



2026 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT LAKE VERMONT COAL MINE NORTHERN EXTENSION EPBC 2016/7701

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Approval holder: Bowen Basin Coal Pty Ltd (ACN 065 321 440)
Project location: Dysart, Queensland

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Abbreviations

3D	Three-dimensional
ACR	Annual Compliance Report
EPBC Act	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
GMP	Groundwater Monitoring Plan
LVET	Lake Vermont Exploration Tenements
ML	Mining Lease
Minister	The Minister administering the EPBC Act, including a delegate
MNES	Matters of National Environmental Significance
SQE	Suitably qualified expert
UWMP	Underground Water Monitoring Program

Introduction

This Annual Compliance Report has been prepared for the Lake Vermont Coal Mine Northern Extension Project (EPBC 2016/7701) to address condition 13 of the varied approval conditions signed on 6 January 2023. It reports compliance with each approval condition, including the implementation of applicable action plans, for the reporting period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Scope of work

The compliance assessment covers the reporting period stated on the cover and is based on a desktop review of relevant monitoring records, correspondence, published information, technical reports and other objective evidence. The evidence referenced in this report substantiates the compliance conclusions and supports verification under condition 12.

Description of activities

An overview of EPBC 2016/7701 project details is outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Project Details

Project Detail	Information
EPBC Number	EPBC 2016/7701
Project Name	Lake Vermont Coal Mine - Northern Extension Project
Approval Holder	Bowen Basin Coal Pty Ltd
ACN	065 321 440
Approved Action	Extension of the existing open-cut Lake Vermont Coal Mine near Dysart in central Queensland.
Project Site	ML 70528, as shown in Attachment A to the approval
Commencement Date	Commenced on 1 July 2025
Reporting Period	1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026
Activities During Period	Mining activities within Mining Lease (ML) 70528 commenced on 1 July 2025. During the reporting period from July 2025 to June 2026, mining activities were limited to the removal of topsoil and overburden; the underlying Permian coal measures were not disturbed. Groundwater monitoring was undertaken in accordance with the Lake Vermont Northern Extension Underground Water Monitoring Program (UWMP).

Conditions and compliance audit

All conditions of the EPBC approval have been considered and addressed in Table 2. If a management plan is required under an approval condition, where applicable the specifics of a management plan that supports the condition are detailed in this compliance report.

Based on the assessment and evidence summarised in this report, Bowen Basin Coal Pty Ltd was compliant with all applicable conditions of EPBC approval 2016/7701 during the reporting period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. Conditions whose requirements were not triggered or fell outside the reporting period are designated Not applicable in Table 2. No non-compliances were identified during the reporting period.

Table 2: Conditions and compliance audit

Condition Number	Condition	Status	Evidence / comments
1	The approval holder must develop and implement a Groundwater Monitoring Plan. The approval holder must monitor groundwater in accordance with the Groundwater Monitoring Plan for at least two years prior to the commencement of the action and continue monitoring until the end date.	Compliant	In accordance with this condition, the plan (UWMP) has been developed and implemented. A copy of the UWMP and recorded data sets have been published on the website and remain available. Direct UWMP address: https://jellinbah.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Bowen-Basin-Coal-Lake-Vermont-

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2(a)-(d)	The Groundwater Monitoring Plan must: - identify a groundwater monitoring network in the project site. The groundwater monitoring network must include at least: - one bore location between Lake Vermont and the East Pit to monitor groundwater in tertiary sediments; and - three bore locations along Phillips Creek, comprising one between Phillips Creek and the north of B Pit or D Pit, one adjacent to Phillips Creek and north of East Pit, and one between Phillips Creek and the Satellite Pit, to monitor groundwater in quaternary alluvium and tertiary sediments; - identify the number, locations and types of monitoring bores, and groundwater units to be monitored from each bore within the groundwater monitoring network; - include a strategy to monitor groundwater in quaternary alluvium and tertiary sediments between the Satellite Pit and the confluence of Boomerang Creek with the Isaac River; and - identify the frequency of monitoring and the parameters that will be monitored.	Compliant	Mine-UWMP.pdf 2(a)(i) UWMP section 4 and Figure 3-1. 2(a)(ii) UWMP sections 2, 3 and 4; Figure 3-1. 2(b) UWMP section 3; Tables 3-1 and 3-2. 2(c) UWMP sections 2, 3 and 4; Figure 3-1. 2(d) UWMP section 4 and Table 4-1. Direct UWMP address: https://jellinbah.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Bowen-Basin-Coal-Lake-Vermont-Mine-UWMP.pdf
3	Using the data collected by implementing the Groundwater Monitoring Plan prior to the commencement of the action, the approval holder must develop a 3-dimensional groundwater model, undertake sensitivity analysis and uncertainty analysis, and predict impacts from groundwater drawdown, including impacts on surface water assets.	Compliant	Lake Vermont North Groundwater Modelling Technical Report dated 13 March 2025 was submitted and accepted by the Department on 13 June 2025.
4	The 3-dimensional groundwater model, and a report about the assessment of impacts from groundwater drawdown from the 3-dimensional groundwater model, must be peer reviewed by a suitably qualified expert. The approval holder must submit the peer reviewed report to the Department prior to the commencement of the action, together with the suitably qualified expert's comments and a document detailing how the approval holder has addressed the suitably qualified expert's comments.	Compliant	Lake Vermont North – Groundwater Peer Review dated 7 March 2025 was submitted and accepted by the Department on 13 June 2025.
5	The 3-dimensional groundwater model must be updated in year 10 and year 20 after the commencement of the action, using all data collected up to that time by implementing the Groundwater Monitoring Plan. The approval holder must report the findings of each updated model to the Department within six months of, respectively, the 10th and 20th anniversary of the commencement of the action.	Not applicable	Not applicable during this reporting period. The model updates are due in year 10 and year 20 following commencement of the action, with findings to be reported to the Department within six months of the respective anniversaries.
6	If any impact to surface water assets is predicted by the 3-dimensional groundwater model, the approval holder must submit a Groundwater Management Plan to the Minister for approval. The approval holder must not commence the action unless the Groundwater Management Plan is approved by the Minister in writing. The approval holder must implement the approved Groundwater Management Plan.	Not applicable	No impact to surface water assets has been predicted by the 3-dimensional groundwater model.
7	If no impact to surface water assets was predicted by the	Not	No impact to surface water assets has been

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	3-dimensional groundwater model prior to commencement of the action but, at any time before the end date, any impact to surface water assets is detected (for example, by implementing the Groundwater Monitoring Plan) or predicted by the 3-dimensional groundwater model, the approval holder must, within six months after such an impact is detected or predicted, submit a Groundwater Management Plan to the Minister for approval. The approval holder must implement the approved Groundwater Management Plan.	applicable	predicted by the 3-dimensional groundwater model. Ongoing monitoring as outlined by the UWMP and recorded data sets have been published on the website and remain available. Direct UWMP address: https://jellinbah.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Bowen-Basin-Coal-Lake-Vermont-Mine-UWMP.pdf
8(a)-(g)	The Groundwater Management Plan must include: a. relevant details of surface water assets potentially impacted; b. a description and quantification of actual and/or predicted impacts to surface water assets; c. threshold triggers; d. measures and timeframes to report and verify any exceedance of threshold triggers to the Department; e. a process of implementing appropriate contingency measures in the event a threshold trigger is exceeded; f. mechanisms for avoiding, mitigating or managing the predicted or detected impacts; and g. timeframes for when mitigation measures for the predicted or detected impacts will be implemented and timeframes for reporting to the Department the effectiveness of the mitigation measures.	Not applicable	No Groundwater Management Plan has been identified as being required.
9	Within 10 years of the commencement of the action, the approval holder must submit a Final Void Management Plan to the Minister for approval. The Final Void Management Plan must be prepared by a suitably qualified expert. The approval holder must implement the approved Final Void Management Plan.	Not applicable	The action commenced on 1 July 2025. The Final Void Management Plan is not due until 1 July 2035.
10(a)-(g)	The Final Void Management Plan must include: a. pit lake water balance models based on inflow data gathered during mining; b. revised predictions of final void water levels for each pit using the pit lake water balance models in conjunction with the 3-dimensional groundwater model required under condition 3; c. modelling of potential long-term contaminants (including metals and salinity) within pit lakes of each final void; d. a monitoring network suitable to identify any contaminant seepage from the final voids; e. final void geometries which will be implemented to minimise the risk of voids becoming sources of contaminated or saline water to the surrounding environment; f. evidence about how climate and rainfall variability has been taken into account in the design and management of final voids; and g. a schedule for regular update and review of the Final Void Management Plan.	Not applicable	This condition will be complied with as required when the Final Void Management Plan is developed.
11	Within 20 business days after the commencement of the action, the approval holder must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of the commencement.	Compliant	The approval holder notified the Department in writing of the actual commencement date on 2 July 2025, within 20 business days of commencement. The Department acknowledged receipt on 4 July 2025.

Condition Number	Condition	Status	Evidence / comments
12	The approval holder must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement any action plans, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.	Compliant	The records reviewed in preparing this report demonstrate that accurate compliance records relevant to the conditions of approval are maintained, reviewed and updated as necessary. These records include the plans and supporting information required to be published under the approval. The Department made no request for records during the reporting period.
13	Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, the approval holder must publish a report on the website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, including implementation of any action plans. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published. The Minister may provide written consent to the approval holder to cease reporting under this condition if satisfied additional reports are not warranted.	Compliant	This Annual Compliance Report has been prepared in accordance with condition 13 for publication on the approval holder's website by 30 September 2026. Documentary evidence of the publication date and the required notification to the Department will be retained with the approval records. The Jellinbah website is available at https://jellinbah.com.au/ .
14	Upon the direction of the Minister, the approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister. The independent auditor and audit criteria must be approved by the Minister prior to the commencement of the audit. The audit report must address the audit criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister.	Not applicable	No request by the Minister has been made in this reporting period for an independent audit. However, this condition will be complied with as required when an audit is requested in writing by the Minister.
15, 15A, 15B, 15C	REVOKED	Not applicable	No compliance assessment is required because these conditions have been expressly revoked.
16	If, at any time after 10 years from the date of this approval, the approval holder has not commenced the action, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister.	Not applicable	The action commenced on 1 July 2025 within the 10-year period from the date of the approval. No Minister's written agreement is required.
17	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish any action plans on its website. Each action plan must be published on the website within 20 business days of being approved by the Minister, or being submitted under condition 15.a.	Compliant	In accordance with this condition, the plan (UWMP) has been developed and implemented. A copy of the UWMP and recorded data sets have been published on the website and remain available. Direct UWMP address: https://jellinbah.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Bowen-Basin-Coal-Lake-Vermont-Mine-UWMP.pdf

New environmental risks

No new environmental risks became apparent during the reporting period. The activities described in this report were undertaken in accordance with the applicable approval conditions, commitments and management measures.

Declaration of accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed  _____

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Date: 30 September 2026

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Appendix A - Evidence Register

This appendix provides a selected summary of the key objective evidence supporting the compliance designations in Table 2; it is not intended to be a complete inventory of all compliance records. Additional supporting records are maintained in the approval holder's compliance systems and will be made available to the Department on request.

Table 3: Evidence Register

Condition	Evidence required or relied upon	Record status / final reference
1 and 2(a)-(d)	Approved Underground Water Monitoring Program; monitoring network details; monitoring schedules; groundwater datasets for the reporting period; evidence of publication.	UWMP direct address: https://jellinbah.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Bowen-Basin-Coal-Lake-Vermont-Mine-UWMP.pdf
3	Lake Vermont North Groundwater Modelling Technical Report, Revision 3.0, 13 March 2025; submission correspondence; Department acceptance dated 13 June 2025.	Acceptance email received 13 June 2025
4	Lake Vermont North – Groundwater Peer Review, 7 March 2025; suitably qualified expert comments; response-to-comments document; submission correspondence; Department acceptance dated 13 June 2025.	Acceptance email received 13 June 2025
5	Commencement-date record and forward compliance schedule for the year-10 and year-20 model updates and six-month reporting deadlines.	Action Commencement Notification · EPBC Act Business Portal dated 2 July 2025
6, 7 and 8(a)-(g)	Groundwater model conclusions and reporting-period monitoring results demonstrating that no impact to surface water assets was predicted or detected.	Lake Vermont North Groundwater Modelling Technical Report dated 13 March 2025
9 and 10(a)-(g)	Commencement-date record and compliance schedule showing the Final Void Management Plan due date of 1 July 2035.	Action Commencement Notification · EPBC Act Business Portal dated 2 July 2025
11	Written notification to the Department dated 2 July 2025 and Department acknowledgement dated 4 July 2025.	Action Commencement Notification · EPBC Act Business Portal dated 2 July 2025
16	Commencement-date notification confirming the action commenced on 1 July 2025 within 10 years of approval.	Action Commencement Notification · EPBC Act Business Portal dated 2 July 2025
17	Approved UWMP; direct webpage address; publication date; website capture or other proof that the action plan remains published.	UWMP direct address https://jellinbah.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Bowen-Basin-Coal-Lake-Vermont-Mine-UWMP.pdf