen ceased on 25 March 2013.

Sunwater is responsible for the quality and monitoring of drinking water supplies in the Callide Dam.

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To: Brooke Hargraves
Cc: Troy Collings; Fiona Procter; Lynette Keep
Subject: Re: Mine water enquiry

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On 02/05/2013, at 4:43 PM, "Brooke Hargraves" <Brooke.Hargraves@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Min,

Please see previous EHP responses and suggested response to Owen for your consideration/ approval.

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Subject: Advance notice from LGAQ re journo inquiry Callide Dam

Greg Hoffman has provided me the following:

I was asked for LGAQ's position on the issues raised in the article below by the journalist. I indicated that in our submission last year to the Parliamentary Cttee on the discharge bill we had requested that councils and other downstream water users be consulted pre release for the reasons of good governance and good risk management. We believe that ensuring no unintended consequences should be a priority and alerting the council was not only good practice but also a courtesy. I appreciate the Minister's comment about not wanting to cause undue concern to the communities with which we agree. Ensuring the council is aware of a pending release it is in a position to respond if questions are asked by locals seeing a fresh in the river or creek and their first call will be to the council. Our position is about protecting against unintended consequences. Being aware of a release is an important part of that outcome. When asked if we wanted legislative changes I said that wasn't needed and a good information system pushing the information to the council would be a good approach.

I wanted to give you a heads up to the possibility of this story continuing. We have supported the mayor's position because we believe it will ensure the best possible outcome for all.
Happy to chat further .



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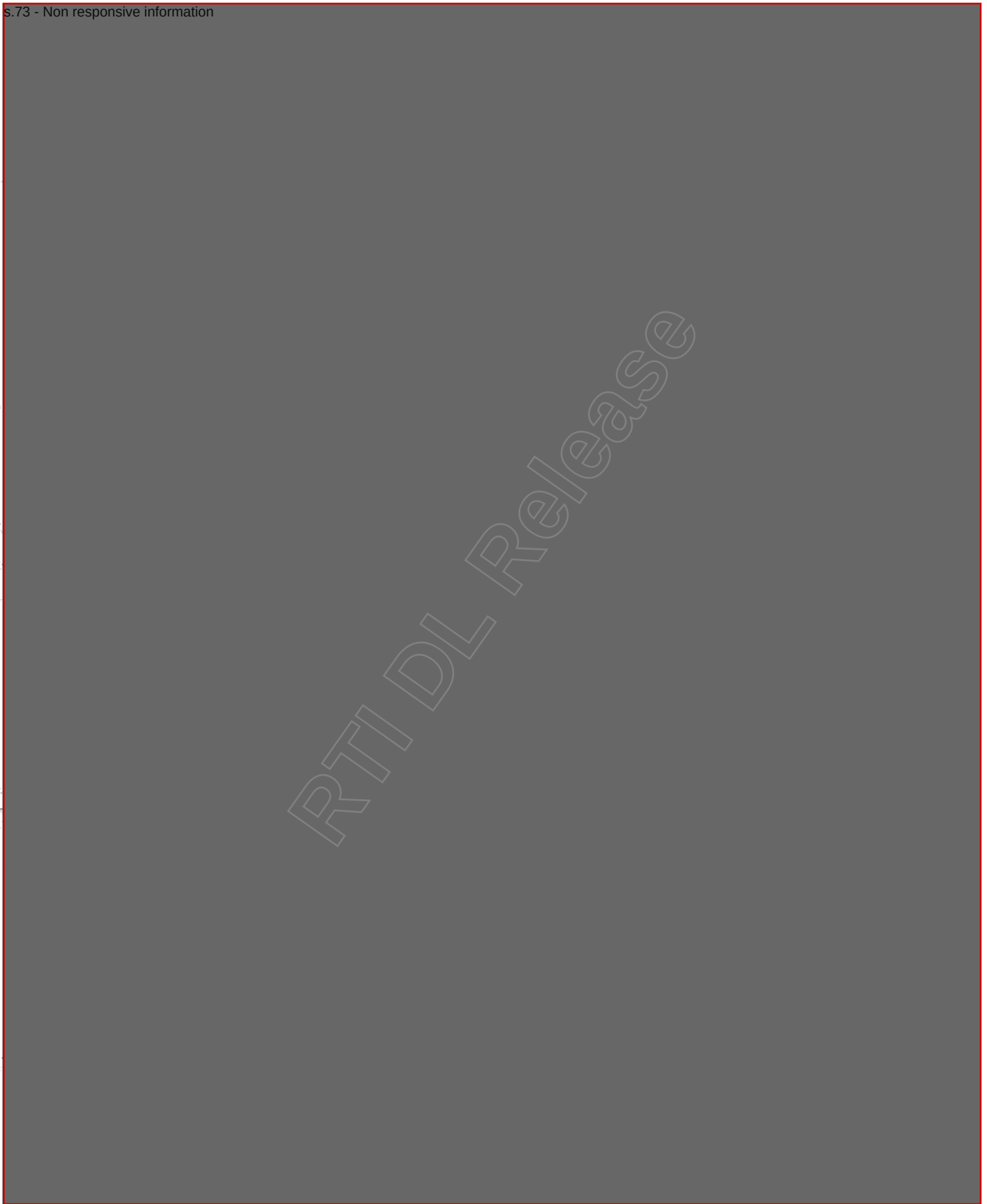


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Sent: Sunday, 5 May 2013 10:03 AM
To: Brooke Hargraves
Subject: FW: FYI APN's story "mine releases under fire State Govt fails to alert council or dam owners"

Brooke,

It doesn't look like he's printed a new story. But a couple of other papers ran Friday's article on Saturday. The Sunny Coast Daily article is slightly longer than the ones printed on Friday (see below).

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From: Michaels Paul
Sent: Sunday, 5 May 2013 10:00 AM
To: Ellwood Dean; Wells Melissa; Brown Glen; Lutz Megan
Subject: FYI APN's story "mine releases under fire State Govt fails to alert council or dam owners"

For your info... stories in Sunshine Coast Daily and slightly cut down version in Bundaberg News Mail

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News Mail, Bundaberg QLD by Owen Jacques
General News - page 12 - 209 words - ID 192553942 - Photo: Yes - Type: News Item - Size: 167.50cm²

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Sunshine Coast Daily, Maroochydore QLD by Owen Jacques

04 May 2013

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This means the crews in charge of treating the water were not informed on how best to ensure drinking supplies were up to standard.

Minister for the Environment Andrew Powell defended the decision saying the department did not want to cause "undue concern among communities".

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Banana Mayor Ron Carige said regardless of the government's confidence in the water, the council needed to be told.

"We owe it to everyone to make an informed decision," he said.

Anglo American confirmed it would maintain regular contact with the nearby council.

Until he was quizzed on the issue, Cr Carige did not know the mine was able to release water upstream of the dam - he understood any water would be released downstream of the reservoir.

Cr Carige said if he knew, he would have gone to the council's water and sewerage director to make sure the quality was perfect.

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Sent: Monday, 6 May 2013 10:57 AM
To: Ellwood Dean
Cc: Pope Karen; McMain Lisa; Wells Melissa; media; Brooke Hargraves; Lynette Keep
Subject: FW: Media Enquiry - discharges from mining operations

Dean,

We have just received the below enquiry from Owen Jacques. As this is getting bigger than just Callide Mine/Fitzroy Basin can we please meet to discuss this?

Thanks,

Megan

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G'day, I understand this request for information might take some time, so I am happy to work out an appropriate deadline with you. Perhaps 5PM Friday?

QUESTIONS:

- Is DEHP aware of what resources projects discharge directly upstream of a water reservoir/dam used to supply drinking water? What are the details of these?
- If the government was to enact a policy to contact every council/community when industrial/mine water could enter their supply, what councils would this include?

Thanks guys

Owen.

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From: Lynette Keep
Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2013 9:39 AM
To: Brooke Hargraves
Subject: Re: Chasing media response

Nice B ! Take out the additional to in last par - is this oj's enquiry?

From: Brooke Hargraves
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 09:36 AM E. Australia Standard Time
To: Andrew Powell
Cc: Troy Collings; Fiona Procter; Lynette Keep
Subject: RE: Chasing media response

Hi Min,

Please see suggested response for your consideration below:

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Thanks,

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Hi Min,

Please see previous EHP responses and suggested response to Owen for your consideration/ approval.

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From: Owen Jacques [<mailto:Owen.Jacques@apn.com.au>]
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Cc: Brooke Hargraves
Subject: Mine water enquiry

G'day guys, media enquiry – deadline 4PM

Questions for Minister for Environment Andrew Powell, not to be answered by a spokesperson.

BACKGROUND: Anglo American's Callide open-cut coal mine in Central Queensland is understood to have released more than 500 mega-litres of water into Dunn Creek, a waterway which flows into the Callide Dam – a reservoir that supplies drinking water to Biloela.

The mine supplied information to the State Government on this.

The Govt did not inform the Banana Shire Council, deeming its impact on drinking water to be "negligible".

The council has confirmed it knew nothing of these releases and believes it should have been informed by the Queensland Government so it could be sure of the region's water quality.

There is no implication of the water in the dam being contaminated.

(I have included recent responses from the Qld Govt for context)

QUESTIONS:

1. Does the Minister believe towns have the right to be told when industrial water enters the drinking supply?
2. Why, why not?
3. Should Banana Shire Council have been told about these mine water releases, regardless of the apparent water quality of these discharges? Why/Why not?
4. Does the Minister see it as his department's responsibility to make sure this happens, or does some responsibility lie with the mine itself?

Deadline 4PM

Cheers
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Media response

Re: Mine water releases in the Callide River

For: Owen Jacques – APN

Date: Friday 12 April 2013

Please attribute the following to Dean Ellwood, Deputy Director General, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

Callide Mine has undertaken two mine water release events from the Dunn Creek Dam this year. The Callide Dam is approximately 2km downstream of this release point.

The first release was approximately 249.9ML.

To date, 255.7ML have been released as part of the second event, which is currently ongoing.

The release from Lake Gasteen ceased on 25 March 2013.

Sunwater is responsible for the quality and monitoring of drinking water supplies in the Callide Dam.

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BACKGROUND: Anglo American's Callide open-cut coal mine in Central Queensland is understood to have released more than 500 mega-litres of water into Dunn Creek, a waterway which flows into the Callide Dam – a reservoir that supplies drinking water to Biloela.

The mine supplied information to the State Government on this.

The Govt did not inform the Banana Shire Council, deeming its impact on drinking water to be "negligible".

The council has confirmed it knew nothing of these releases and believes it should have been informed by the Queensland Government so it could be sure of the region's water quality.

There is no implication of the water in the dam being contaminated.

(I have included recent responses from the Qld Govt for context)

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Does the Minister believe towns have the right to be told when industrial water enters the drinking supply? Why, why not?**

I believe towns should be informed in the event of any potential risk to their drinking water and we will continue to let people know if that is the case. However, I do not believe there is any need to create undue concern among communities, particularly during a natural disaster such as the one that occurred earlier this year.

- 2. Should Banana Shire Council have been told about these mine water releases, regardless of the apparent water quality of these discharges? Why/Why not?**

The central issue here is quality. Mine water releases are strictly monitored and we will not allow any release that does not meet high water quality standards. Sunwater is also responsible for ensuring the quality and monitoring of drinking water supplies in the Callide Dam.

In the event that there was any suggestion of water contamination that posed a risk to drinking water quality, from any source, regardless of whether it is a mine water release or not we would notify the local council and downstream users.

We have consistently advised anyone who wants to view mine water release data can simply visit www.fitzroyriver.qld.gov.au

- 3. Does the Minister see it as his department's responsibility to make sure this happens, or does some responsibility lie with the mine itself?**

Under standard environmental approvals, mines are permitted to release water during times of high level rain. This ensures dilution levels are high and water quality is maintained. This has been standard practice for many years, including under the previous Labor government.

In the event that a release does pose a risk to water quality for downstream users, it is standard practice the mining operators would inform the local water authority or local councils. They are also required to inform my department by law, and we would act appropriately depending on the level of risk posed to water quality.

Troy Collings

From: Brooke Hargraves
Sent: Monday, 6 May 2013 3:31 PM
To: Andrew Powell
Cc: Troy Collings; Lynette Keep; Fiona Procter
Subject: APN coverage mine water

Hi Min,

Please see coverage below.. I am working on a response for APN as discussed yesterday, but it may help if you can let me know if there is any outcome of your discussions today.

Thanks,
B

From: Michaels Paul
Sent: Sunday, 5 May 2013 10:00 AM
To: Ellwood Dean; Wells Melissa; Brown Glen; Lutz Megan
Subject: FYI APN's story "mine releases under fire State Govt fails to alert council or dam owners"

For your info... stories in Sunshine Coast Daily and slightly cut down version in Bundaberg News Mail

Mine dumped water in dam

News Mail, Bundaberg QLD by Owen Jacques
General News - page 12 - 209 words - ID 192553942 - Photo: Yes - Type: News Item - Size: 167.50cm²

04 May 2013

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That continued until the water release was finally stopped on April 21.

An Anglo spokeswoman said there was no issue with the water, which was tested as it was released by Callide.

The mine fed the information to the Queensland Department of Environment.

Environment Minister Andrew Powell defended the decision. He said there was no indication the addition of mine water to Callide Dam posed any risk to the health of those in the area.

Banana Mayor Ron Carige said regardless of the government's confidence in the water the council needed to be told.

Mine releases under fire State Government fails to alert council or dam owners

Sunshine Coast Daily, Maroochydore QLD by Owen Jacques
General News - page 16 - 377 words - ID 192609256 - Photo: Yes - Type: News Item - Size: 219.71cm²

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An Anglo American spokeswoman said there was no issue with the water which was tested as it was released by Callide.

The mine fed the information directly to the Queensland Department of Environment but the data was not passed on to the council or dam owners Sunwater because the State Government felt the impact of mine water entering the dam via Dunn Creek would be "negligible".

This means the crews in charge of treating the water were not informed on how best to ensure drinking supplies were up to standard.

Minister for the Environment Andrew Powell defended the decision saying the department did not want to cause "undue concern among communities".

There was no indication the addition of mine water to Callide Dam posed any risk to the health of those in the area.

Banana Mayor Ron Carige said regardless of the government's confidence in the water, the council needed to be told.

"We owe it to everyone to make an informed decision," he said.

Anglo American confirmed it would maintain regular contact with the nearby council.

Until he was quizzed on the issue, Cr Carige did not know the mine was able to release water upstream of the dam - he understood any water would be released downstream of the reservoir.

Cr Carige said if he knew, he would have gone to the council's water and sewerage director to make sure the quality was perfect.

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Troy Collings

From: Brooke Hargraves
Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2013 9:36 AM
To: Andrew Powell
Cc: Troy Collings; Fiona Procter; Lynette Keep
Subject: RE: Chasing media response

Hi Min,

Please see suggested response for your consideration below:

"This government has always been open and transparent with all central Queensland communities in relation to mine water releases.

"It is disappointing to see that Labor's shadow environment minister has been so busy making baseless claims in the media, she hasn't found time to go online and see for herself exactly how accountable we are.

"All details about mine water releases, including technical data from each and every monitoring station, have always been available on the Fitzroy River website, www.fitzroyriver.qld.gov.au

"I have spoken to the Mayor of Banana Shire Ron Carige about this issue and taken his feedback on board.

"While all our data has been, and will remain, available online we are investigating options for individuals and councils to subscribe to updates and receive email notifications when the site is updated.

"While the opposition will continue to spin and scaremonger the Newman government to will continue to work with local communities to ensure the best outcomes for people of central Queensland."

ENDS-

As always, happy for you to make any changes or additions.

Thanks,

B



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From: Owen Jacques [<mailto:Owen.Jacques@apn.com.au>]

Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2013 8:17 AM

To: Brooke Hargraves

Subject: Chasing media response

G'day Brooke, can you send across that response from the Minister ASAP?

I see the Opposition has now made claims of its owns if the Minister would also like to respond to those.

Owen.

LNP'S Fundamental Breach Of Trust On Mine Water

Shadow Environment Minister, Jackie Trad, says the Newman Government has betrayed Central Queensland communities by keeping secret the details of water spills from an open-cut coal mine.

"It is appalling that the Newman Government, in particular the Environment Minister Andrew Powell, would try to conceal releases totalling more than 500 million litres of mine water into a Central Queensland catchment," Ms Trad said.

"The government has been claiming its handling of the release of mine water is based on openness and communication with regional communities, councils and other relevant organisations.

"Yet now we discover the Banana Shire Council was told nothing of releases of more than 500 million litres of water into Callide Dam from the Callide mines owned by Anglo American.

"This is a fundamental breach of trust with all the communities of Central Queensland who have been assured time after time that the government has an effective process to monitor and manage water releases.

"Every CQ community has been betrayed by the Newman Government.

"The excuse by Minister Powell that he did not want to cause 'undue concern among communities' does not wash.

"He has now caused more concern by covering up these releases. People will now wonder what else he has been hiding or what he will hide in the future," Ms Trad said.



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Troy Collings

From: Carlos Reuben <Reuben.Carlos@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 2 January 2013 10:18 AM
To: Fiona Procter
Cc: Chesterman Andrew; Brown Glen; Loveday Chris
Subject: RE: Anglo

Fiona

I have left a message with Carl Grant of Anglo to ring me back.

I have also spoken to Chris Loveday (Acting Regional Manager Mining - Central Region) and we will be happy to engage in further conversations with Carl today to see if we can come up with an acceptable solution to all parties.

I will send you briefings as things develop.

regards
Reuben

Reuben Carlos

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Sent: Wednesday, 2 January 2013 8:57 AM
To: Carlos Reuben
Subject: RE: test email

Thanks Reuben!

From: Carlos Reuben [<mailto:Reuben.Carlos@ehp.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 January 2013 8:53 AM
To: Fiona Procter
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From: Brooke Hargraves
Sent: Wednesday, 2 January 2013 10:37 AM
To: Fiona Procter
Subject: FW: Response re mine water releases

As discussed- FYI

From: Brooke Hargraves
Sent: Friday, 21 December 2012 9:37 AM
To: mludlow@afrc.com.au
Cc: Ken Vernon
Subject: Response re mine water releases

Hi Mark,

Sorry for the delay, please see the response from Minister Powell below:

Mines are authorised by conditions of an environmental authority to release water on a regular basis.

In the case of mine water releases, these conditions relate to the mine's ability to meet strict environmental and water quality standards- including the cumulative impacts of releases on the waterway.

That has been standard practice for many years including under the previous Labor government.

A list of all water releases for the last twelve months can be found at <http://www.fitzroyriver.qld.gov.au/waterquality/water-releases.html>

EHP is currently assessing applications from Anglo Coal to amend the environmental authorities for its Capcoal German Creek, Foxleigh and Lake Lindsay mines to allow water releases from these sites.

The pilot release announced earlier this year is limited to four BMA mines that will release water from mine sites into the Isaac River during the current wet season.

However, this pilot is also based on a number of factors, primarily rainfall.

If there is not sufficient rainfall for water quality to be assured the BMA mines will not be able to discharge the water.

The pilot release of mine water will support an evidence-based opportunity to manage the release of floodwater, and is part of the Government's overall objective to improve our understanding of the Fitzroy river system, to develop a permanent solution for management of mine water and to improve water quality across the catchment.

ENDS-

Kind Regards,
Brooke



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Sent: Wednesday, 2 January 2013 1:14 PM
To: Fiona Procter
Subject: FW: re Minister's travel to Central Region in January

Fiona

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cheers
Reuben

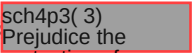
PS Still have not heard back from Anglo

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Sent: Thursday, 13 December 2012 10:12 AM
To: Carlos Reuben

Cc: Ellwood Dean; Chesterman Andrew

Subject: RE: re Minister's travel to Central Region in January

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Troy

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Sent: Wednesday, 12 December 2012 5:05 PM

To: Troy Collings

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Sent: Wednesday, 2 January 2013 1:26 PM
To: Fiona Procter
Subject: Re: re Minister's travel to Central Region in January

Ta - not a big one - I would just like to be in town if and when he comes

From: Fiona Procter [mailto:Fiona.Procter@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 01:21 PM
To: Carlos Reuben
Subject: RE: re Minister's travel to Central Region in January

Hi Rueben

Sorry I cant update you on dates for this yet. However I will put it on my list to discuss with the Minister.

Kind regards
Fiona

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Abbey Ride

From: Ken Vernon
Sent: Thursday, 3 January 2013 11:55 AM
To: Fiona Procter
Subject: RE: re ANGLO COAL

Any word on what transpired yesterday?

From: Fiona Procter
Sent: Wednesday, 2 January 2013 8:24 AM
To: Ken Vernon
Subject: FW: re ANGLO COAL

From: Troy Collings
Sent: Monday, 31 December 2012 11:15 AM
To: Fiona Procter
Subject: Fwd: re ANGLO COAL

Fiona, please see below email trail and advice to Jeff Popp. I had numerous text messages as well. Anglo will be in touch with you in the New Year.

Will call on the second to clarify.

Troy Collings
Chief of Staff
Minister for Environment
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Troy Collings <Troy.Collings@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Date: 31 December 2012 11:42:34 AM AEDT
To: Jeff Popp <Jeff.Popp@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: re ANGLO COAL

No problems at all sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy but will set things in motion. Fiona Procter acting for me so good for her to watch this one as well.

Happy New year. Soon.

Troy

Troy Collings
Chief of Staff
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On 31/12/2012, at 11:25 AM, "Jeff Popp" <Jeff.Popp@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Troy—

Are you happy for me to steer the good blokes at Anglo your way on this one?

Jeff.

From: Troy Collings
Sent: Thursday, 27 December 2012 10:56 AM
To: Jeff Popp
Subject: Fwd: re ANGLO COAL

Please see below. The devil is always in the detail. In this instance '13' a key number.

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Subject: re ANGLO COAL

Troy

Please find below some dot points for your consideration. These have not been approved by Dean but I have CC'd him in.

As discussed:

1. Anglo Coal has made application to amend Environmental Authorities (EA's) for the German Creek and Lake Lindsay Mines to include mine affected water release conditions that will result in (at least) 57km of Roper Creek reaching salinity levels of more than 2000uS/cm
2. Both applications have been assessed as significant increase in harm likely, no EIS required in accordance with section 246 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.
2. This decision was made based on the potential for mine affected water releases from both mines to impact on the Bingegang Weir, which supplies drinking water to the townships of Dysart, Middlemount and Tieri

3. The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection sought expert scientific advice from the Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts (DSITIA) in relation to the applications. DSITIA advised that the proposal posed a significant threat to water quality in Bingegang Weir.
4. Unlike the BMA Pilot, which authorises salinity levels to reach 2000uS/cm in the upper Isaac River, more than 475km upstream of the Edan Bann Weir, the Anglo proposal seeks to authorise this salinity level just 13km upstream of the Bingegang Weir (Roper Creek enters Bingegang Weir approximately 13km upstream of the weir structure).
5. Dean and myself have been in regular discussion with Carl Grant of Anglo regarding these 2 applications. Dean spoke to Carl as recently as Christmas Eve and we have committed to meeting with Anglo on January 2 to discuss alternatives and also a long term strategy with respect to their legacy water. (of note they commenced building an RO plant in 2010 at German Creek on one of their sites but stopped when coal prices dropped - it is half built on site)
6. We committed a significant amount of time with Anglo leading up to Christmas (up to 4 FTEs for close to 7 working days) trying to resolve these issues and another in relation to Callide mine which was successfully resolved.

More detailed background below.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 0410565795.

Regards
Reuben

Please find attached Information in relation to the Anglo applications.

What they want:

- Amend EA for Lake Lindsay and German Ck Mines (2 applications)
- Requesting release of legacy water into Roper Ck in low/no flow conditions with a proposed cease release of 2000us/cm 57 km downstream at Barwon Park (monitoring point). Barwon Park monitoring point is located approx 13km upstream of the Bingegang Weir drinking water supply in the Mackenzie River. The proposal is to be undertaken until 2015.

Issues:

- Bingegang weir is the drinking water supply for Middlemount, Dysart, Tieri and a number of surrounding mines in the area
- Anglo have not proposed any monitoring of the weir during releases, there is no NRM gauging station and Anglo have indicated that this is Government's issue, they are not responsible for this infrastructure. EHP currently have other mines monitoring at this point under conditions of their TEP and have been given a 600us/cm limit at the weir (they grab sample daily during releases). The 600us/cm limit was set taking into consideration drinking water values and so as not to compromise the BMA pilot and subsequent 650us/cm limit at the gap.
- Anglo's justification for the application is ACARP for the 2000us/cm (it should be highlighted that ACARP doesn't take into consideration drinking water supplies and deals only with aquatic ecosystems).
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between release point and the Barwon Park gauging station (approximately 57km downstream of the mine site).

Conservative estimate of 36 – 48 hours lag between release and gauging station, therefore condition as proposed may result in high salinity water (up to 7,000µS/cm based on on-site inventory) being released for this same period before registering above 2000µS/cm at the Barwon Park gauging station. The proposed compliance limit of 2000 µS/cm is likely to be exceeded in this case.

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Sent: Thursday, 3 January 2013 5:32 PM
To: Fiona Procter
Subject: Re: Anglo Update

Thanks Fiona. Hope all is well.

Sent from my iPhone

On 03/01/2013, at 4:42 PM, "Fiona Procter" <Fiona.Procter@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Jeff (and happy new year)

I believe you were liaising with Troy on the matter below.

Please find an update on the interactions between EHP and Anglo for your information.

Kind regards
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From: Brooke Hargraves
Sent: Monday, 7 January 2013 2:09 PM
To: Fiona Procter
Subject: FW: Emails relating to Anglo Mine
Attachments: RE: Public notice - Anglo Mine; RE: Public notice - Anglo Mine

Hey FP,

FYI not sure if you've seen this or not..

From: Sengers Nathalie [<mailto:Nathalie.Sengers@ehp.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 7 January 2013 1:55 PM
To: Brooke Hargraves
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Hi Brooke

FYI - attached are the emails relating to the EAs for the Anglo Mines.

Thank you.

Cheers, Nathalie

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To: Delzoppo Lindsay; Carlos Reuben
Cc: Loveday Chris; Brown Glen; Sengers Nathalie; Wells Melissa
Subject: RE: Public notice - Anglo Mine

Hello Reuben,

I just noticed 2 small but important errors in my previous email. The correct wording is highlighted in yellow below.

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Anglo Coal (German Creek) Pty Ltd & Others
C/- Mr Ben Saunders
Anglo American Metallurgical Coal
Capcoal Operations
MIDDLEMOUNT QLD 4746

The Mining Registrar
Department of Natural Resources and Mines
PO Box 245
EMERALD QLD 4720

Our Reference: 172818

Dear Mr Saunders

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The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) has assessed the application received on 22 November 2012 to amend environmental authority MIN100497707 and advises that the assessment level decision for the amendment application is significant increase in environmental harm is likely.

EHP has also decided that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for the proposed amendment. The EIS decision was made by EHP in accordance with section 246 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Your application has been forwarded for assessment to the Rockhampton office.

If you require further information please contact Mark Stewart, the Project Manager, on (07) 4837 3479.

Yours sincerely

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Notice

Assessment level and EIS decision for application to amend an Environmental Authority (Mining Activities) Non Code Compliant Level 1 Mining Project

This statutory notice is issued by the administering authority pursuant to sections 246, 248 and 249 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 to advise an applicant of the assessment level and EIS decision regarding an application to amend an environmental authority (mining activities).

Anglo Coal (German Creek) Pty Ltd & Others
C/- Mr Ben Saunders
Anglo American Metallurgical Coal
Capcoal Operations
MIDDLEMOUNT QLD 4746

The Mining Registrar
Department of Natural Resources and Mines
PO Box 245
EMERALD QLD 4720

Our Reference: 171796

Dear Mr Saunders

Re: Application for amendment of Environmental Authority MIN101547410 Non Code Compliant Level 1 Mining Project (ML70336)

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) has assessed the application received on 29 November 2012 to amend environmental authority MIN101547410 and advises that the assessment level decision for the amendment application is significant increase in environmental harm is likely.

EHP has also decided that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for the proposed amendment. The EIS decision was made by EHP in accordance with section 246 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Your application has been forwarded for assessment to the Rockhampton office.

If you require further information please contact Mark Stewart, the Project Manager, on (07) 4837 3479.

Yours sincerely

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Delegate
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
21 December 2012

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From: Frangi Spilsbury
Sent: Friday, 11 January 2013 10:55 AM
To: Fiona Procter; Brooke Hargraves; Ken Vernon
Subject: Weekly EHP Media Report (11/01/12)

Please advise any additions/amendments

Date	Subject	Media Outlet	Notified Premiers	Min approved	Type of Response	Any Dept Input	Speaking Points
s.73 - Non responsive information							
09/01/13	Mine water release	Australian Financial Review, Mark Ludlow			Interview/ Ministerial Statement		Minister advises his department is assessing applications from Anglo Coal to amend the regulations for its Capcoal German Creek, Foxleigh and Lake Lindsay mines to allow water releases from their sites
s.73 - Non responsive information							

Regards



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Troy Collings

From: Brooke Hargraves
Sent: Wednesday, 6 February 2013 11:53 AM
To: Lutz Megan
Cc: Ken Vernon; media@ehp.qld.gov.au; Fiona Procter
Subject: RE: enquiry- AFR

Hi Megan,

Mark has come back with some follow up question- similar to the vein of Owen's questions last week- about which mines are being investigated, the methods of investigation and some more info around the potential penalties.

I'm confident our response to Owen from last week should cover off on the info he is after, can we please update the response and table below as of today and we can send it back to him?

The below table shows a list of the mines under investigation for potential non-compliant releases and associated activities to date:

Mine	Receiving waterway
Central Queensland	
Ribfield Middlemount Coal Mine	Roper Creek
Anglo German Creek Mine	Roper Creek
Rio Tinto Hail Creek	Bee Creek
Rio Tinto Kestrel Mine	Crinum Creek
Sojitz Minerva	Sandhurst Creek
Yarrabee Coal Company Yarrabee Mine	Twelve Mile Creek
North Queensland	
Baal Gammon copper mine	Jamie Creek

The majority of mine releases have been in compliance with the conditions of their individual Environmental Authorities (EA) or approved Transitional Environmental (TEP) conditions.

The likelihood of environmental harm from non-complaint releases is low due to the significant flows in many of the receiving waterways.

As of Thursday evening almost 3,000,000ML had flowed past the Gap monitoring station at Rockhampton in the last week.

However, the department is closely monitoring all releases and will analyse water quality data as it is received. Mines are required to have water samples tested by independent NATA accredited laboratories and supply the results of any analysis to the department as part of a 28 day report that is required to follow each release event.

Interim monitoring results to date has not identified any environmental concerns.

Thanks,
Brooke



Brooke Hargraves

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From: Lutz Megan [mailto:Megan.Lutz@ehp.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 6 February 2013 9:48 AM

To: mludlow@fairfaxmedia.com.au

Cc: media

Subject: FW: enquiry- AFR

Hi Mark,

Please find attached a statement from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection in regards to non-compliance mine releases in the Fitzroy Basin.

Kind regards,

Megan

Megan Lutz

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From: Mark Ludlow [mailto:mludlow@fairfaxmedia.com.au]

Sent: Tuesday, 5 February 2013 6:12 PM

To: Brooke Hargraves

Subject:

Hi Brooke,

This is no doubt too late for tonight, but I heard a few mines breached compliance regulations when releasing salty water into river after the QLD floods over the past week.

Do you have any information on what those breaches were and/or what the penalties were?

I'll chase it up in the morning.

Cheers,

Mark

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Troy Collings

From: Fiona Procter
Sent: Wednesday, 2 January 2013 1:22 PM
To: Carlos Reuben
Subject: RE: re Minister's travel to Central Region in January

Hi Rueben

Sorry I cant update you on dates for this yet. However I will put it on my list to discuss with the Minister.

Kind regards
Fiona

From: Carlos Reuben [<mailto:Reuben.Carlos@ehp.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 January 2013 1:14 PM
To: Fiona Procter
Subject: FW: re Minister's travel to Central Region in January

Fiona

Just doing some forward planning - is there any news on the Minister's potential visit to a CQ mine in January.

cheers
Reuben

PS Still have not heard back from Anglo

Reuben Carlos

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We are currently relocating office, and as of Thursday October 18 2012 our contact details will be as follows:

Office location: Ground Floor, 209 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton

Contact phone number: 0748373 517

From: Troy Collings [mailto:Troy.Collings@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 13 December 2012 10:12 AM
To: Carlos Reuben
Cc: Ellwood Dean; Chesterman Andrew
Subject: RE: re Minister's travel to Central Region in January

We are just trying to coordinate a number of trips Reuben and are awaiting info on one in particular that impacts on this trip. We will have proposed date before the end of the week.

Thanks

Troy

Troy Collings
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From: Carlos Reuben [mailto:Reuben.Carlos@ehp.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 December 2012 5:05 PM
To: Troy Collings
Cc: Ellwood Dean; Chesterman Andrew
Subject: re Minister's travel to Central Region in January

Troy

I am just trying to do some forward planning travel wise for January.

Did the Minister intend on taking BMA up on their offer to visit one of their mines early next year? If so have dates been booked yet?

cheers
Reuben

Reuben Carlos

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From: Sengers Nathalie <Nathalie.Sengers@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 7 January 2013 1:55 PM
To: Brooke Hargraves
Subject: Emails relating to Anglo Mine
Attachments: RE: Public notice - Anglo Mine; RE: Public notice - Anglo Mine

Hi Brooke

FYI - attached are the emails relating to the EAs for the Anglo Mines.

Thank you.

Cheers, Nathalie

Nathalie Sengers

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From: Davies Emma <Emma.Davies@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 26 February 2013 5:08 PM
To: Brooke Hargraves
Cc: media; Waters Kerry; Corro EHP DG; Chesterman Andrew; Ellwood Dean
Subject: FW: Media response: Mine water releases - APN AFR - DEADLINE 4PM TODAY

Importance: High

Hi Brooke,

For your consideration - below is a media response regarding mine releases.

Approved by DDG Dean Ellwood and ED Reuben Carlos.

Let me know if you wish for us to send anything departmentally. FYI - Owen Jacques also just contacted us to advise he needs a response 'now' (either from us or the Minister).

Please attribute the following to a spokesperson for the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

A further eight mines have commenced releases since 21 February 2013.

Following investigations, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection has issued Sojitz Minerva with a warning notice and a penalty infringement notice (PIN) to Rio Tinto's Hail Creek mine for non-compliant mine discharges.

The department is continuing to investigate a further seven mines for self-reported non-compliant releases: Middlemount Coal Mine, Peabody Coppabella, Rio Tinto Kestrel, Anglo German Creek, Yarrabee Coal Company, Anglo Callide and Peabody North Goonyella.

All mines are required to submit a report to the department within 28 days following the cessation of any release event. These reports, where possible, may include how much water was released outside of their environmental approvals.

The likelihood of environmental harm from non-complaint releases is low due to the significant flows in many of the receiving waterways.

Interim monitoring results to date have not identified any environmental concerns.

Further water quality results are expected later this week.

ENDS

Thanks,

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From: Brooke Hargraves [mailto:Brooke.Hargraves@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 26 February 2013 12:53 PM
To: Michaels Paul
Cc: media
Subject: Mine water releases

Hi Paul,

I've had two enquiries one from The Fin Review, one from Owen Jacques both wanting info on the investigation into non-compliant mine water releases.

Can I a response for these please?

1. Has there been any release since the 21/2/13?
2. What is the timeframe for the investigation into the eight non-compliant mines?
3. Has the Minister been told the results of any testing of mine water from non-compliant mine releases? What do they show? If not, when will those results arrive?

Thanks,

B



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From: Michaels Paul <Paul.Michaels@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 26 February 2013 5:44 PM
To: mludlow@fairfaxmedia.com.au
Cc: EHPMedia
Subject: Australian Financial Review re mine water discharges

Mark, following is information requested re mine water discharges.

Please attribute the following to a spokesperson for the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

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ENDS

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From: Davies Emma <Emma.Davies@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 February 2013 5:54 PM
To: Brooke Hargraves
Cc: media; Waters Kerry; Corro EHP DG; Chesterman Andrew; Ellwood Dean
Subject: FW: Australian Financial Review re mine water discharges

Importance: High

Hi Brooke,

For your approval - the journalist from AFR has followed up with some further questions regarding releases since the 21 February.

He would like to know if any of the mines that have released since the 21 Feb were non compliant and the total volume of mine releases.

Approved by DDG Dean Ellwood and Reuben Carlos.

Journalist is seeking this information ASAP.

Please attribute the following to a spokesperson from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

Eight mines have commenced releases since the 21 February, all which were in compliance with their Environmental Authority.

Seven additional mines were already releasing on the 21 February. Of these mines Anglo's German Creek mine was not in compliance with its Environmental Authority and is being investigated by the department.

The total volume of mine affected water releases reported to date is 14,828 ML. This equates to 0.25% of the total volume of water which has flowed past The Gap monitoring station since 24 January 2013.

Up to date information on water quality in the Fitzroy River and coal mine releases can be found at www.fitzroyriver.qld.gov.au.

ENDS

Agency Background:

The eight mines that commenced releases since the 21 February are: North Goonyella, Moorvale, Goonyella Riverside, Peak Downs, Kestrel, Norwich Park, Clermont and Oak Creek.

The mines that were already releasing on the 21 February are: Foxleigh, Middlemount, German Creek, Dawson Central, Callide, South Walker Creek and Hail Creek.

The journalist also requested the total volume of water released since the 21 February. We advised this information was incomplete because some mines were still in the process of releasing water and volume is reported to us after the release has ceased. The journalist instead asked for the total volume of water released from mines since 24 January that we have recorded.

Thanks,

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On 26 February 2013 17:43, Michaels Paul
<Paul.Michaels@ehp.qld.gov.au> wrote:

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Sent: Wednesday, 27 February 2013 6:48 PM
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Cc: media
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ENDS

Thanks,

Megan

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From: Lutz Megan <Megan.Lutz@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 April 2013 5:11 PM
To: Brooke Hargraves
Subject: FW: MEDIA ENQUIRY -- deadline 5PM

FYI

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From: Owen Jacques [<mailto:Owen.Jacques@apn.com.au>]

Sent: Tuesday, 9 April 2013 10:03 AM

To: Lutz Megan; media

Subject: MEDIA ENQUIRY -- deadline 5PM

G'day Megan, following on from other media enquiries I've lodged with the department.

I understand that Anglo American's Callide Mine releases water into both Callide and Dunn Creeks.

One of these is upstream from the Callide Reservoir, which Sunwater supplies to the Banana Shire Council so it can be supplied as drinking water to the region.

Questions of process:

- What is the process of informing the regional council of mine water releases that could have an impact on drinking water?
- Is it EHP's responsibility to inform Sunwater, and for Sunwater to inform the Banana council, or is some responsibility borne by the mine itself?
- Was Sunwater informed by EHP that there had been non-compliant mine water releases?
- Should Sunwater have then informed the council?

Questions on data:

- How much water has Callide Mine released upstream of the reservoir since the beginning of this year, and how much were considered non-compliant releases?

- Which water release point from the mine (Dunn Creek or Lake Gasteen) is upstream from the Callide Reservoir? What is the likelihood of this water flowing into the reservoir?
- In previous information released by the government, there were two ongoing non-compliant releases from the Mine. Could I have an update on whether that is still happening?

Deadline to be discussed. Will call in the next little while.

Thanks Megan.



Owen Jacques

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From: Lutz Megan <Megan.Lutz@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 12 April 2013 3:02 PM
To: Brooke Hargraves; Lynette Keep
Cc: media; Ellwood Dean; Waters Kerry; Chesterman Andrew; Corro EHP DG
Subject: FW: MEDIA ENQUIRY -- Callide mine releases
Attachments: 2-KEEPER-2080926-Media_response_Mine_water_releases_into_Callide_APN.doc

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Hi Brooke/Lyn,

For your approval please - attached is a proposes response to the below enquiry from APN. Response has been approved by Dean Ellwood.

Journalist's deadline has been extended until 4pm today.

Thanks,

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From: Owen Jacques [<mailto:Owen.Jacques@apn.com.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 April 2013 10:03 AM
To: Lutz Megan; media
Subject: MEDIA ENQUIRY -- deadline 5PM

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DRAFT media response

Enquiry received at: 10:03am 09:04/13	Briefing officer: Chris Loveday
Deadline: Not specified	Phone:
Media Unit contact: Megan Lutz	DDG: Dean Ellwood
Media Unit phone: 3339 5845	Phone:
Approved by:	

Date: 49 April 2013

For: Owen Jacques - APN

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Sunwater is responsible for the quality and monitoring of drinking water supplies in the Callide Dam.

DRAFT media response

Agency background: (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection only – non media)

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RTI DL Release



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Sent: Friday, 12 April 2013 5:34 PM
To: Owen Jacques
Cc: media
Subject: RE: MEDIA ENQUIRY -- deadline 5PM
Attachments: 3-KEEPER-2080926-Media_response_Mine_water_releases_into_Callide_APN.doc

Hi Owen,

Thanks again for your patience. Attached is a response to your enquiry about mine water discharges into the Callide.

Cheers,

Megan

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From: Spackman Maria <Maria.Spackman@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2013 3:15 PM
To: Lynette Keep; Brooke Hargraves
Cc: Michaels Paul; Lutz Megan; Lewis Kieran; Waters Kerry; Chesterman Andrew
Subject: Draft response WIN Mackay re mines
Attachments: 2-KEEPER-2087955-
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Good afternoon Lyn and Brooke

For your consideration, draft response attached and below to WIN News Mackay.

This enquiry was originally received yesterday and the journalist extended his deadline to today.

Regards
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Date: 16 April 2013

For: Jesse, WIN News Mackay

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Deadline: ASAP Tues (renegotiated from Mon 15.04.13)

Issue: Bowen Basin mine releases

Questions:

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Draft response: *Please attribute the following to Dean Ellwood, Deputy Director-General, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection*

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Enquiry received at:	Briefing officer: Melissa Wells
Deadline:	Phone: 4987 9343
Media Unit contact: Maria Spackman	DDG: Dean Ellwood
Media Unit phone: 3339 5853	Phone: 3330 6240
Approved by: Melissa Wells, Dean Ellwood	

Date: 16 April 2013

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Agency background: (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection only – non media)

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Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2013 3:33 PM
To: mkynews@winqld.com.au
Subject: EHP response to your enquiry re mines

Good afternoon Jesse

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RTI DL Release



Troy Collings

From: Andrew Powell
Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2013 11:27 AM
To: Brooke Hargraves
Cc: Troy Collings; Lynette Keep
Subject: Re: Environment Minister on Callide mine water releases

Will do before midday.

On 07/05/2013, at 11:10 AM, "Brooke Hargraves" <Brooke.Hargraves@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Min,

Please see request below.. if you do have time before noon I think it would be a good idea to get out there- clear the air once and for all.

Your call as always.. if you can let me know I'll let Emilie know one way or the other...

Thanks,
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From: Emilie Gramenz [<mailto:Gramenz.Emilie@abc.net.au>]
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Thanks,
Emilie

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