Tahmoor Colliery Community Consultative Committee
Minutes of Meeting – 2975 Remembrance Driveway Bargo NSW 2574
Thursday 6 March 2025

| Name | Role |
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| **Attendees** | |
| Michael Muston (MM) | Independent Chairperson |
| Nicole Pearce (NP) | Community Representative |
| Wayne Southwell (WS) | Community Representative |
| Col Mitchell (CM) | Community Representative |
| Karen Moss (KM) | Community Representative |
| Paul Rogers (PR) | Wollondilly Shire Councillor |
| Ally Dench | Wollondilly Shire Councillor (alternative) |
| David Henry (DH) | Wollondilly Shire Council Representative |
| Robert Faddy-Vrouwe (RFV) | Resources Regulator |
| Kate Overall | Resources Regulator |
| Peter Vale (PV) | Tahmoor Coal Representative |
| Amanda Bateman (AB) | Tahmoor Coal Representative (minute taker) |
| Zina Ainsworth (ZA) | Tahmoor Coal Representative |
| Tom O'Brien (TO) | Tahmoor Coal Representative |
| **Apologies** | |
| Bob Clayton (BC) | Community Representative |
| James Johnson (JJ) | Community Representative |
| Subsidence Advisory NSW | Representative |
| Greg Kininmonth (GK) | Resources Regulator |

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| **1. Welcome and Introductions** | | | | |
| **1.1.** | Michael Muston is the Independent Chairperson. He acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we met and paid respects to their Elders, past and present. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **1.2.** | MM welcomed new attendees, Ally Dench (Wollondilly Shire Councillor) and Kate Overall (Resources Regulator). | | | |
| **2. Declarations of Interest** | | | | |
| **2.1.** | MM is paid by Tahmoor Coal to facilitate the TCCCC in accordance with Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) CCC Guidelines. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **2.2.** | NP is part of the Dharawal Elders Circle. | | | |
| **3. Apologies** | | | | |
| **3.1.** | As per list above. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting** | | | | |
| **4.1.** | Minutes from Q4 meeting on 5 December 2024 were accepted.<br>Note: Q4 minutes added to the Tahmoor Colliery website. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes** | | | | |
| **5.1.** | Outstanding declaration of interests and code of conduct forms to be completed – ***Completed and closed.*** | CLOSED | | 06/03/25 |
| **5.2.** | MM to send Committee Feedback Survey and draft Annual Report for tabling in March 2025 – ***Completed and discussed at Q1 meeting***. | CLOSED | | |
| **5.3.** | AB to coordinate an inspection for the Dharawal Aboriginal Elders to visit the heritage rock shelter (Teatree Hollow 2013.1) – ***Closed, site visit conducted on 26/02/2025 with Professor Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews and Wollondilly Shire Council officer, Adam Halliday.*** | CLOSED | | |
| **5.4.** | AB to arrange an underground tour for committee members – to be scheduled in 2025. | OPEN | | |
| **6. Correspondence - update as per the agenda** | | | | |
| **6.1.** | Response sent to KM questions sent through for Q4 meeting – Emailed AB 06/12/2025 | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **6.2.** | 2024 committee feedback survey distributed – Email MM 07/12/2024 | | | |
| **6.3.** | Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation Act update from Subsidence Advisory NSW – Emailed AB 10/12/2025 | | | |
| **6.4.** | Q4 meeting minutes sent to Chair for review – Emailed AB 12/12/2024 | | | |
| **6.5.** | Q4 meeting minutes reviewed by Chair & invoice submitted – Emailed MM 17/12/2024 | | | |
| **6.6.** | Q4 meeting minutes distributed to committee – Emailed AB 18/12/2024 | | | |
| **6.7.** | Q1 2025 meeting invitation distributed to committee – Emailed AB 31/01/2025 | | | |
| **6.8.** | Q1 2025 meeting apology – Emailed JJ 31/01/2025 | | | |
| **6.9.** | Follow up to Professor Bodkin-Andrews to schedule rock shelter inspection – Emailed AB 03/02/2025 | | | |
| **6.10.** | Q4 invoice follow up – Emailed MM 04/02/2025 | | | |
| **6.11.** | Q4 invoice follow up response – Emailed AB 04/02/2025 | | | |
| **6.12.** | Reminder to complete committee effectiveness survey – Emailed MM 05/02/2025 | | | |
| **6.13.** | Draft Annual Report 2024 for review – Emailed MM 05/02/2025 | | | |
| **6.14.** | Tahmoor South Newsletter #1 February 2025 – Emailed AB 05/02/2025 | | | |
| **6.15.** | Site visit dates proposed to Professor Bodkin-Andrews for rock shelter inspection – Emailed AB 06/02/2025 | | | |
| **6.16.** | Draft Annual Report 2024 updated to include WHS risk assessment – Emailed MM 06/02/2025 | | | |

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| | **6.17.** Feedback on draft Annual Report 2024 provided – Emailed AB 06/02/2025<br>**6.18.** Updated on Tahmoor operations and supplier payments – Emailed AB 10/02/2025<br>**6.19.** Draft Annual Report 2024 distributed to committee for review – Emailed MM 14/02/2025<br>**6.20.** Invitation to committee to attend rock shelter inspection – Emailed AB 17/02/2025<br>**6.21.** BC apology for rock shelter visit – Emailed BC 17/02/2025<br>**6.22.** KM apology for rock shelter visit – Emailed KM 18/02/2025<br>**6.23.** MM apology for rock shelter visit – Emailed MM 19/02/2025<br>**6.24.** DH requested to extend rock shelter invite to council officers – Emailed DH 20/02/2025<br>**6.25.** Response sent to DH for council officers to attend rock shelter visit – Emailed AB 20/02/2025<br>**6.26.** DH confirmed Adam Halliday will attend the site visit – Emailed DH 25/02/2025<br>**6.27.** Q1 2025 meeting agenda distributed – Emailed AB 28/02/2025 | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **7. Committee Members Reports** | | | | |
| **7.1.** | **Col Mitchell** – no update or issues raised but commented there is community concern around what it is happening with Tahmoor Mine. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **7.2.** | **Nicole Pearce** asked the following questions:<br>• If anything happens with the mine, is there money set aside for damage to houses from subsidence? AB confirmed yes, claims for compensation damage would continue to be managed in accordance with the *Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 2017* controlled by Subsidence Advisory NSW. Mining companies are required to pay yearly levies into a fund managed by Subsidence Advisory NSW. Levy amounts are based on coal extraction rates. Any subsidence-related compensation to home owners would be paid by Subsidence Advisory NSW via the fund ensuring security to residents, irrespective of the mine company financial status.<br>• Is there money set aside for rehabilitation? AB confirmed yes, there is also a rehabilitation security deposit held by the Resources Regulator for Tahmoor Coal (as is required of all title holders), that ensures adequate funds are available to complete rehabilitation and subsidence repairs.<br>• Are the train workers getting paid by the mines? PV advised alternate work is found for them and they are reassigned. Tahmoor only has a maximum of 4 trains per day (generally only 2 trains per day).<br>• Is the water for the wildlife in the Wirrimbirra bushland still being provided? AB confirmed the water trough remains in place with a gravity fed water source. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **7.3.** | **Karen Moss** asked the following questions:<br>• When roadworks are being conducted (eg. Remembrance Dr gas main works), can a 'End of Roadworks' sign be installed so drivers know when the speed limit returns to normal? AB advised we will take this feedback onboard and remind the contractors of this when future works are conducted.<br>• When will Remembrance Dr road patch repairs be properly repaired in front of the petrol station? AB advised there will likely be some residual subsidence from longwalls S4A and S5A so the final repair works won't occur until subsidence from these longwalls has settled, likely around mid-late 2026.<br>• Could a map be provided with the 20mm subsidence zone for longwall S7A? ***AB confirmed a map can be provided with the meeting minutes and will provide printed versions for KM.*** There is also a mine plan with the 20mm subsidence zone included in the monthly community newsletter.<br>• How long has the non-disclosure (Deed of Release) been in place? AB advised the requirement to sign a Deed of Release to settle a compensation claim has been in place since Subsidence Advisory NSW implemented the *Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation Act* in 2017. The Deed of Release is specified as part of the legislated process in the | NOTE<br>**AB** | **20/03/25** | 06/03/25 |

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| | Approved Procedures – Claims Guidelines implemented by Subsidence Advisory NSW. We recommend the committee contact Subsidence Advisory NSW directly if there are specific issues or concerns with the claim settlement requirements.<br>• There is a rumour that someone had a 6-bedroom house and the mine built them a 3-bedroom house about 6 or 7 years ago. AB advised that the mine does not rebuild homes, and this would need to be referred to Subsidence Advisory NSW for clarification. The legislation states that compensation is provided on a 'like for like' basis so we do not believe this rumour to be true. CM confirmed he was also asked about the same rumour six months ago and advised the resident that it was just a rumour and there is no truth to it. | | | |
| **7.4.** | **Wayne Southwell –** no update or issues raised. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **7.5.** | **Paul Rogers –** no update or issues raised but keen to hear when the mine will be operational again. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **7.6.** | **Ally Dench** – no update or issues raised but keen to hear about the status of the mine. Reiterated Col's sentiments that there has been a lot of community chatter particularly on social media and questions to council about what's going on**.** Ally advised that council is working alongside the local member to ensure there is consistent and considered messaging going out as to not alarm the community. | | | |
| **7.7.** | **David Henry** – advised a Sustainability Strategy was on public exhibition for feedback. It will provide a future framework for sustainability, focussing on council emissions first. There have also been a couple of planning proposals for Stilton Lane submitted. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **7.8.** | **Bob Clayton** – (via phone call prior to meeting) – Asked if Mod 3 (LW S7A) had been approved. AB advised we are still awaiting Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure approval but expecting an outcome by the end of March. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **8.** | **Mining Operations Update** – Mine Update (presented by Peter Vale) | | | |
| **8.1.** | **Mine Update:**<br>• Longwall S3A was completed and sealed late December 2024.<br>• Most of the longwall equipment was relocated to Longwall S4A. Installation of equipment will be completed when funds become available.<br>• Development mining was halted during December 2024 due to lack of supplies to support production.<br>• The mine has progressively reduced operations since early December 2024. In February 2025, the workforce were advised that no further work was possible, and they were to remain at home on standby, on full pay.<br>• Tahmoor Coking Coal sits within Liberty Primary Metals Australia Pty Ltd group (LPMA) and does not form part of One Steel Manufacturing Pty Ltd, which owns and operates the Whyalla Steelworks and iron ore mines in the Middleback Ranges in South Australia. The announcement by the South Australian government to put One Steel Manufacturing into administration does not directly impact Tahmoor Coking Coal.<br>• The GFG Alliance, which owns Tahmoor Coking Coal previously announced its intention to sell part or all of its equity in Tahmoor Mine. This is no longer the main focus of the GFG Alliance and they are in the final stages of securing external funding which will ensure Tahmoor can restart operations within the coming weeks. This funding will allow Tahmoor to repay suppliers and secure equipment needed to restart the mine. Until this time, the workforce will remain at home on standby.<br>• Part of the workforce returned to site today to restart the coal handling preparation plant (the washery), with approximately 100,000 tonnes of ROM coal ready to be washed ahead of its sale. The sale of this coal will assist with our revenue stream restart. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |

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| | • It has been an uncertain time for the mine and we understand the concerns in the community with Tahmoor being a large employer for the local area. We have received feedback from some of the local businesses in Bargo and Tahmoor that they are suffering due to the workforce remaining at home and not visiting the local establishments (eg. for petrol, coffee, shopping, etc.).<br>o WS asked about the external funding being sourced, does that mean GFG sold the mine? PV advised that prior to the South Australian government announcing that they were putting One Steel Manufacturing into administration, GFG announced publicly that they were going to sell Tahmoor Coal Mine or part of the mine to assist with funds for the Whyalla Steelworks. That necessity to assist that side of the business does not exist anymore and GFG have shifted their focus to securing funding from an external creditor for Tahmoor specifically which we will pay back over time.<br>o KM asked if the royalties been paid? PV advised no, that is part of the debt owed (approximately 4 months of royalties). Tahmoor has been working with NSW government and met with the Resources Minister twice in the last few weeks to discuss the status of the mine and restart plans in place. We have committed to making good on our payments to the NSW government within a period of time.<br>o WS asked if there are any concerns with restarting the mine after being shut down since December and a lot of machinery standing still? PV advised the main focus was keeping our people paid and on standby, so they are ready to go when we are in a position to restart. Underground was shut down in a planned manner that left us in a good position for an efficient restart.<br>o MM asked if ventilation and water pumps are still operating? PV confirmed yes these are operating and there is still around 20% of our workforce coming to work to keep the underground environment safe and compliant.<br>o DH asked if the Water Treatment Plant was still operating? PV confirmed yes.<br>o Tahmoor is aiming to fully restart sometime in April but this is subject to funding being delivered.<br>• Investigations into carbon emission reduction strategies ongoing, with focus on Ventilation Air Management (VAM) as well as conversion of extracted gas to electricity.<br>• Coal price in the last 3 months has been slowly declining as supply exceeds demand. Steel prices have been suppressed, resulting in lower prices for associated commodities, including coal.<br>**8.2. Tahmoor South Mine Plan (no change from December 2024 meeting):**<br>• Longwall S3A – completed December 2024.<br>• Longwall S4A – 80% of longwall equipment installed.<br>• Maingate for Longwall S5A (MG5A panel) (first workings, no subsidence).<br>• Ventilation roadways – to reduce ventilation pressure and facilitate removal of shaft (first workings, no subsidence).<br>• South 2 Mains to progress towards "B" series longwall blocks (first workings, no subsidence).<br>• Main roadway progression towards Maingate for Longwall S6A (MG6A panel) (first workings, no subsidence). | | | |
| **9. Tahmoor South** (presented by Amanda Bateman) | | | | |
| | **9.1. Longwall South 3A**<br>• Longwall S3A commenced on 8 May 2024 and was completed on 17 December 2024.<br>• LW S3A subsidence levels recorded are below predictions. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |

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| **9.2. Environmental observations:**<br>• No observed subsidence-related impacts to the following environmental features in the last quarter:<br>  ○ Geotechnical features - cliffs, natural steep slopes, farm dams and agricultural land.<br>  ○ Heritage features - Aboriginal heritage (rock shelter Teatree Hollow 2013.1), historical heritage items.<br>  ○ Ecology - terrestrial ecology, threatened flora and fauna, Threatened Ecological Communities.<br>• Surface water and groundwater data analysis delayed due to supplier payments.<br>• No creek surface water quality sampling conducted in February 2025 and will be reported to the Regulator as a non-compliance tomorrow.<br>**9.3. Longwall South 4A update**<br>• Aiming to commence mining in April 2025.<br>• Subsidence monitoring upon commencement of S4A:<br>  ○ Charlies Point Road<br>  ○ Great Southern Road<br>  ○ Remembrance Driveway<br>  ○ Yarran Road<br>  ○ Bargo Cemetery<br>  ○ Main Southern Railway<br>**9.4. Proposed Modification 3 (Mod 3) update**<br>• Proposed additional longwall panel (LW S7A) for extraction after A series longwalls (mid-2027).<br>• Mod 3 proposal submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) on 21 May 2024.<br>**9.5.** DPHI Request for Information responded to on 21 February 2025 – awaiting outcome from DPHI, possibly by the end of March. | | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **10. Environment Update** (presented by Tom O'Brien) | | | | |
| **10.1. Water – License Discharge Point 1**<br>• No exceedances for the last quarter. All levels are under our Environment Protection Licence (EPL) threshold and are often meeting the ANZECC Guidelines.<br>• The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) limits following the commissioning of the Water Treatment Plant are yet to be set.<br>**10.2. Environmental Performance**<br>• No environmental incidents in the last quarter.<br>• No noise exceedances in the Q1 Noise Audit.<br>• All dust monitoring within EPA assessment criteria limits.<br>• Water Treatment Plant (WTP):<br>  ○ Commissioning ongoing and fine-tuning processes. Achieving excellent water quality results to date.<br>  ○ Contractual negotiations are underway regarding the operation of the pressure leaf filter.<br>  ▪ MM asked what the pressure leaf filter is in the plant operation. TO advised it is the filtration process that squeezes the water from the sludge and results in a cake product. This process has not worked effectively to date, so we are seeking to remove it from the process as this step does not affect the water quality results.<br>  ○ EPA visited site and inspected the WTP in February, well received. | | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |

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| **11. Myrtle and Redbank Creek Remediation Plan Update** (presented by Amanda Bateman) | | | | |
| **11.1. Creek Remediation Works Overview:**<br>• Myrtle Creek remediation schedule completed in August 2022.<br>• Redbank Creek schedule completed in November 2024.<br>• Both creeks are in monitoring phase for at least 24 months post completion of the remediation works – Monitoring includes surface water level, groundwater levels and aquatic ecology.<br>• Spring aquatic ecology results are being processed – to be reported next TCCCC meeting.<br>• Tahmoor advised the Resources Regulator of the completion of the Corrective Management Action Plan in February 2025.<br>o DH asked will there be a final CMAP completion document detailing the whole project and outcomes and if so, can this be distributed to the committee? ZA advised there is still two years of monitoring but at the cessation of monitoring a final document will be prepared. RFV from the Resources Regulator commented that Tahmoor is submitting six-monthly reporting to the regulator during the monitoring period. Tahmoor will then submit an application when the monitoring is completed if they can demonstrate the rehab is to the required standard. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **12. Community Update** (Presented by Amanda Bateman) | | | | |
| **12.1. Community Complaints**<br>• No complaints received last quarter.<br>**12.2. Community – Tahmoor South Newsletters**<br>• Tahmoor South Newsletters for December and February issued to residents and available on Tahmoor Colliery website. The March newsletter will be issued next week.<br>**12.3. Community Investment Program and events:**<br>• Bargo Bunnies Junior Rugby League Club - $10,000 sponsorship for the 2025 junior season<br>• Bargo Public School - $9,481 sponsorship for continuation of the SpellEx Program for 2025<br>• Australian Wildlife Sanctuary - $4,000 final instalment for the Wild Rover Educational Van<br>• Wollondilly Women in Business - $1,500 donation for International Women's Day event (being held in Picton on Saturday 8 March)<br>**12.4. Aboriginal Heritage Rock Shelter site visit**<br>• Prof. Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews from the Dharawal Elders Circle and Adam Halliday from Wollondilly Shire Council attended a site inspection on 26 February 2025.<br>• Archaeologist inspection conducted at completion of LW S3A in December 2024. No subsidence impacts observed at the sacred site.<br>• Mine subsidence predictions for the rock shelter were 900mm. To date there has been 580mm observed.<br>• Fortnightly inspections are conducted during active subsidence periods.<br>• A post-mining archaeologist report will be conducted following completion of Longwall S4A around December 2025. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **13. Subsidence claims update** (Presented by Amanda Bateman) | | | | |
| **13.1. Residential Claim Status**<br>• 5 Tahmoor South claims (4 on hold pending active subsidence)<br>• 1 Western Domain claim<br>• 1 Tahmoor North LW 32 claim<br>• 3 claims finalised in the last quarter<br>**13.2.** AB advised the committee that Subsidence Advisory NSW is meeting with Tahmoor Coal end of March for the first quarterly meeting of the year. It is expected the new claims legislation and | NOTE | | | 06/03/25 |

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| | process will come into effect around April 2025. ***AB to provide an update to the committee following the March quarterly meeting.*** | **AB** | **26/03/25** | |

| Total number of open claims | 7 |
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| Preliminary assessment | 0 |
| Claims on hold (active subsidence) | 4 |
| Under investigation | 1 |
| Determination issued | 2 |
| Review requested | 0 |
| Land & Environment Court Appeal (L&EC) | 0 |

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| **14. TCCCC Finance** (Presented by Amanda Bateman) | | | |
| **14.1.** The TCCCC bank balance is currently $33,816.66 statement end 31 December 2024, includes deduction for cheque payment to Foundation Law for claims submission legal advice. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **15. TCCCC Annual Report 2024** (Presented by Michael Muston) | | | |
| **15.1.** Draft TCCCC Annual Report 2024 was circulated prior to the meeting for committee review. JJ provided one minor change to the Water Treatment Plant dot point which has been updated.<br>**15.2.** The committee adopted the Annual Report 2024 and MM will submit to DPHI. | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |
| **16. General Business** | | | |
| **16.1.** Nil | NOTE | | 06/03/25 |

| Meeting Closed | *6.25 pm* | Next Meeting | *Thursday 5 June 2025* | Time | *5:30pm* | Location | *Tahmoor Coal Mine* |
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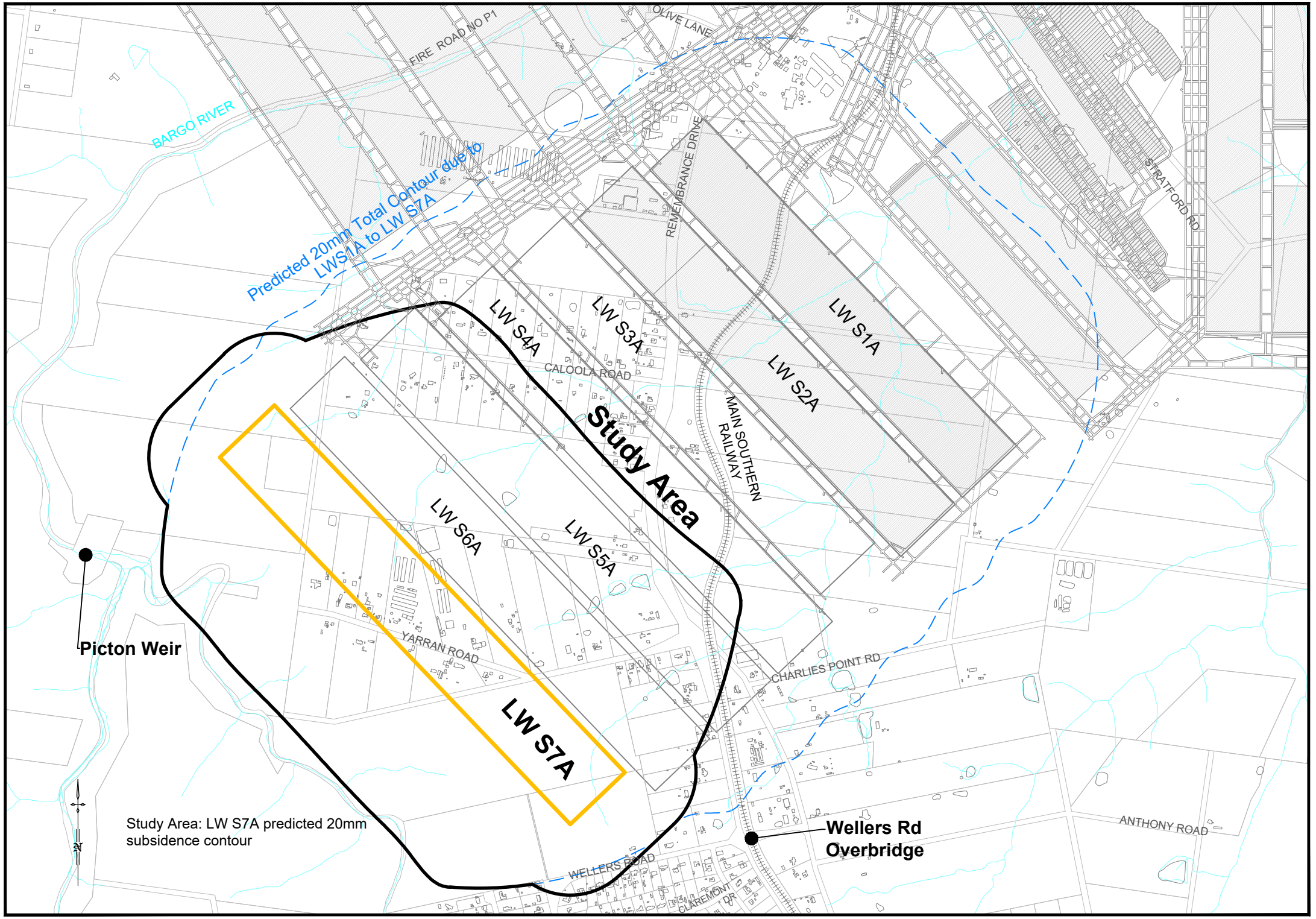
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