



Centennial Coal

MEDIA STATEMENT

CLARENCE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LICENCE AND POLLUTION REDUCTION PROGRAMME

Centennial welcomes the finalisation of the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) five year review of Clarence's Environmental Protection Licence (EPL).

This process included extensive aquatic ecology, ecotoxicology and macroinvertebrate investigations and monitoring in consultation with the EPA, Office of Environment and Heritage, and community stakeholders.

As a result of this review Clarence will operate under a new EPL which will include agreed reductions in metal concentration limits for all water discharged to the Wollangambe. Salinity targets will also be set at 100 EC (electrical conductivity).

Clarence will also be required to comply with a Pollution Reduction Programme (PRP), also issued by the EPA, which will result in Centennial formalising options to address all water quality issues and to meet specific water quality milestones.

Clarence Colliery: Clarence is an underground coal mine that has been operating since 1979, has a mine life of another 20 years and employs 240 people. It produces up to 3 million tonnes annually and the coal is either exported or supplied to specialised domestic customers.

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