



## **COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

The meeting was held on 1 August 2019 at the Peak Gold Mines, Hillston Road, Cobar.

Meeting commenced at 4.00pm with a site visit.

#### **Present at the Meeting:**

Garry West (Independent Chair)  
Chris Bruce (Community Representative)  
Julie Payne (Community Representative)  
Russell Grant (Community Representative)  
Kay Stingemore (Community Representative)  
Samantha Lloyd (Peak Gold Mines, Environment and Social Responsibility Advisor)  
Laura Barnes (Peak Gold Mines, Graduate Environment and Social Responsibility Advisor)  
Jonathon Thompson (Aurelia Metals Ltd, Representative, Group Manager, Environment)

#### **1. Apologies**

Neal Valk (General Manager, Peak Gold Mines)

#### **2. Introductions**

The Chair welcomed Kay Stingemore to the committee as a community representative.

#### **3. CCC Guidelines**

The Chair indicated he would provide Kay with a copy of the DPIE CCC Guideline 2019. He again advised that Community Consultative Committees (CCC) are normally only formally established by the NSW Department of Planning Industry & Environment for State Significant projects. The Department and Cobar Shire Council did not object to the company using the Guidelines for this committee.

The CCC performs an advisory and consultative role with the company being able to keep the community informed of their activities, but also to seek the community's views on issues and how to respond.

#### **4. Pecuniary and other interests**

No new declarations were made.

#### **5. Environment Incident Site Inspection**

CCC members undertook a site inspection of an environmental incident that had recently occurred on site. Oily Waste had been discharged from the oil-water separator, contaminating

the drain leading to the Process Water Dam. The oil was contained before it discharged into the Process Water Dam. Clean up works have commenced and the regulatory authority has been notified. A review of maintenance works has commenced to ensure there are no further incidents.

## 6. Company Presentation

An overview of the community meeting held on 5 June 2019 was provided. The focus of the meeting was on the Great Cobar Project Vent Rise and Air Quality.

A summary of employment statistics was provided:

Peak Gold Mine Employees;

- Total workforce: 114 employees
- Residing in Cobar: 104 employees (94% of total workforce)
- Residing within 300km radius of Cobar: 6 employees (5% of total workforce)

Pybar Employees;

- Total workforce: 132 direct employees and 6 Labour Hire
- Residing in Cobar: 76 employees (55% of total workforce)
- Residing within 300km radius of Cobar: 8 employees (6% of the total workforce)

Production blasting remained well below the prescribed limits set by the Environmental Protection License (EPL). However, one complaint was received in May 2019 regarding blasting vibration.

A pleasing result has been achieved in the substantial decrease of raw water usage from 2018 to present.

The annual cultural heritage site inspections for 2019 have been completed. A new Indigenous site was found in June 2019 during an Archeological Survey completed for the Statement of Environmental Effects (SoEE) for the Great Cobar Pipeline.

The Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate has shown a decline in the last quarter for both employees and contractors however, details of the injuries were not available.

The Mill upgrade project for the treatment of Lead Zinc resources available at Peak Gold Mines is progressing and on schedule for commissioning Q1 2020. Local subcontractors previously working at Endeavor Mine have joined the construction crews on this project.

The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the exploration decline at Great Cobar has been conditionally approved by the Resources Regulator, however no works can commence until additional approvals are granted and monitoring equipment installed.

An exploration update was provided advising a data review & target generation involving all Aurelia's tenements in the Cobar Basin, from Cobar to south of Nymagee with the aim of prioritising targets and planning field work for the coming year.

Several Environmental Initiatives were outlined including:

- Clean Up Australia Day planned for 6 August
- Waste management improvements are being targeted across the site
- Next community meeting scheduled for September 2019-08-04

A new Environmental & Social Responsibility Officer is commencing with PGM.

## **7. Matters which Community Representatives wish to raise with the mine operator**

Communication with the local community can be improved substantially by news releases, advertizing, facebook and newsletters. Company representatives agreed and will work on developing opportunities.

It was also indicated that EMM who are preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Great Cobar Project will be identifying and communicating with key business as part of the EIS preparation.

## **8. General Business**

Several issues were raised and discussed including:

- Viewing platform at Great Cobar with an interpretative display
- Powder magazine on Peak mine needs preserving
- Upgrade local walks
- Procurement policy (local first)

## **Next Meeting**

7 November 2019 commencing at 4pm

Meeting Closed: 6.15pm

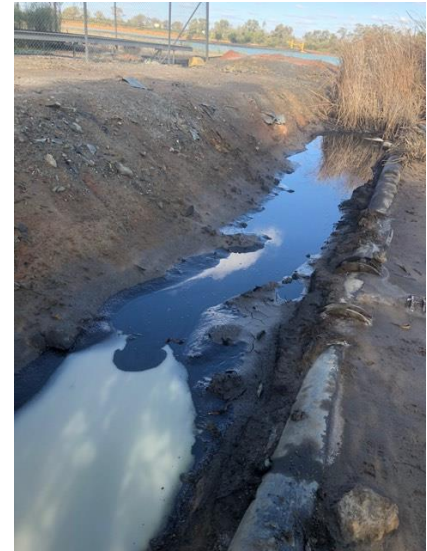


**PEAK GOLD MINES**

CCC – AUGUST 2019

## Oil Spill – Contaminated Drain

- Oily waste has been discharged from the oil-water separator, contaminating the drain leading to the Process Water Dam.
- The oil has been contained in the contaminated drain and has not discharged from site.
- An investigation has been completed to understand the cause of the oil discharge.
- A review of maintenance works to ensure the facility meets OEM requirements is being undertaken.
- The appropriate works have commenced to clean up the oil contamination.





# Environmental Monitoring - Wind Speed May - June 2019

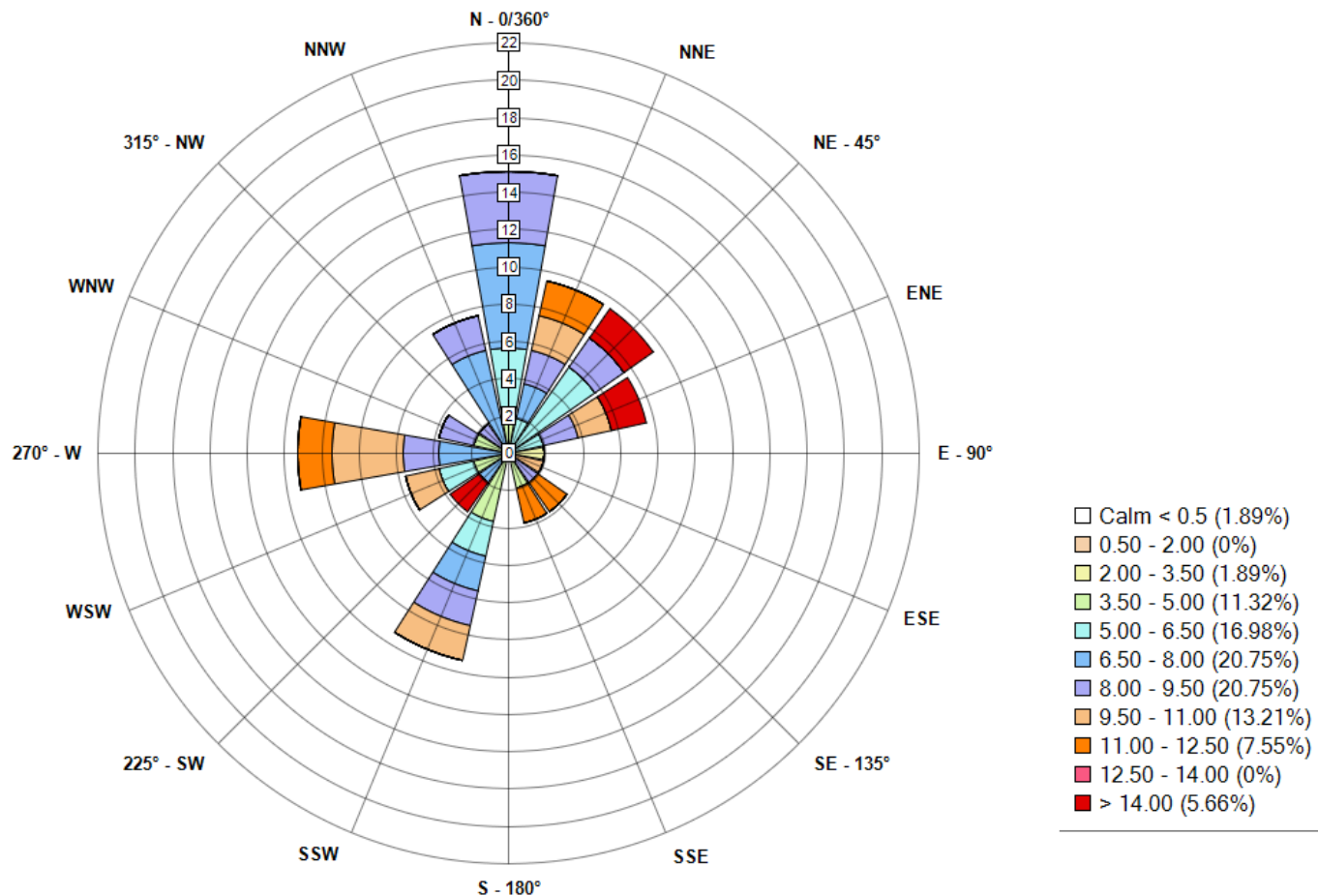


## Wind Rose Report for: Peak Gold Cobar - Daily Summary

AVGDIR Wind Direction and AVERAGE Wind Speed in km/h

Period: 2019-05-01 00:00 to 2019-06-30 00:00

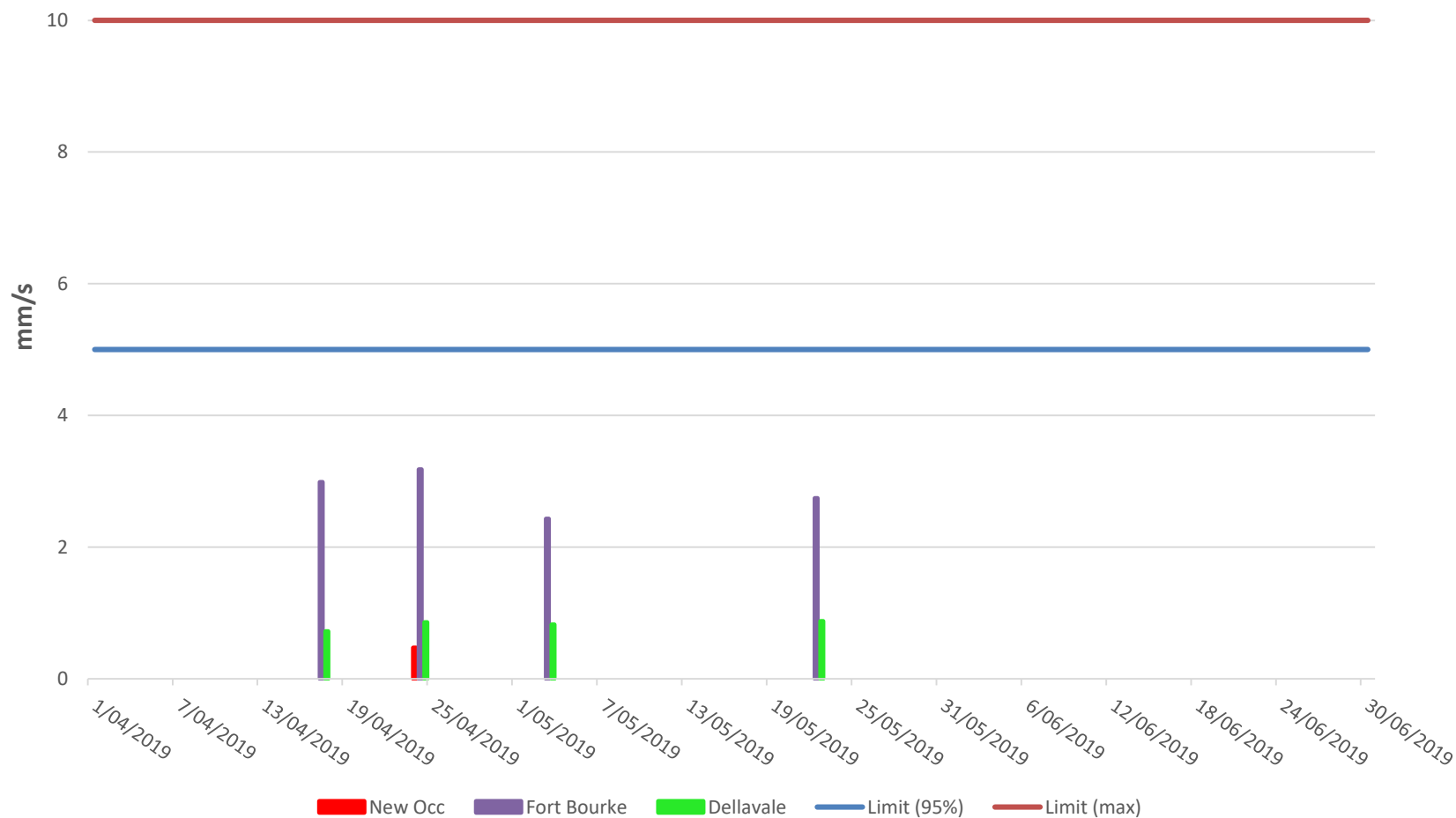
Direction the Wind is Blowing To



# Environmental Monitoring - Blasting



Production Blasting April - June 2019



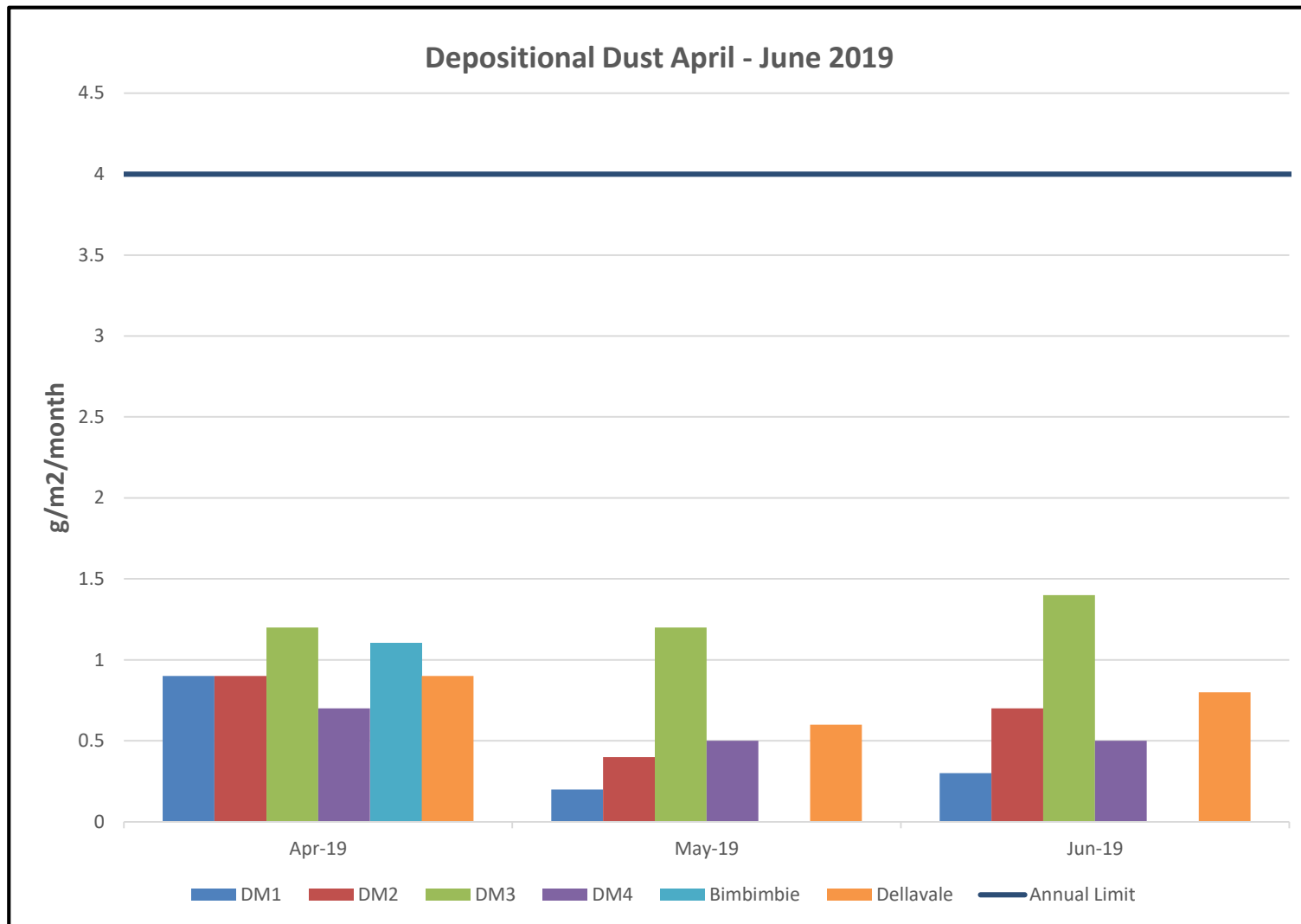
## Complaints April – June 2019



Date	Notification only	Complaint	Reason for complaint
24/4/2019	Yes		Blasting Vibration
3/05/2019	Yes		Blasting Vibration
22/05/2019	Yes		Blasting Vibration
31/05/2019		Yes	Blasting Vibration



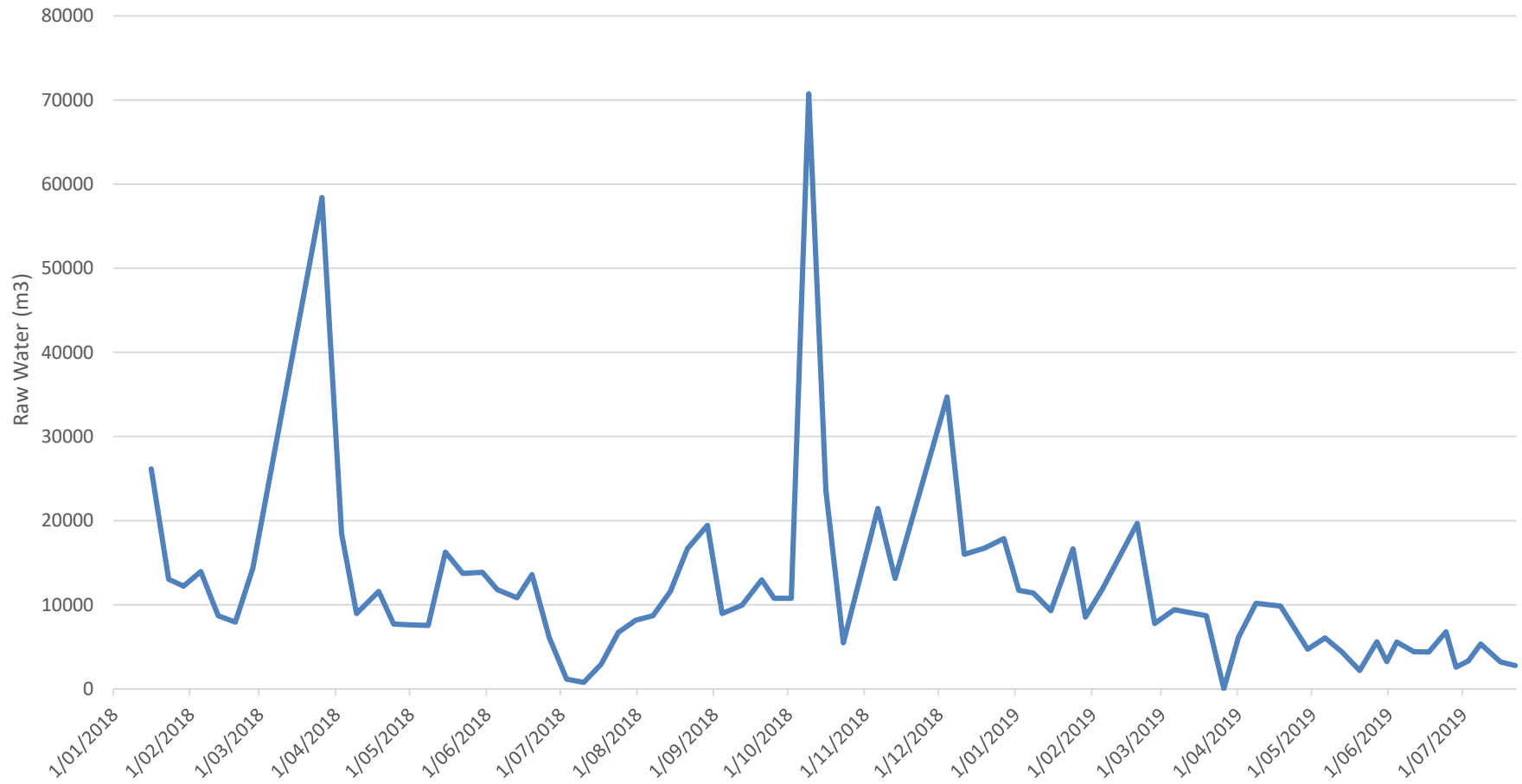
# Environmental Monitoring – Depositional Dust



# Water Balance



Raw Water Usage 2018-Present



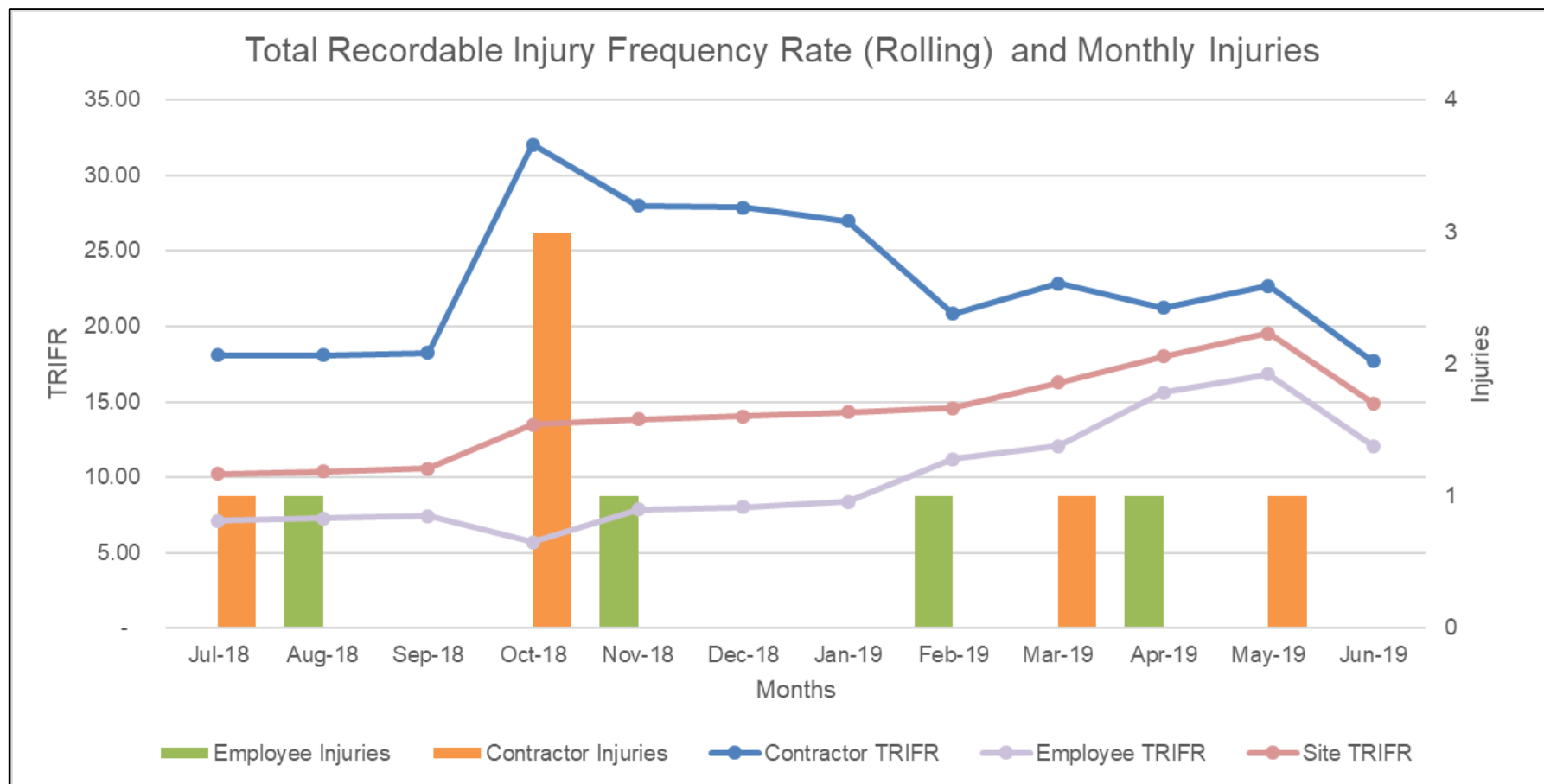
## Heritage Inspections

- Peak Gold Mines has completed the annual cultural heritage site inspections for 2019.

## Artefact Scatter

- A new Indigenous site was found in June 2019 during an Archeological Survey completed for the SoEE for the Great Cobar Pipeline.





## Projects

- Project allows for the treatment of Lead Zinc resources available at Peak Gold Mines.
- Project Progressing on schedule commissioning Q1 2020.
- Local subcontractors previously working at Endeavor Mine have joined construction crews.
- IMAGE - Filter Plant ongoing construction





## Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the exploration decline

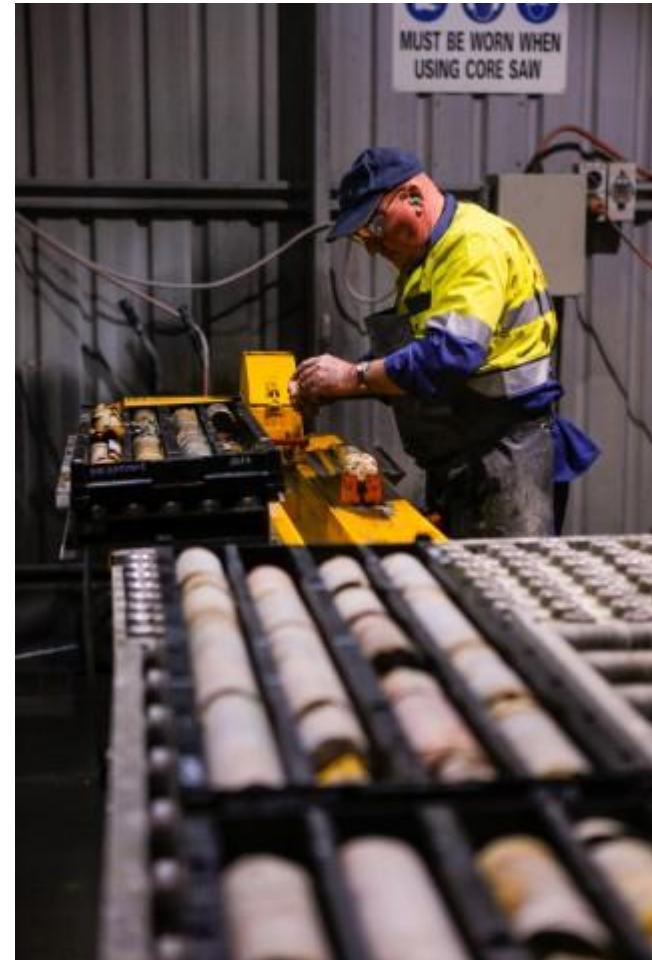
- The REF has been conditionally approved by the Resources Regulator
- No works can commence until additional approvals are granted and monitoring equipment installed including:
  - A Work Approval to dewatering the exploration decline
  - Installation of additional dust monitoring stations
  - Installation of additional blast monitoring stations





## Exploration

- Data review & target generation involving all the Aurelia's tenements in the Cobar Basin, from Cobar to south of Nymagee. Aim being to prioritise targets and plan field work for the coming year.
- Surface exploration drilling to test the upper extension of a mineralised lens that is currently being mined underground.
- A large geophysical survey is being conducted over most of CML8 with the aim to locate rhyolite bodies and/or mineralisation.



# Environmental Initiatives



- Clean Up Australia Day planned for the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2019.
- New Environmental & Social Responsibility Officer – Liam Richards
- PGM have been working to improve waste management across site. The focus is to reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Next community meeting scheduled for September 2019.

