

UPPER HUNTER REHABILITATION 2022



Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue

Rehabilitation Principles & Commitments - Analysis and Trends

Since 2012, the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue has been collecting and reporting on annual rehabilitation data from Upper Hunter mining operations, providing information to the community and improving transparency regarding the amount of progressive rehabilitation across the region.

The mining industry has agreed to a set of common rehabilitation principles and commitments to drive improvements to rehabilitation. More information regarding these principles and commitments can be found on the Mining Dialogue website.

A progress table is updated yearly with new results, providing an overview of the newly rehabilitated land and newly disturbed land during each calendar year for the past five years, as well as a selection of long-term averages.

In 2022, a further 529 hectares of land was newly rehabilitated, taking the total amount of land under rehabilitation to 14,987 hectares, which equates to just under 39 percent of all land disturbed by mining in the Upper Hunter. During the same period, 676 hectares of new disturbance was recorded.

The annual rehabilitation to disturbance ratio for 2022 was 0.78, meaning that for every hectare of land disturbed, 0.78 hectares of rehabilitation was undertaken.

While there was a slight increase in 2022 for newly disturbed land, this is far below the long-term average of new disturbance per calendar year.

At the close of the reporting period, a total of 23,572 hectares of disturbed land is awaiting rehabilitation.

A number of companies reported the disturbance of land previously under rehabilitation (instead of creating new disturbance) since the end of the 2021 reporting year, which has impacted the 'E' figure for total land under rehabilitation in 2022.

For more information:

miningdialogue.com.au

2022 Rehabilitation Snapshot

New rehabilitation

529 ha

Last Year (2021)

701 ha

Five-year average

804 ha

New disturbance

676 ha

Last Year (2021)

514 ha

Five-year average

1,043 ha

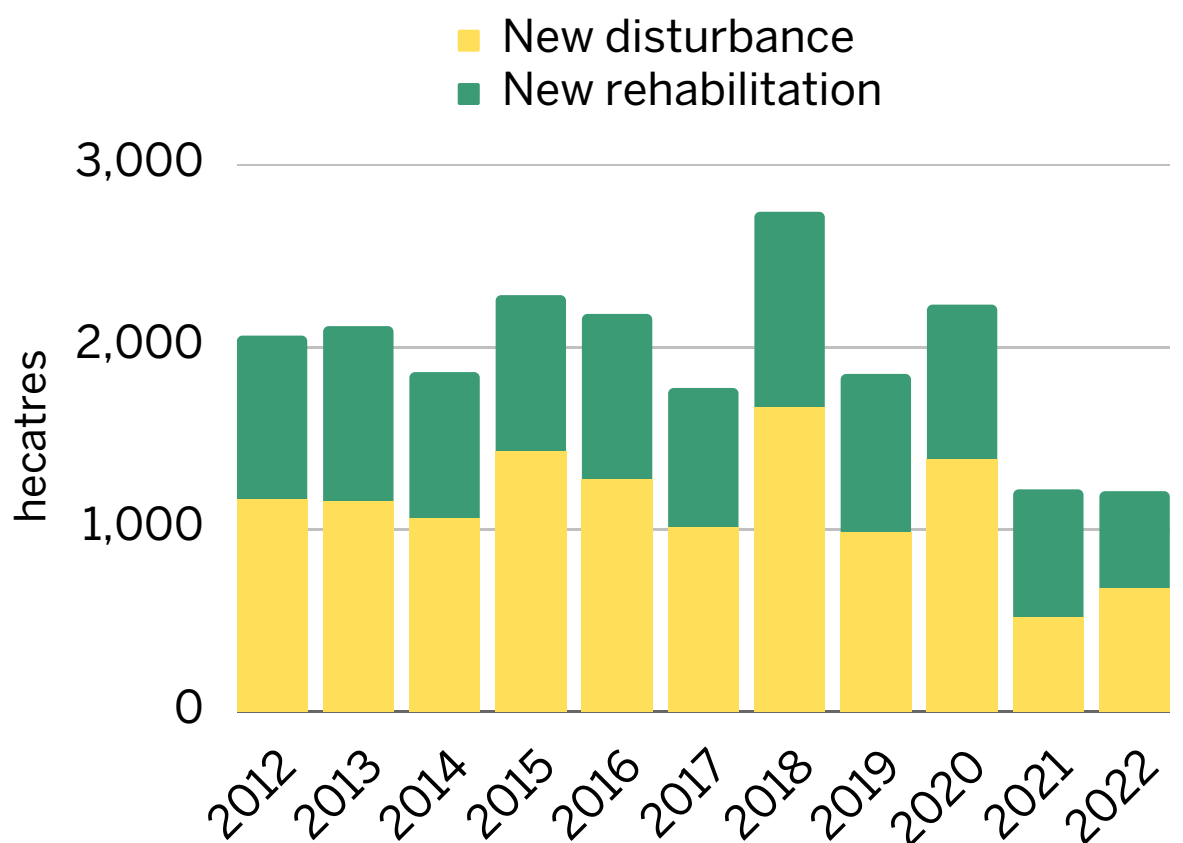


Figure 1: Comparison of annual new rehabilitation and disturbance

Total disturbed land under rehabilitation*

14,987 ha

Total disturbed land awaiting rehabilitation*

23,572 ha

*at the end of the reporting period



Almost 40% of land disturbed by mining in the Upper Hunter is under active rehabilitation.

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Figure 2: Comparison of Annual New Disturbance to New Rehabilitation, with trendlines (2012 to 2022)

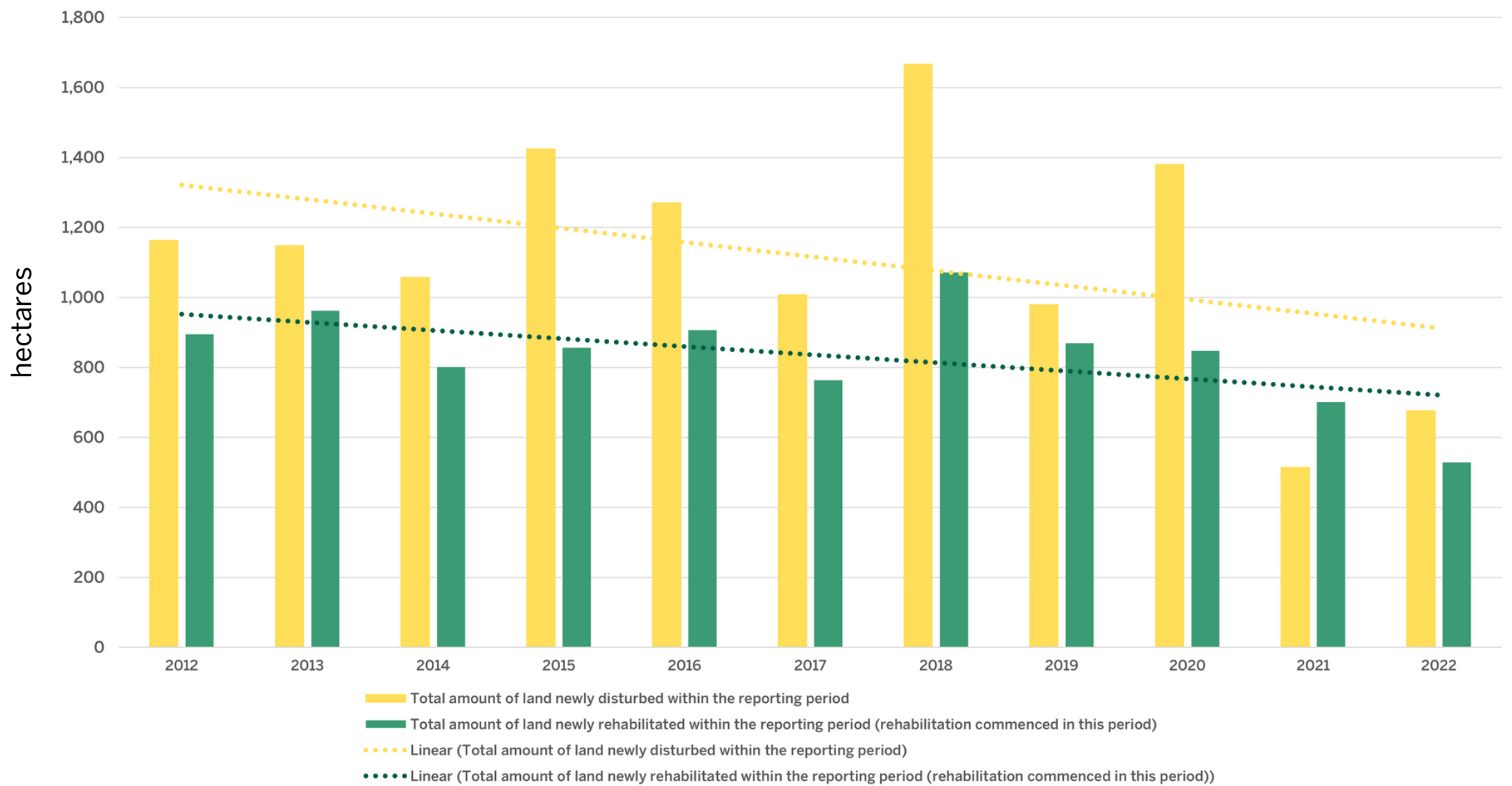


Figure 3: Total area of land under rehabilitation and Percentage of disturbed land under rehabilitation (2012 to 2022)

