

# UPPER HUNTER REHABILITATION



Upper Hunter  
Mining Dialogue

## Industry Rehabilitation Principles & Commitments

Acknowledging increasing community concern about a lack of transparent information about mine rehabilitation, the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue established a reporting project in 2012 to improve transparency of awareness of progressive rehabilitation by collating and reporting aggregate rehabilitation and disturbance data for all mining companies operating across the Upper Hunter.

Operating as one of the Dialogue's key annual projects since 2012, the project 'Rehabilitation Principles and Commitments' has resulted in industry members agreeing to a set of temporary and final rehabilitation principles and commitments that aim to decrease the periods of time that disturbed areas are left without temporary or final cover to minimise any impacts on the landscape or air quality.

These principles and commitments were developed in consultation with the Dialogue's Joint Environment Working Group members, with annual results reported back to members of the Joint Working Groups and Joint Advisory Steering Committee.

This project has enabled the Dialogue to publicly report the collective progress of all Upper Hunter companies against the principles each year, with an annual report from each individual company also submitted and published on the Mining Dialogue website for reference.

Since 2012, there have been significant improvements in the total amount of rehabilitation undertaken in the Upper Hunter, and the annual results can help the Dialogue demonstrate to stakeholders that progressive rehabilitation continues to be a priority for mining operations.

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## Temporary and Final Rehabilitation Principles and Commitments

All Dialogue member companies have agreed to a set of common principles and commitments, developed by the Joint Environment Working Group, to encourage improvements in the speed of rehabilitation and to provide aggregate data to the community about total land disturbed and rehabilitated.

The Principles and Commitments are as follows:

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Include rehabilitation planning  
in mine planning

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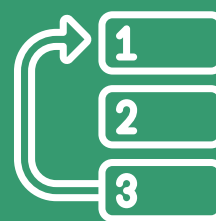
Undertake progressive rehabilitation

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Minimise time that disturbed areas  
are left without vegetation

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Prioritise areas of rehabilitation and  
temporary cover to reduce impacts

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Meet target for rehabilitation progress  
identified in the Forward Program

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Set quality targets for rehabilitation in  
the Rehabilitation Management Plan  
and/or Forward Program and  
implement a monitoring program to  
measure performance