

Westside Open Cut rehabilitation and Oceanic Coal complex mine closure update

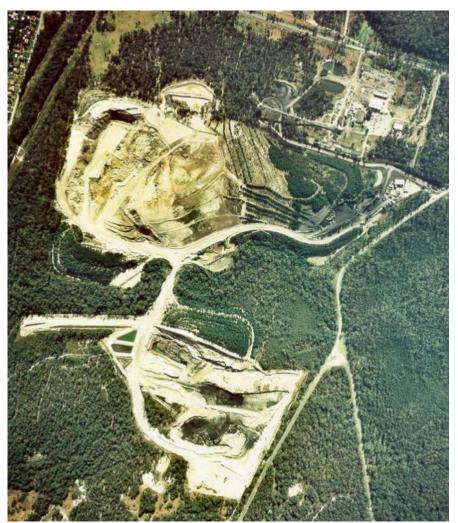
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#### **Outline**

- History and rehabilitation of Westside Open Cut
- Final void status of Westside Open Cut
- Overall Oceanic Coal complex mine closure update



- Mining completed in 2012
- Rehabilitation complete
- Rainfall filling final void (34 Ha), current water depth of 17m
- By 2029 the final void is expected to be full (24.5m deep)
- Spill way installed to Cockle creek
- Expect to relinquish lease and security deposit progressively with full relinquishment in 2027
- Future land use:-
  - Bushland
  - Industrial use of workshop/hard stand facility





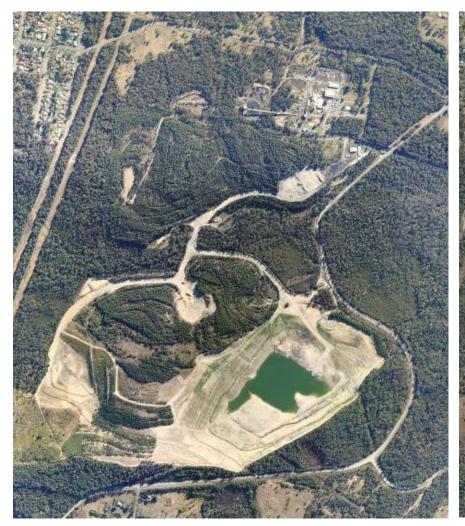
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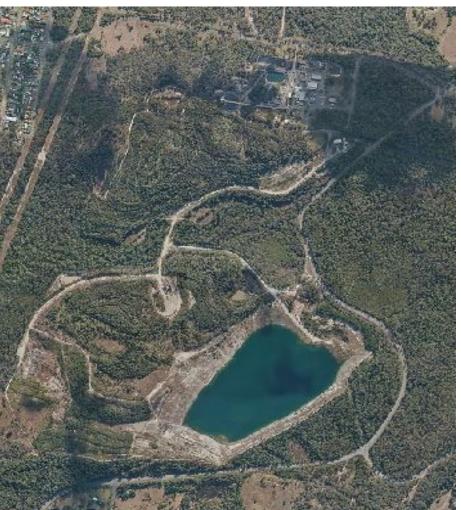






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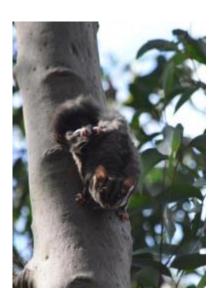


2012 2016

#### Rehabilitation

- Standard rehabilitation practices were used i.e. bulk shaping, contour drains, topsoil spreading, ameliorants and direct seeding with natives species
- Annual flora and fauna monitoring following rehab with corrective actions implemented as required i.e. reseeding, weed control etc.







#### Rehab monitoring

Monitoring progress towards achieving completion criteria including,

- Soil profile development
- Second generation seedlings present
- Regeneration of all strata including juvenile species
- Majority healthy trees, with the exception of natural acacia die off
- No significant weed infestation
- Fauna 'generally rehab sites have similar, or higher species diversity then remnant areas.
- 69 different fauna species

Scientific name	Common name	Site 1	Site 2	Site 5	Site 9	Site 10	Site 12
Calyptorhynchus lathami	Glossy black-cockatoo					+	
Chalinolobus dwyeri	Large-eared Pied Bat		+				
Miniopterus australis	Little Bent-winged Bat	+	+	+	+	+	+
Miniopterus schreibersii oceanensis	Eastern Bent-winged Bat	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mormopterus norfolkensis	Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat	+	+	+	+		+
Myotis macropus	Southern Myotis			+	+		
Ninox strenua	Powerful Owl		+		+		+
Petaurus norfolcensis	Squirrel Glider		+				
Pteropus poliocephalus	Grey-headed Flying-fox	+	+	+	+	+	+
Scoteanax rueppellii	Greater Broad-nosed Bat	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tyto novaehollandiae	Masked Owl						+
Vespadelus troughtoni	Eastern Cave Bat			+			

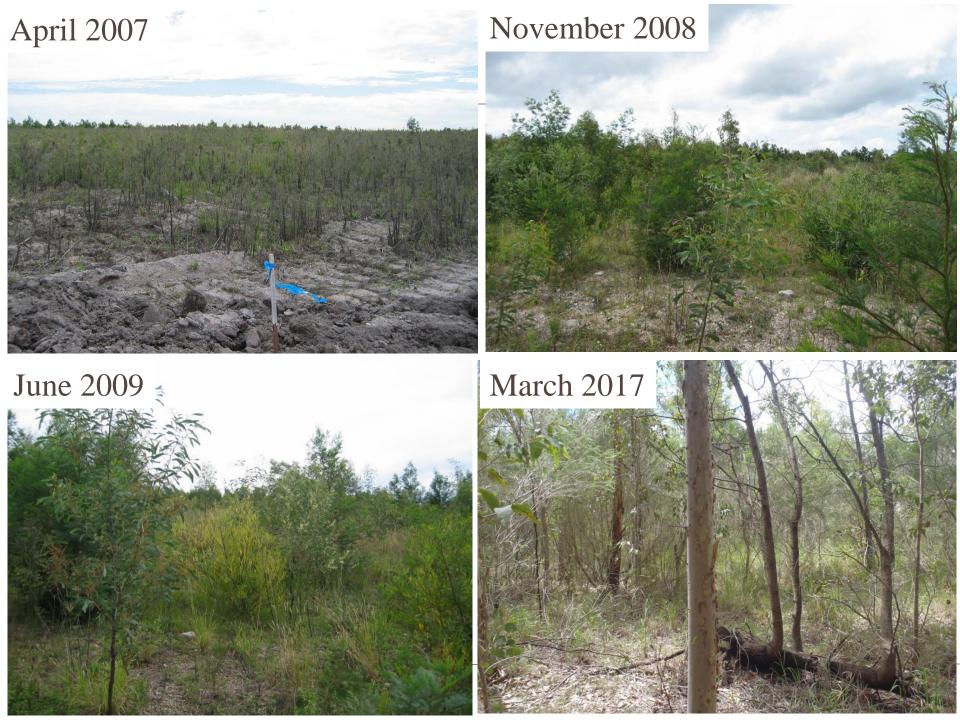


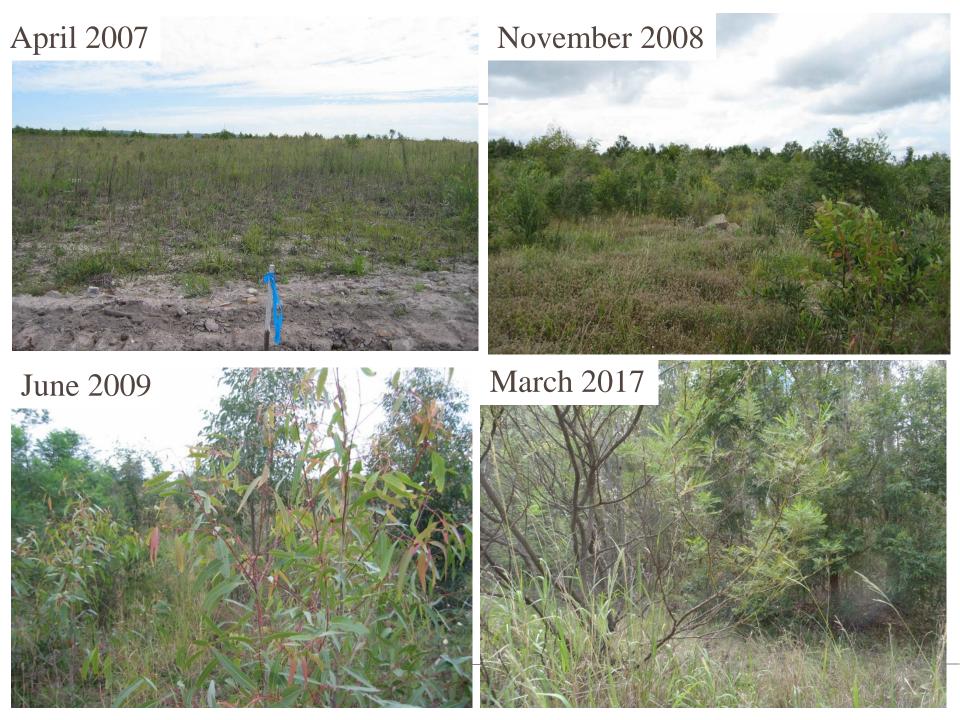












## Final void status of Westside Open Cut



Completed in 2012

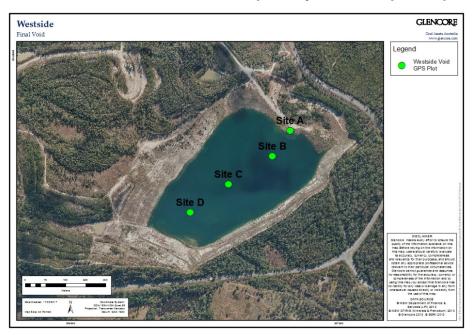
The 'highwall' of the final void has overburden placed against it

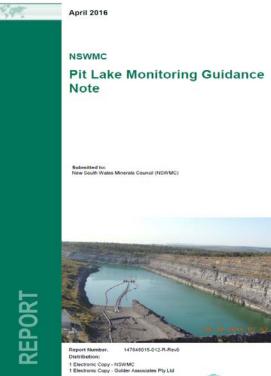
- Reduces long term safety risks
- Reduces long term geotech risks

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#### Water monitoring

- Previously surface water monitoring only with consistent results well within Environmental Protection licence parameters for discharge
- Monitoring regime increased to include stratification sampling which did show slightly different water quality at deepest part of void







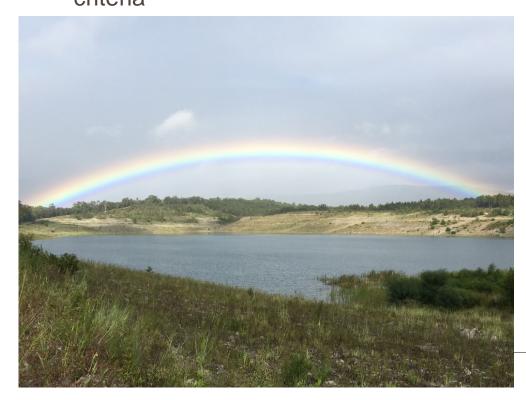




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- Current water volume 1696ML (Reduced level of 5m)
- Regular survey and water quality monitoring
- Increase in RL to 12.5 (7.5m higher then current)
- Final volume of 3.4 GL
- Periodically spill from 2029 (estimate) to Cockle creek

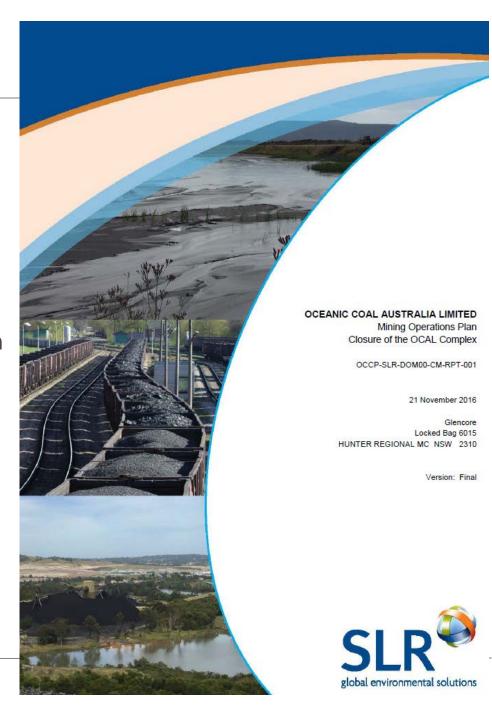
Water quality expected to meet Environmental Protection Licence discharge criteria





# Overall Oceanic Coal complex mine closure update

- Mining at Oceanic complex was completed in 2016
- Detailed mine closure plan required by DRE, conditions of consent and Glencore protocol
- 'Reverse' Environmental Assessment in scope, timing and cost
- Several thousand pages of documentation
- Copy of document available from <u>www.westwallsendcolliery.com.au</u>



#### **Studies Completed**

- Socio-Economic Baseline and Impact Mitigation;
- Post Mining Land Use;
- Geotechnical Constraints;
- Biodiversity Constraints and Opportunities & Buffer Land Management;
- Archaeological Constraints and Opportunities;
- Legal & Governance Register and Approvals Strategy;
- Geochemistry Report;
- Closure Risk Assessments;
- Reject Emplacement Area Landform & Tailings Capping Plan;
- Sealing;
- Rehabilitation & Closure Criteria;
- Hazardous Materials;

- Demolition Plan;
- Waste Disposal Strategy;
- Contamination Site Assessment;
- Surface Water Management;
- Underground Water Management;
- Subsidence;
- Methane Management;
- Environment & Rehabilitation Monitoring;
- Post Closure Management;
- Relinquishment;

#### **West Wallsend Number 3 Shaft**













## **Teralba Number 3 & 4 Shafts**



# Final void spillway



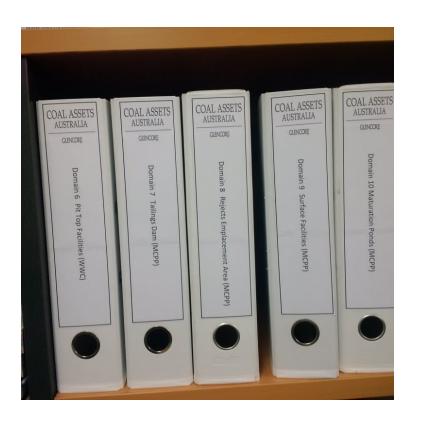


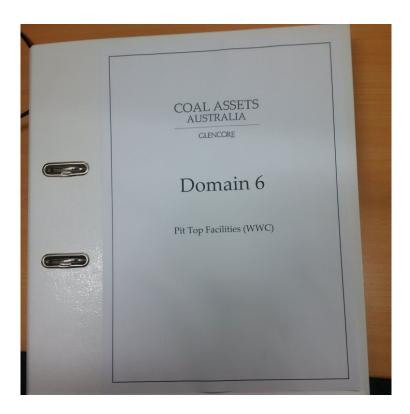
# Tailings dam – CPTu testing





# **Closure quality plan**





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Closure CMO Site Diary Plan **Photos** Closure Criteria Inspection and test Plans Closure Lease Asset sale (ITP's) certificate Relinquishment Coding procedure Monitoring Audits

#### Mine Closure works to date

- Last coal railed in October 2016
- West Wallsend Underground shafts and drift sealed
- Westside rehab and final void spill way complete
- Initial tailings dam testing complete
- 'Make safe' works undertaken
- Progressive removal of equipment in lay down areas

## **Questions**