



UPPER HUNTER MINING DIALOGUE

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Year in Review 2017

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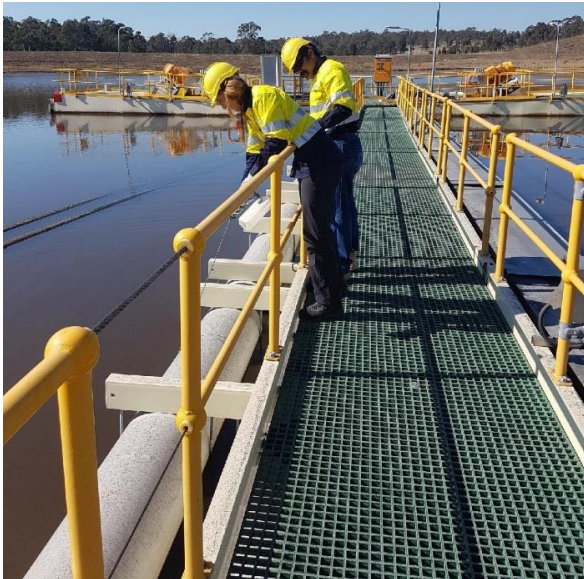
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Key Project Achievements 2017

Upper Hunter
Mining Dialogue

- Dialogue organisational restructure to promote efficiency and reduce duplication
- Hunter River Water Quality Study completed.
- Commencement of the Synoptic Plan Review process.



Hunter River Water Quality Study

Synoptic Plan Workshop



Key Project Achievements 2017

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- Conclusion of the ACARP Cattle Grazing Study.
- School Mine Tours Program pilot phase completed and commencement of full tour program.
- What Happens on a Windy Day Video filmed.
- Delivery of ongoing projects – e.g. Water Accounting Framework and Rehabilitation Principles and Reporting.



**Cattle
Grazing Study**



Key Communications Achievements 2017

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- Continued Dialogue presence at major regional shows and events.
- Over 300 community surveys collected to guide engagement.



Dialogue stall at
2017 Tocal Field
Day



Key Communications Achievements 2017

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- Several media stories generated on key projects.
- New Dialogue industry members engaged.
- International recognition of the Dialogue through International Council of Mining & Metals (ICMM) water stewardship publication and mine closure workshop.

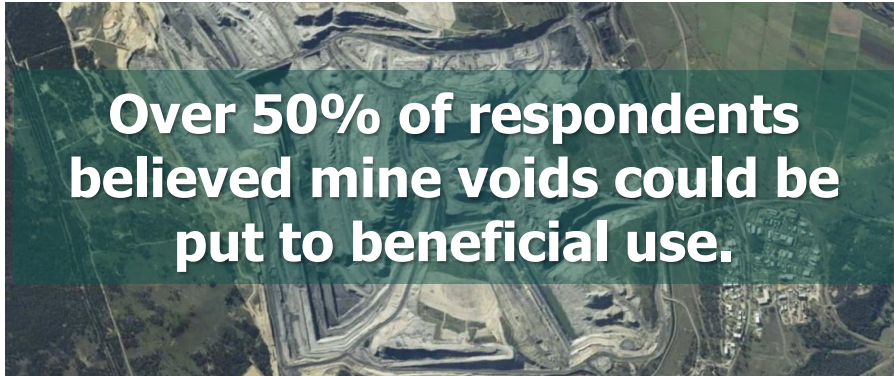
**NBN News filming story on
Dialogue Water Accounting
project**





Dialogue stakeholder survey key findings

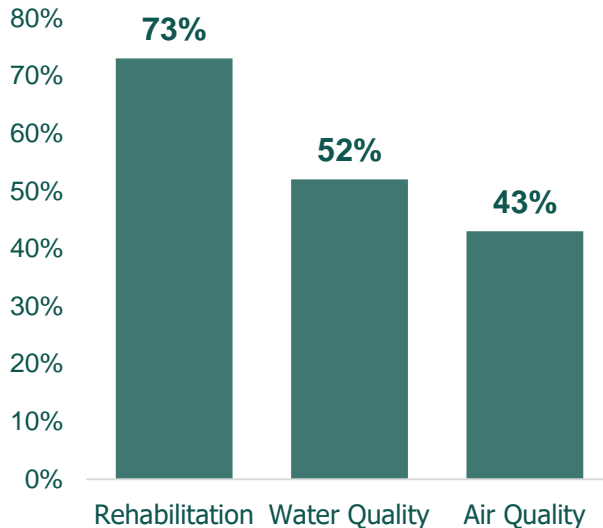
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3 in 10 people surveyed were aware of the Dialogue



Priority issues



Suggested improvements to community engagement

1. Awareness & promotion
2. Communicate effectively
3. Be honest, transparent and accessible
4. Manage/minimise air and noise pollution
5. Encourage quality rehabilitation



Future Priorities

**David O'Brien, Chair
Upper Hunter Mining
Dialogue**



Future Project Priorities

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- Progress the review of Upper Hunter Sub-Regional Plan (Synoptic Plan) to ensure integrated land use post-mining.
- Full implementation of School Mine Tours Program across sites. Students from Years 5 and 9 students from 22 schools involved.
- Support subsequent ACARP project examining past and present mine rehabilitation to grazing land.



School Tours Program



Future Project Priorities

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- Delivery of Virtual Reality Modules to complement Tour-related classroom learning.
- Completion of Upper Hunter Air Quality Fact Sheet.
- Continue delivering annual Dialogue projects (e.g. Water Accounting Framework, Rehabilitation Reporting).
- Identify new projects of community interest (Review the 2017 Forum and Community Survey suggestions).

Virtual Reality Modules for Classroom Learning





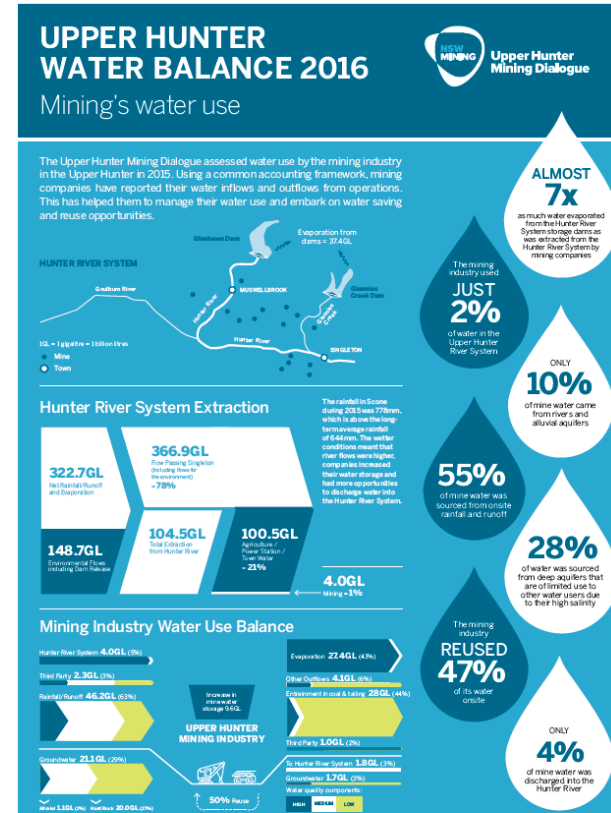
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- Hunter Coal Festival 2018 to feature large Dialogue presence with focus on key rehabilitation projects from operators.
- Promote recently completed projects (Water Quality Study, Water Accounting Framework, Windy Day video, Beneficial Use of Voids Fact Sheets) to stakeholders and media.



Hunter Coal Festival 2018



To find out more about the UHMD, visit miningdialogue.com.au
The NSW Minerals Council has compiled this data in its ongoing reporting framework. Since water accounting is a complex task that relies on estimates and computer models, the above corresponding data to the accuracy of the information. Source: Bureau of Meteorology, GPM Water, NSW Minerals Council data.

Water Accounting Framework 2016



Future Communications Priorities

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- Engage any new stakeholders identified, as well as seek to re-engage with previous stakeholders to bring back into the fold.
- Review the effectiveness of Communications Plan by Joint Advisory Steering Committee in 2018.
- Maintain visible presence via Dialogue Resource Centre and attendance at key major shows and events across the Upper Hunter Region.



**Dialogue
Resource
Centre,
Singleton**