

Projects

The NSW Status Report project is an initiative by the Land and Water Commissioner in response to community concerns on monitoring and impacts from coal mining and CSG projects. This report brings together dust monitoring data as reported on company webpages. The aim of the report is to help readers gain an understanding of the long-term dust trends.

The report combines dust data from projects to create one report for the North West Region of NSW. Only data in raw figures reported on company websites has been used in this report.

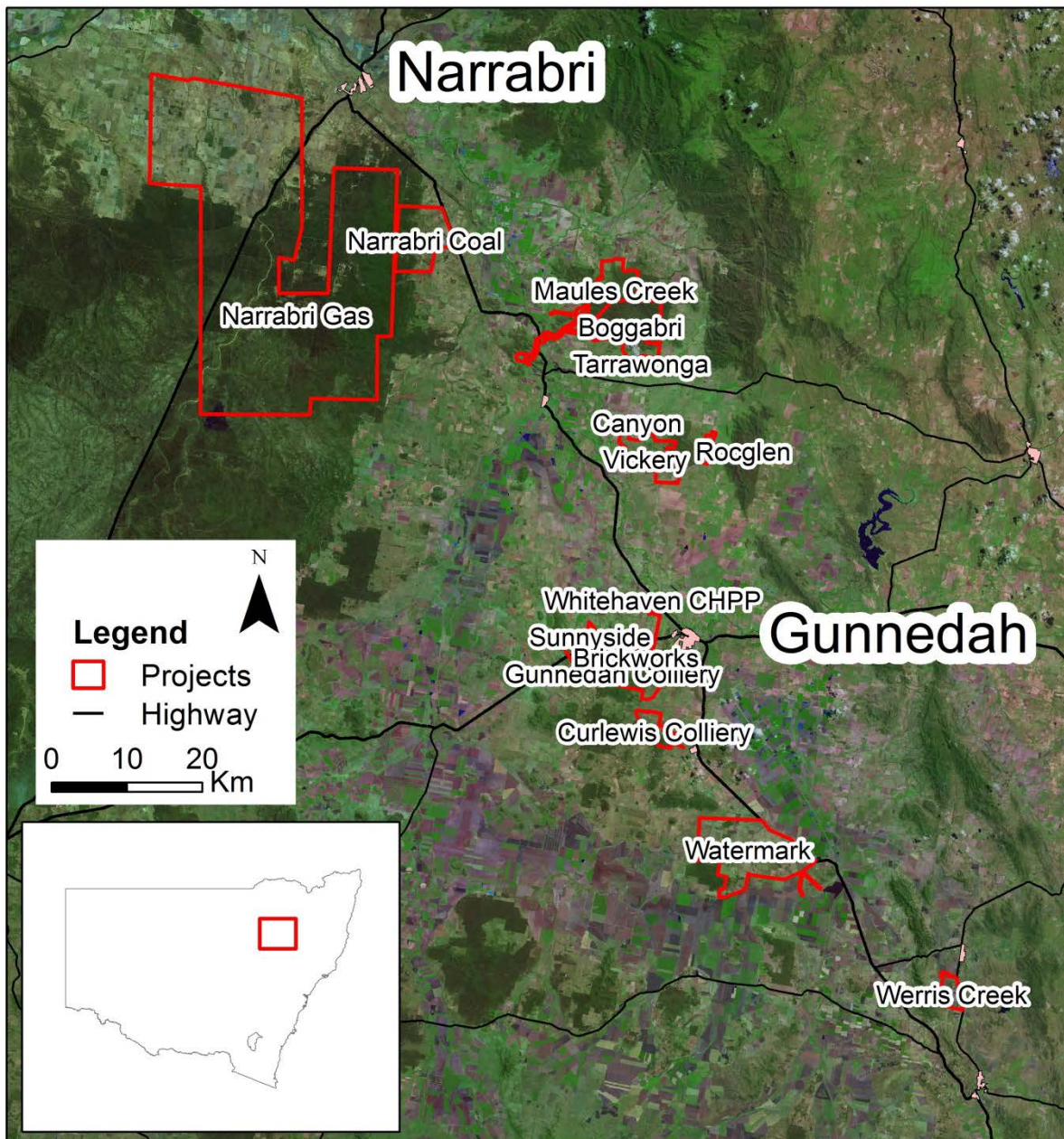


Figure 1. Projects in the North West Region of NSW

Regional summary

North West Region—May 2017

For more dust, noise, blast, water and rehabilitation data from each project, see the following reports:

- Leard Forest Mining Precinct
- Pilliga East Forest Mining Precinct
- Vickery Forest Mining Precinct
- Gunnedah Mining Precinct
- Werris Creek Mining Precinct.

To view the reports visit www.industry.nsw.gov.au and search for 'Land and Water Commissioner'.

Project	Type	Status	Rehabilitation security held
Maules Creek	Open cut	Operating	\$79,142,000
Boggabri	Open cut	Operating	\$39,540,000
Tarrowonga	Open cut	Operating	\$21,150,000
Narrabri Coal	Underground	Operating	\$10,338,000
Narrabri Gas	Proposed CSG	Exploration	\$43,348,000
Roclgen	Open cut	Operating	\$5,751,000
Vickery	Proposed open cut	Care & maintenance	\$200,000
Canyon	Open cut	Care & maintenance	\$605,000
Whitehaven CHPP	Processing	Operating	N/A
Sunnyside	Open cut	Care & maintenance	\$7,810,000
Brickworks	Open cut	Care & maintenance	\$500,000
Gunnedah Colliery	Underground	Care & maintenance	\$2,938,000
Curlewis Colliery	Underground	Care & maintenance	\$131,000
Watermark	Proposed open cut	Exploration	\$250,000
Werris Creek	Open cut	Operating	\$14,294,000

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More information

For more information on licensing, project approvals and NSW Government data, see the following:

Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) www.planning.nsw.gov.au

Division of Resources and Geoscience (DRG) www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au

Environment Protection Authority (EPA) www.epa.nsw.gov.au

DPI Water www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

Dust

- PM10 is dust in the air that is 10 micrometres or less in diameter.
- PM10 dust can be monitored using a high-volume air sampler (HVAS) or tapered element oscillating microbalance (TEOM).
- Monitoring results represent dust generation from all activities in the region including mining, agriculture, utilisation of unsealed roads and regional events such as dust storms and bushfires.
- There are 28 company-owned air monitors (i.e. HVAS or TEOM) measuring PM10 dust levels in the Gunnedah Region.
- The nearest NSW Government-operated dust monitor is located at Tamworth. There are no coal mines or coal seam gas projects near Tamworth.

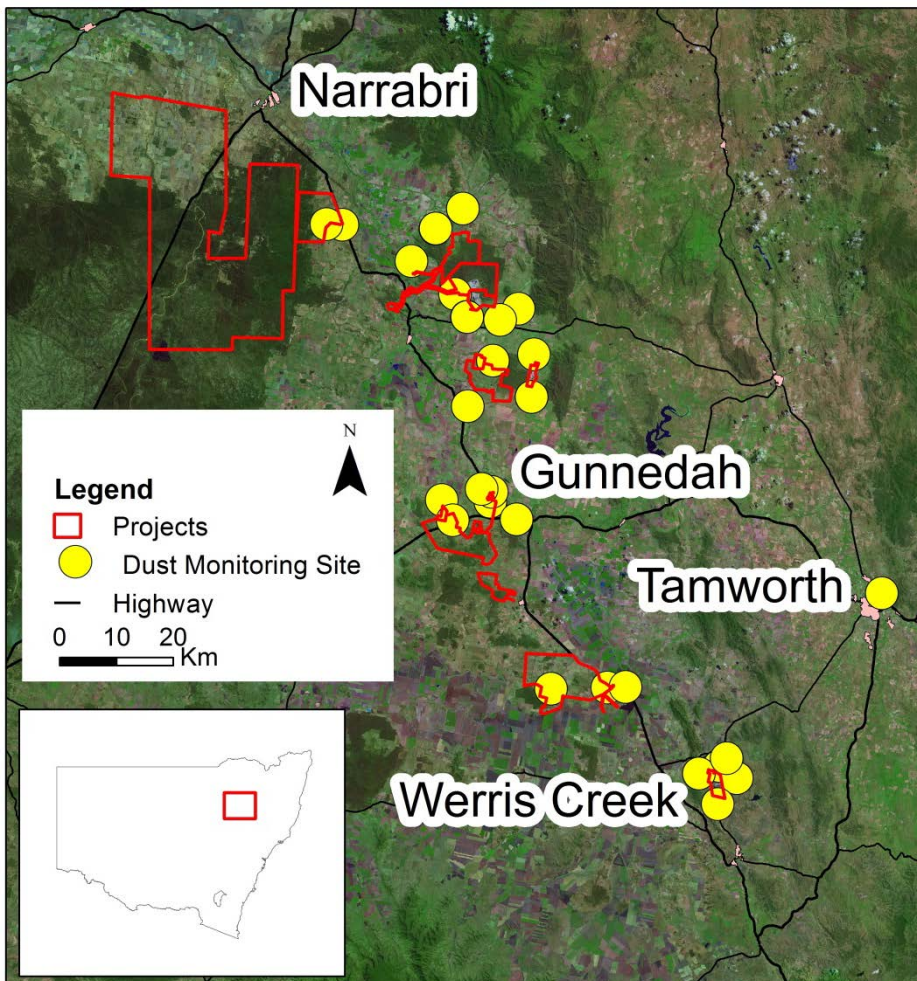


Figure 2. Dust monitoring sites in the North West Region

Long-term dust trends

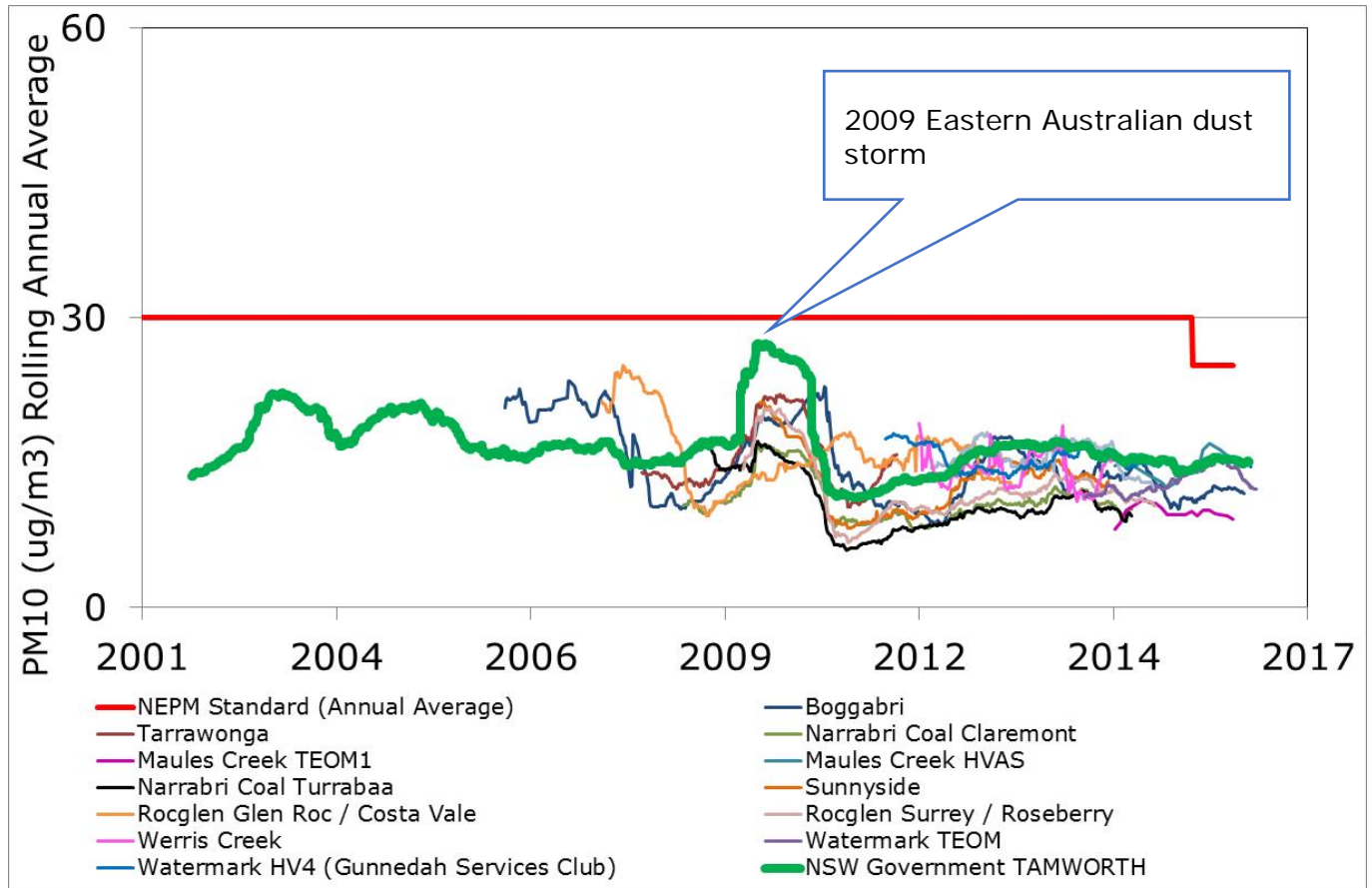


Figure 3. Rolling annual average dust trends in the North West Region, 2001 to 2017

Note: The rolling annual average is used to understand long-term dust trends.

Australian air quality standards are detailed in the [National Environment Protection \(Ambient Air Quality\) Measure](#) (NEPM). The NEPM requires the NSW Government to monitor air quality and this helps to identify potential air quality problems.

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