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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hydro Aluminium Kurri Kurri Pty Ltd (Hydro) owns and operates the former Hydro Kurri Kurri Aluminium Smelter (the Smelter) located at Hart Road Loxford, New South Wales (NSW) within the Cessnock City Council local government area.

State Significant Development (SSD) 6666 development consent was issued under Part 4 of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* on 23 December 2020 for remediation of the Smelter (the project).

The Compliance Report has been prepared in accordance with *the Compliance Reporting Post Approval Requirements* (Department, 2020) (the Compliance Reporting PAR) and conditions C11 and C12 of SSD 6666:

C11. Within three months after the commencement of remediation works, and in the same month each subsequent year (or such other timing as agreed by the Planning Secretary), the Applicant must submit a Compliance Report to the Planning Secretary reviewing the environmental performance of the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. Compliance Reports must be prepared in accordance with the Compliance Reporting Post Approval Requirements (Department, 2020) and must also:

- (a) identify any trends in the monitoring data over the life of the development;
- (b) identify any discrepancies between the predicted and actual impacts of the development, and analyse the potential cause of any significant discrepancies; and
- (c) describe what measures will be implemented over the next year to improve the environmental performance of the development.

C12. The Applicant must make each Compliance Report publicly available no later than 60 days after submitting it to the Planning Secretary and notify the Planning Secretary in writing at least 7 days before this is done.

This is the first Compliance Report for the Project, which was required to be submitted within three months of the commencement of remediation works. This Compliance Report is for the period 27 January 2021 to 24 April 2021

Remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021. However due to the requirements relating to the Voluntary Planning Agreement (condition A5 of the development consent) and the Independent Engineer's Deed (condition A8) limited activities have commenced, and works were suspended on 27 March 2021 until the requirements of conditions A5 and A8 can be addressed.

The Compliance Table (refer to Appendix 1) found the following in relation to compliance with development consent conditions:

Compliance status	Number of conditions
Compliant	52
Non-compliant	0
Not triggered	42
Total number of conditions	94

No complaints have been received regarding the Project, and no non-compliances or incidents have been recorded.

The environmental monitoring, inspections and reporting programs implemented by Hydro and the Remediation Contractor, Daracon, have not identified adverse environmental issues, or trends in monitoring data that may indicate a potential environmental issue.

The following actions are recommended to improve the environmental management and reporting documentation:

- Section 3.5.1.1 ('Remediation Compliance Reporting') of the RWEMP to be amended to reflect
 the final development consent conditions. The amended RWEMP will be submitted to the
 Department in accordance with conditions C4 and C5
- A complaint register to be placed on the Project website (even if no complaints have been received).

Hydro is consulting with the Department and Hunter New England Health to remove the requirement of condition B53(d) for the Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan (SEP) to "identify a community notification area for residents to refrain from using rainwater as a potable water supply during the remediation work". Hydro submitted a request for removal of this requirement. The Department required Hydro to consult with Hunter New England Health to seek their agreement to this change (a comment in one of their submissions was the source of this requirement). Hydro issued a letter to Hunter New England Health seeking their agreement to Hydro's request to remove the community notification area. As of 24 April 2021, no response has been received from Hunter New England Health.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project overview

Hydro Aluminium Kurri Kurri Pty Ltd (Hydro) owns and operates the former Hydro Kurri Kurri Aluminium Smelter (the Smelter) located at Hart Road Loxford, New South Wales (NSW) within the Cessnock City Council local government area.

The project locality is shown on **Figure 1-1**. The site is approximately 80 hectares (ha) and is surrounded by approximately 2,000 hectares of buffer zone land that is also owned and managed by Hydro.

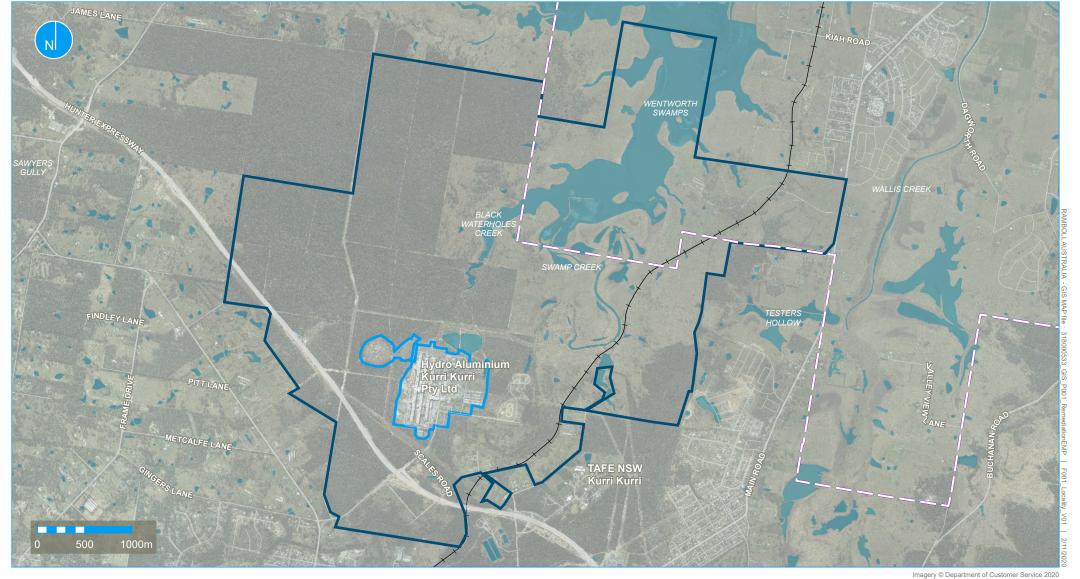
State Significant Development (SSD) 6666 development consent was issued under Part 4 of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* on 23 December 2020 for remediation of the Smelter (the project). SSD 6666 generally approves the following activities:

- Establishment of environmental controls such as erosion and sediment and water quality controls
- Construction of the Containment Cell including base and capping layers
- Construction of a haul road to the Containment Cell
- Excavation of contaminated soils within the Site
- Removal of the Capped Waste Stockpile
- Transport of material removed from the Capped Waste Stockpile, excavated contaminated soils (including stockpiled soils sourced from other Hydro owned land) and non-recyclable demolition materials to the Containment Cell
- Placement of these materials in the Containment Cell
- Leachate and stormwater management/monitoring
- Filling and grading following removal of contaminated materials
- Leachate management system, pumping well network and dam decommissioning.

1.2 Summary of activities in the reporting period

The remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021. The following activities were undertaken during the compliance reporting period:

- Establishment of the temporary Remediation Contractor's compound and the contractor ancillary facilities
- Delivery and mobilisation of limited plant and equipment
- Establishment of stockpile areas
- Installation of temporary fencing and signage and environmental controls
- Removal of an Aboriginal relic located within the Containment Cell footprint
- Commencement of construction of the access between the Capped Waste Stockpile and Containment Cell (still under construction)
- Pre-clearance vegetation survey by ecologists
- Clearance of native vegetation within the Containment Cell footprint under observation by ecologists
- Construction of fauna proof fencing around the Containment Cell footprint
- Excavation of subsurface materials not to be used in Containment Cell construction
- Commencement of construction of a Containment Cell perimeter access track (still under construction)
- Commencement of construction of temporary water storage dams adjacent to the Containment Cell, comprised of three sediment detention basins and one leachate storage pond (still under construction).





Legend



Figure 1-1 | Smelter and Hydro Land Locality Plan



Aerial photography by Nearmap, flown 15.06.2020

Project site

Legend



Due to the requirements relating to the Voluntary Planning Agreement (condition A5 of the development consent) and the Independent Engineer's Deed (condition A8) limited activities have commenced, and works were suspended on 27 March 2021 until the requirements of conditions A5 and A8 can be addressed.

1.3 Key contacts

The names and contact details of the key personnel who are responsible for the environmental/compliance management of the development are listed in **Table 1-1**.

Daracon Contractors Pty Ltd (Daracon) has been contracted as the Construction and Remediation Contractor to undertake remediation of the Smelter site and to construct the Containment Cell.

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1.4 Compliance reporting

1.4.1 Compliance reporting objectives

This Compliance Report has been prepared by Ramboll Australia Pty Ltd (Ramboll) on behalf of Hydro to monitor and report on the compliance status of the Project in relation to the development consent.

The Compliance Reporting ensures that:

- the project's performance in terms of compliance with conditions of consent is evaluated on the basis of monitoring data and is communicated at various stages during the carrying out of the development
- the reporting obligations required by the conditions of consent are met
- opportunities for improvement are identified and adopted.

1.4.2 Compliance reporting scope

The Compliance Report has been prepared in accordance with the Compliance Reporting Post Approval Requirements (Department, 2020) (the Compliance Reporting PAR). The structure of this report is consistent with the Compliance Reporting PAR.

The requirement for Compliance Reporting is outlined in conditions C11 and C12 of SSD 6666 as follows:

C11. Within three months after the commencement of remediation works, and in the same month each subsequent year (or such other timing as agreed by the Planning Secretary), the Applicant must submit a Compliance Report to the Planning Secretary reviewing the environmental performance of the development to the satisfaction of the Planning

Secretary. Compliance Reports must be prepared in accordance with the Compliance Reporting Post Approval Requirements (Department, 2020) and must also:

- (d) identify any trends in the monitoring data over the life of the development;
- (e) identify any discrepancies between the predicted and actual impacts of the development, and analyse the potential cause of any significant discrepancies; and
- (f) describe what measures will be implemented over the next year to improve the environmental performance of the development.

C12. The Applicant must make each Compliance Report publicly available no later than 60 days after submitting it to the Planning Secretary and notify the Planning Secretary in writing at least 7 days before this is done.

1.4.3 Compliance reporting period

This Compliance Report is for the period 27 January 2021 to 24 April 2021.

2. PREVIOUS REPORT ACTIONS

As this is the first Compliance Report, there are no previous actions to report.

3. COMPLIANCE STATUS SUMMARY

3.1 Compliance status descriptors

The status of each compliance requirement during the reporting period has been recorded by using the descriptors in **Table 3-1**.

Table 3-1: Compliance status descriptors

Compliance status	Description
Compliant	The proponent has collected sufficient verifiable evidence to demonstrate that all elements of the requirement have been complied with.
Non-compliant	The proponent has identified a non-compliance with one or more elements of the requirement.
Not triggered	A requirement has an activation or timing trigger that has not been met at the phase of the development when the compliance assessment is undertaken, therefore an assessment of compliance is not relevant.

3.2 Compliance summary

Compliance performance with the development consent was determined from a review of project documentation, observations, and interviews with site representatives.

A summary of the compliance performance is provided in **Table 3-2**. The assessment of compliance with each development consent condition is documented within **Appendix 1**.

Table 3-2: Compliance summary

Compliance status	Number of conditions
Compliant	52
Non-compliant	0
Not triggered	42
Total number of conditions	94

3.3 Non-compliances

No non-compliances were observed or reported during the compliance reporting period.

3.4 Incidents

No incidents occurred during the compliance reporting period.

3.5 Complaints

No complaints were received during the compliance reporting period.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

4.1 Environmental management

4.1.1 Management plans

Hydro operates in accordance with a Remediation Works Environmental Management Plan (RWEMP), as required under condition C2 of the development consent. The RWEMP provides a system and procedures to establish and maintain controls to manage potential environmental impacts during post closure activities of the Smelter. The RWEMP includes the following appendices as required under the development consent:

- Containment Cell Management Plan (CCMP)
- Air Quality Management Plan (AWMP)
- Erosion and Sediment Control Plans (ESCP)
- Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP)
- Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan (SEP)
- Work Health and Safety Management Plan (WHSMP)

Other specialist management plans have been prepared for certain environmental aspects and included as appendices to the RWEMP:

- Smelter Access Plan (SAP)
- Traffic Management Plan (TMP)
- Noise and Vibration Management Plan (NVMP)
- Soil and Water Management Plan (SWMP), including a Contaminated Soil Management Plan (CSMP) and a Leachate Management Plan (LMP)
- Waste Management Plan (WMP)
- Energy Efficiency Management Plan (EEMP)
- Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP).

In addition, the Pollution Incident and Emergency Response Management Plan (PIRMP) describes the procedures to be implemented if a pollution incident occurs at the Smelter.

4.1.2 Site inspections

Site inspections of the works are undertaken on a regular basis in accordance with the RWEMP. These include:

- A weekly inspection by the Daracon Project Manager and Supervisor of environmental controls and the general condition of the site.
- A weekly inspection by the Hydro Environmental Officer and the Hydro Work Health and Safety (WHS) Manager of the environmental and WHS controls. An inspection will also be undertaken after a rain event (greater than 5 millimetres in any one period up to 24 hours in duration).
- A monthly environmental performance inspection by the Ramboll Environmental Representative.

4.2 Air quality

4.2.1 Background

Air quality monitoring is undertaken at five locations via dust deposition gauges (DDG1, DDG2, DDG3, DDG4 and DDG5). The dust deposition gauges were established in December 2016 prior to the commencement of demolition activities. Results are collected for total insoluble material on a monthly basis.

The air quality assessment criteria applicable to the site are those specified by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) within the *Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in NSW* (2005). Impacts from PM_{10} and total suspended particulate (TSP) matter are considered the most relevant pollutants for the project. The specific goal that will be applicable at surrounding receptors (through the results at the five dust deposition monitoring stations) is an annual incremental impact of deposited dust of $4g/m^2/month$.

A meteorological station has also been established in the south east of the Smelter site to capture daily observations of wind speed, temperature, relative humidity, and rainfall.

4.2.2 Trends in the monitoring data

Figure 6-1 presents the dust deposition monitoring data from December 2016 to March 2021. Only one round of monitoring exceeded the criteria for dust deposition which was during the February 2020 bushfires. The results since the commencement of the remediation works are below the deposited dust target of less than $4g/m^2/month$.

4.2.3 Actual versus predicted impacts

Air quality modelling undertaken for the EIS indicated that the predicted incremental and cumulative concentrations and deposition rates will be below the applicable EPA assessment criteria and *National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure* advisory reporting goals at all the sensitive receiver locations.

This prediction is consistent with the monitoring results for the compliance reporting period.

4.3 Noise and vibration

4.3.1 Background

Noise and vibration monitoring are only proposed to be undertaken in response to substantiated noise or vibration complaints in order to validate and assess the source(s) giving rise to complaint(s).

4.3.2 Trends in the monitoring data

No noise or vibration complaints were received during the compliance reporting period requiring validation monitoring to be undertaken.

4.3.3 Actual versus predicted impacts

Noise modelling undertaken for the EIS indicated that the predicted noise levels associated with the modelled worst-case scenario would comply with the standard construction hours noise criteria at all noise sensitive receivers.

The vibration assessment undertaken for the EIS concluded it is unlikely that there would be any vibration impacts that would give rise to annoyance or structural damage at any of the nearest receivers.

These predictions are consistent with the results for the compliance reporting period based on the absence of complaints.

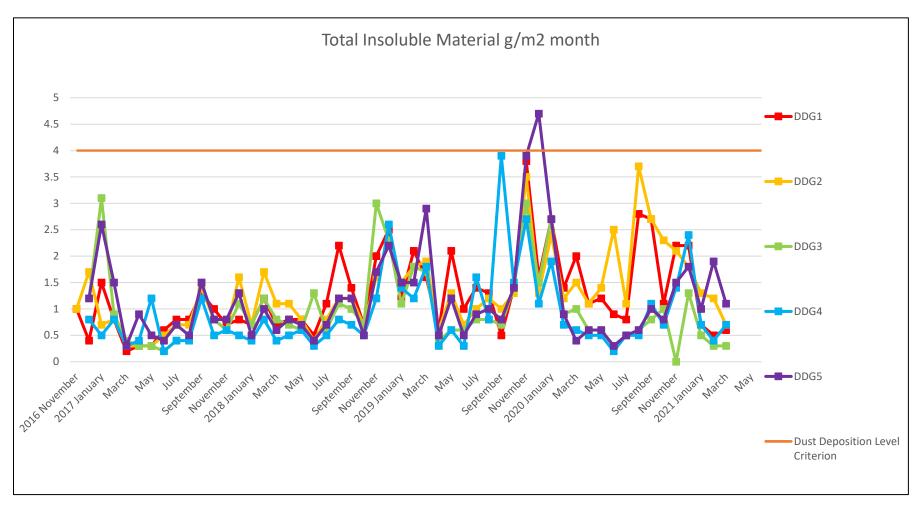


Figure 6-1: Air quality monitoring data

4.4 Biodiversity

4.4.1 Background

Monitoring of the environmental management of biodiversity is undertaken via weekly visual inspections. These inspections include consideration of impacts on native biodiversity, and if there is evidence of noxious weeds or vertebrate pests.

4.4.2 Trends in the monitoring data

The vegetation clearance to facilitate construction of the containment cell was completed in February 2021. The approved clearance boundary (with reductions as proposed by Hydro) had been marked by surveyors and no clearance occurred beyond the approved boundary.

4.4.3 Actual versus predicted impacts

The development consent for SSD 6666 approved the clearance of approximately 1.35 hectares of Kurri Sand Swamp Woodland in the Sydney Basin Bioregion Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) and approximately 1.15 hectares of the Lower Hunter Spotted Gum - Ironbark Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion EEC (approximately 2.5 hectares in total). Following a review of the Project vegetation clearance requirements the total area required to be cleared has reduced by approximately one hectare. A pre-clearance survey was undertaken by two ecologists on 22 January 2021. On 28 January 2021 the clearance required to facilitate construction of the Containment Cell was completed under observation by two ecologists.

Other activities predicted in the EIS to have an impact on biodiversity include:

- Pest and weed control
- Remediation of contaminated soils and waste disposal areas as native vegetation adjoins these areas (impacts to be avoided where possible or managed).

Hydro proposes to reduce the vegetation clearance approved by the development consent. An application to modify the approved vegetation clearance area is to be prepared by Hydro.

4.5 Soils

4.5.1 Background

Contaminated site investigations have identified several small areas within the Hydro Land that require remediation. Remediation involves the excavation and removal of the contaminated soils, and disposal within the Containment Cell in accordance with a Remediation Action Plan (RAP). The areas requiring remediation include:

- The Capped Waste Stockpile
- Limited areas within the former Smelter
- The former Municipal Landfill on Hart Road
- Dickson Road South
- Stockpiled asbestos contaminated soils at former residential properties.

Monitoring of the environmental management of contaminated soils and stockpiles, including erosion and sediment controls, is undertaken via weekly visual inspections. The erosion and sediment controls are also to be inspected after a rain event (greater than 5 millimetres in any one period up to 24 hours in duration).

4.5.2 Trends in the monitoring data

The weekly inspection checklists indicate that erosion and sediment controls have been installed and inspected regularly in accordance with the ESCP and the Blue Book. The inspections also note that the controls are operating as designed and any required maintenance has been completed.

4.5.3 Actual versus predicted impacts

The EIS states that erosion and sediment controls would be installed at appropriate locations to divert clean water and to capture and collect soils, dust, and particulates from water runoff.

This prediction is consistent with the inspection results for the compliance reporting period.

4.6 Surface water

4.6.1 Background

Surface water monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the *National Water Quality Management Strategy: Australian Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality* (ANZECC, 2000) at 10 locations including:

- Dams (ND1 and ND2)
- Swamp Creek (A up gradient of site, 14 downgradient of CWS, B downgradient of CWS, and D – downgradient of Irrigation)
- Wentworth swamp (62)
- Surge Ponds: Eastern Surge Pond (ESP), Southern Surge Pond (SSP) and Western Surge Pond (WSP).

The program includes monitoring of pH, electrical conductivity, free cyanide, free fluoride, total suspended solids (TSS) and total dissolved solids (TDS).

4.6.2 Trends in the monitoring data

Figure 6-2 presents the surface water monitoring data from January 2021 (prior to commencement of the remediation works) to March 2021.

4.6.3 Actual versus predicted impacts

The surface water impact assessment in the EIS indicated that the quality of surface water would not be adversely impacted by the project.

This prediction is consistent with the monitoring results for the compliance reporting period.

4.7 Groundwater

4.7.1 Background

Hydro undertakes quarterly groundwater monitoring from 28 groundwater monitoring wells. The program includes monitoring of the groundwater level and groundwater quality (pH, Electrical Conductivity, Fluoride, Free Cyanide, Dissolved Oxygen and Redox potential).

4.7.2 Trends in the monitoring data

None of the remediation works activities that could potentially impact on groundwater have commenced. As such it is too early to determine if the remediation works are influencing groundwater quality.

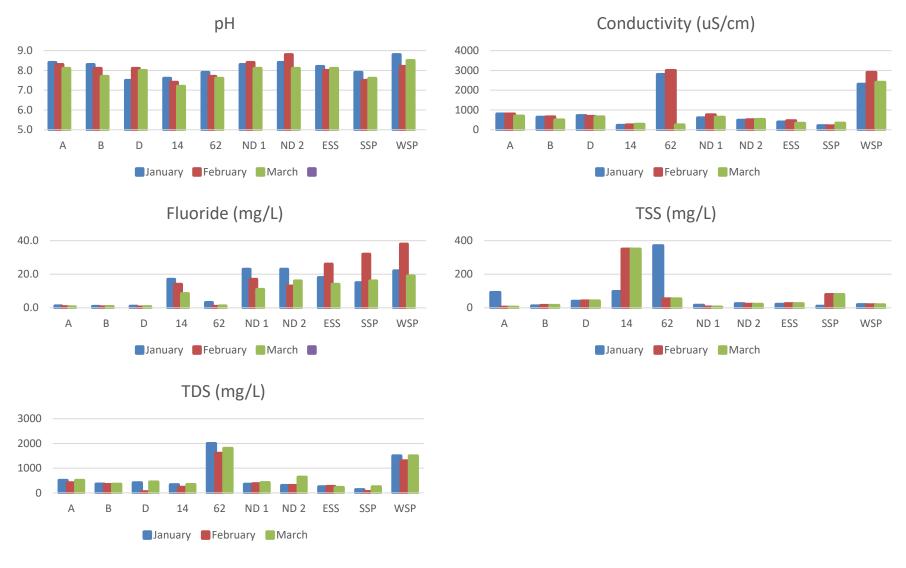


Figure 6-2: Surface water monitoring data

4.7.3 Actual versus predicted impacts

The groundwater impact assessment in the EIS predicted that groundwater is not expected to be encountered during the works except for excavation of the Capped Waste Stockpile and demolition works less than 1.5 metres below ground surface. Aquifer recharge and groundwater quality are not expected to be impacted by the project. Groundwater quality is expected to be improved as a result of remediating the Capped Waste Stockpile.

4.8 Waste

4.8.1 Background

Monitoring of waste during remediation works will be undertaken via record keeping and waste tracking of the following details:

- Quantity and type of liquid and non-liquid waste generated, handled, stockpiled, processed, or disposed of on and off site.
- Details of waste disposal including the quantity, tracking, handling, stockpiling, reuse/recycling and proposed strategies for confirming that waste treatment and/or disposal facilities can lawfully accept waste generated.

4.8.2 Trends in the monitoring data

As this is the first reporting period against SSD 6666 and the handling and disposal of waste generated by the remediation works has not commenced, trends in the monitoring data are not evident.

4.8.3 Actual versus predicted impacts

Hydro has developed a waste inventory, detailing the types and quantities of wastes predicted to be generated by the project as part of the WMP. This will be implemented once remediation works activities that involve waste handling have commenced.

4.9 Stakeholder and community engagement

Stakeholder and community engagement activities undertaken during the compliance reporting period included:

- Activation of the Project website: https://regrowthkurrikurri.com.au/ on 2 February 2021
- Community Reference Group (virtual) meetings on 18 February 2021 and 18 April 2021

As noted in response to condition B53 in the Compliance Table in Appendix 1 Hydro is consulting with the Department and Hunter New England Health to remove the requirement of condition B53(d) for the Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan (SEP) to "identify a community notification area for residents to refrain from using rainwater as a potable water supply during the remediation work".

Hydro submitted a request (with justification) for removal of the requirement on 17 February 2021. The Department advised on 23 February 2021 that it required Hydro to consult with Hunter New England Health to seek their agreement to this change (a comment in one of their submissions was the source of this requirement). Hydro issued a letter to Hunter New England Health dated 26 February 2021 seeking their agreement (with Hydro's supporting information) to our request to not include the community notification area. As of 24 April 2021, no response has been received from Hunter New England Health.

5. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Table 5-1 describes the measures that will be implemented to improve the environmental performance of the development identified in this Compliance Report.

Table 5-1: Recommended Improvement Actions

Condition of consent number	Action proposed	Proposed completion date
C11	Section 3.5.1.1 ('Remediation Compliance Reporting') of the RWEMP to be amended to reflect the final development consent conditions.	27 July 2021
	The amended RWEMP will be submitted to the Department in accordance with conditions C4 and C5.	
C16	A complaint register to be placed on the Project website (even if no complaints have been received)	27 May 2021
C53	Hydro to follow up with Hunter new England Health regarding their comment on the need for the SEP to identify a community notification area for residents to refrain from using rainwater as a potable water supply during the remediation work	30 April 2021

6. LIMITATIONS

Ramboll Australia Pty Ltd (Ramboll) prepared this report in accordance with the scope of work as outlined in our proposal to Hydro Aluminium Kurri Kurri Pty Ltd dated 20 April 2020 (as revised 21 January 2021) and in accordance with our understanding and interpretation of current regulatory standards.

Site conditions may change over time. This report is based on conditions encountered at the site at the time of the report and Ramboll disclaims responsibility for any changes that may have occurred after this time.

The conclusions presented in this report represent Ramboll's professional judgment based on information made available during the course of this assignment and are true and correct to the best of Ramboll's knowledge as at the date of the assessment.

Ramboll did not independently verify all of the written or oral information provided to Ramboll during the course of this investigation. While Ramboll has no reason to doubt the accuracy of the information provided to it, the report is complete and accurate only to the extent that the information provided to Ramboll was itself complete and accurate.

This report does not purport to give legal advice. This advice can only be given by qualified legal advisors.

6.1 User Reliance

This report has been prepared exclusively for Hydro Aluminium Kurri Kurri Pty Ltd and may not be relied upon by any other person or entity without Ramboll's express written permission.

APPENDIX 1 COMPLIANCE TABLE

CONDITION OF CONSENT NUMBER	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT	DEVELOPMENT PHASE	EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE STATUS
	PART A: ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS			
	OBLIGATION TO MINIMISE HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT			
A1	In addition to meeting the specific performance measures and criteria in this consent, all reasonable and feasible measures must be implemented to prevent, and if prevention is not reasonable and feasible, minimise, any material harm to the environment that may result from the remediation works and operation of the development, and any rehabilitation required under this consent.	At all times	Activities onsite are undertaken generally in accordance with the RWEMP and sub-plans. The RWEMP provides the system to manage and control environmental aspects of the project during remediation works to prevent environmental harm. No incidents resulting in material harm to the environment have occurred during the compliance reporting period.	Compliant
	TERMS OF CONSENT			
A2	The development may only be carried out: a) in compliance with the conditions of this consent; b) in accordance with all written directions of the Planning Secretary; c) in accordance with the EIS and Response to Submissions; d) in accordance with the RAP and CCDDR; e) in accordance with the Development Layout in Appendix 1; and f) in accordance with the management and mitigation measures in Appendix 3.	At all times	The requirements under this condition are met as follows: a) The project has been undertaken in compliance with the conditions of the project consent as evident in this table. b) No written directions have been received by the Planning Secretary. c) Activities undertaken during the compliance reporting period included pre-remediation and site preparation activities as described in Section 1.3 of the Compliance Report. These activities were undertaken in accordance with the EIS and RtS. d) Remediation activities and construction of the Containment Cell have not commenced.	Compliant

Table A-1: Compliance with Development Consent SSD 6666

CONDITION OF CONSENT NUMBER	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT	DEVELOPMENT PHASE	EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE STATUS
			 e) The project is consistent with the layout in Appendix 1 relevant to the activities undertaken during the compliance reporting period. f) The management and mitigation measures in Appendix 3 are incorporated into the RWEMP and subplans. The project has been undertaken in accordance with the plans. 	
A3	Consistent with the requirements in this consent, the Planning Secretary may make written directions to the Applicant in relation to: a) the content of any strategy, study, system, plan, program, review, audit, notification, report or correspondence submitted under or otherwise made in relation to this consent, including those that are required to be, and have been, approved by the Planning Secretary; and b) the implementation of any actions or measures contained in any such document referred to in condition A3(a).	At all times	The Department provided comments on the draft management plans on 18 June 2020 via email. The plans were updated to address the Department's comments and the final plans were submitted on 22 January 2021. The Department approved the final management plans on 25 January 2021. The Department has provided comment on the Community Engagement Plan, and the need for consultation with Hunter New England Health. Further information is provided in the response to condition B53.	Compliant
A4	The conditions of this consent and directions of the Planning Secretary prevail to the extent of any inconsistency, ambiguity or conflict between them and a document listed in condition A2(c) or A2(d). In the event of an inconsistency, ambiguity or conflict between any of the documents listed in condition A2(c) and A2(d), the most recent document prevails to the extent of the inconsistency, ambiguity or conflict.	At all times	Noted. The project has been undertaken in accordance with the project consent. No inconsistencies, ambiguity or conflicts between any of the documents listed in condition A2(c) and A2(d) are noted.	Compliant

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	VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT			
A5	The Applicant must enter into a planning agreement with the Minister in the terms of the offer made to the Minister by the Applicant in connection with SSD 6666 by letter dated 11 December 2020 and no later than before the commencement of the Stage 1A Works within the meaning of the planning agreement attached to the letter.	Before the commencement of the Stage 1A Works	Stage 1A works includes the set-up of temporary project facilities, installation of temporary fencing, installation of soil and water management infrastructure at the Containment Cell, stockpiling of excavated materials, and clearing and excavation of the Clay Borrow Pit area. Stage 1A works commenced on 27 January 2021. Hydro submitted its signed copy of the planning agreement to the Department on 11 December 2020. The signed copy of the planning agreement was agreed between Hydro and the Department following months of negotiation. The Department placed the planning agreement on its website for the 28 days notification period on 24 March 2021, which finished on 23 April 2021. Finalised bank guarantees for the planning agreement were issued on 17 December 2020 to the Department in accordance with the letter dated 11 December 2020. The bank guarantees are comprised of: • Monetary Contribution of \$6,500,000 • Remediation Guarantee 1 for	Compliant

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			 Remediation Guarantee 2 for \$8,000,000 Remediation Guarantee 3 for \$13,000,000 Remediation Guarantee 4 for \$5,000,000. 	
	LIMITS OF CONSENT			
	Lapsing			
A6	This consent lapses five (5) years after the date from which it operates, unless the development has physically commenced on the land to which the consent applies before that date.	Prior to commencement of remediation works	The Development Consent was issued on 23 December 2020. The remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021.	Compliant
A7	The remediation works must be undertaken over a maximum period of four years from the date of commencement of the remediation works, unless otherwise agreed with the Planning Secretary.	During remediation works	Remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021 and are therefore required to be completed by 26 January 2025 unless otherwise agreed with the Planning Secretary.	Not triggered
	Independent Engineer's Deed			
A8	Without limiting condition A5, the Applicant must procure the entry into a deed with an independent engineer in accordance with the offer made to the Minister as referred to in condition A5, before the commencement of the Stage 1B Works within the meaning of the planning agreement attached to the letter dated 11 December 2020 (referred to in condition A5) and in any case no later than 2 months from the commencement of the	During remediation works	Stage 1B works includes creation of the main East-West Haul Road, creation of permanent creek crossings, and construction of five dams. The remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021, and therefore the Independent Engineer's Deed was required to be entered into by 27 March	Compliant

remediation works. Remediation works are to be suspended until such time as a deed is entered into if entry into the deed is not

procured within the required timeframe.

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Remediation works were suspended on 27

March 2021 as the Independent Engineer's Deed had not been executed by the required

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				date. Hydro issued an email to the Department on 24 March 2021 advising of the suspension of remediation works.	
	NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT				
А9	The date of each of the following phases of the development must be notified to the Department in writing, at least one month before that date: a) commencement of remediation works; and b) completion of the remediation works.		Prior to commencement of remediation works Following completion of remediation works	The Department was notified in a letter dated 23 December 2020 of the proposed remediation commencement date of 18 January 2021. While this is not at least one month prior to the proposed commencement of remediation works, the proposed commencement date had been discussed with the Department prior to the granting of development consent.	Compliant
				Remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021 following approval of the management plans on 25 January 2021. A letter was issued to the Department on 9 March 2021 confirming that the commencement date for remediation works was deferred until 27 January 2021 (after the approval of the management plans).	
				Completion of remediation works has not been triggered.	
A10	If the remediation works are to be staged, the Department must be notified in writing at least one month before the commencement of each stage, of the date of commencement and the development to be carried out in that stage.	At	all times	The remediation works are not staged.	Not triggered

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	SURRENDER OF EXISTING CONSENTS			
A11	Within 12 months of the date of commencement of development to which this consent applies, or within another timeframe agreed by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must surrender any existing development consents operating on the site in accordance with the EP&A Regulation, except: a) DA 118/692/102; b) DA 8/2015/399/1; and c) DA 8/2018/46/1.	During remediation works	The development consent was issued on 23 December 2020 and therefore the existing development consents (excluding those listed) are required to be surrendered by 23 December 2021.	Not triggered
A12	Upon the commencement of development to which this consent applies, and before the surrender of existing development consents or project approvals required under condition A11, the conditions of this consent prevail to the extent of any inconsistency with the conditions of those consents or approvals. Note: This requirement does not extend to the surrender of construction and occupation certificates for existing and proposed building works under the former Part 4A of the EP&A Act or Part 6 of the EP&A Act as applies from 1 September 2018. The surrender should not be understood as implying that works legally constructed under a valid consent or approval can no longer be legally maintained or used.	During remediation works	The project has been undertaken in accordance with the Development Consent for SSD 6666.	Compliant
	EVIDENCE OF CONSULTATION			
A13	Where conditions of this consent require consultation with an identified party, the Applicant must: a) consult with the relevant party prior to submitting the subject document to the Planning Secretary for approval; and b) provide details of the consultation undertaken including:	At all times	Consultation is required with the following parties in accordance with the Development Consent: 1. EPA and the Environmental Services Group of H&P Group for preparation of	Compliant

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	 (i) the outcome of that consultation, matters resolved and unresolved; and (ii) details of any disagreement remaining between the party consulted and the Applicant and how the Applicant has addressed the matters not resolved. 		the Containment Cell Management Plan (refer to condition B5b) 2. EPA and the Environmental Services Group of H&P Group for preparation of the Long Term Environmental Management Plan (refer to condition B7b) 3. The Biodiversity Conservation Division of the Department for the Biodiversity Management Plan (refer to condition B42) 4. EPA and the Environmental Services Group of H&P Group for preparation of the Landscaping Management Plan (refer to condition B45a). The consultation requirements for items 2 and 4 have not been triggered. The evidence of consultation for the Containment Cell Management Plan is described in the plan. A draft of the Biodiversity Management Plan was submitted to the Department on 10 June 2020 for review and comment.	

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	STAGING, COMBINING AND UPDATING STRATEGIES, PLANS OR PROGRAMS			
A14	 With the approval of the Planning Secretary, the Applicant may: a) prepare and submit any strategy, plan or program required by this consent on a staged basis (if a clear description is provided as to the specific stage and scope of the development to which the strategy, plan or program applies, the relationship of the stage to any future stages and the trigger for updating the strategy, plan or program); b) combine any strategy, plan or program required by this consent (if a clear relationship is demonstrated between the strategies, plans or programs that are proposed to be combined); and c) update any strategy, plan or program required by this consent (to ensure the strategies, plans and programs required under this consent are updated on a regular basis and incorporate additional measures or amendments to improve the environmental performance of the development). 	At all times	 a) This has not been triggered b) Hydro submitted a letter dated 11 March 2021 explaining how the requirements of the Fire Safety Study and Construction Safety Study (as required by condition B47) are included in existing management plans. Additional information was provided by Hydro on 9 April 2021 in response to a request from the Department dated 6 April 2021. This approach was accepted by the Department on 14 April 2021. This date is more than one month in advance of remediation works that are subject to the scope of the hazard studies. c) This has not been triggered 	Compliant
A15	If the Planning Secretary agrees, a strategy, plan or program may be staged or updated without consultation being undertaken with all parties required to be consulted in the relevant condition in this consent.	At all times	The approved management plans have not been updated in the Compliance Reporting period.	Not triggered
A16	If approved by the Planning Secretary, updated strategies, plans or programs supersede the previous versions of them and must be implemented in accordance with the condition that requires the strategy, plan or program.	At all times	The approved management plans have not been updated in the Compliance Reporting period.	Not triggered

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	PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE			
A17	Before the commencement of the remediation works, the Applicant must: a) consult with the relevant owner and provider of services that are likely to be affected by the development to make suitable arrangements for access to, diversion, protection and support of the affected infrastructure; b) prepare a dilapidation report identifying the condition of all public infrastructure in the vicinity of the site (including roads, gutters and footpaths); and c) submit a copy of the dilapidation report to the Planning Secretary and the relevant council.	Prior to commencement of remediation works	Remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021. a) The services infrastructure in the vicinity of the Project site are: • Public roads (Hart Road and Dickson Road) managed by Cessnock City Council. There are no proposed changes to these roads, and Hydro traffic will continue to use them as public traffic routes • Overhead powerlines in the vicinity of the containment cell access road are managed by Ausgrid. Hydro has maintained communications with Ausgrid to ensure that buffer zone and Smelter management activities (including earlier activities in the Containment Cell area and with electrical components of the former Smelter) complied with their requirements. Hydro subsequently consulted with Ausgrid (via an email on 05 February 2021, and subsequent communication) on the location and construction of the fauna proof fencing in the vicinity of the powerlines. On 18 February 2021 Hydro received confirmation from Ausgrid on the mitigation and management measures to be	Compliant

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			implemented. These requirements were communicated to Daracon. b) A dilapidation report was prepared by deWitt Consulting (2021) that recorded the condition of public infrastructure in the vicinity of the site c) A copy of the dilapidation report was submitted to Council on 11 February 2021 and the Department on 5 February 2021 (with additional information provided 10 February 2021)	
A18	Unless the Applicant and the applicable authority agree otherwise, the Applicant must: a) repair, or pay the full costs associated with repairing, any public infrastructure that is damaged by carrying out the development; and b) relocate, or pay the full costs associated with relocating, any public infrastructure that needs to be relocated as a result of the development.	During remediation works	No public infrastructure has been damaged or required relocating for the Development.	Not triggered
	COMPLIANCE			
A19	The Applicant must ensure that all of its employees, contractors (and their sub-contractors) are made aware of, and are instructed to comply with, the conditions of this consent relevant to activities they carry out in respect of the development.	During remediation works	Daracon employees, contractors and sub- contractors are required to complete the Daracon site induction prior to working on the Project site. The induction includes relevant information on the environmental requirements	Compliant
			(including those required by the development consent conditions) applicable to their activities.	

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	OPERATION OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
A20	All plant and equipment used on site, or to monitor the performance of the development, must be: a) maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and b) operated in a proper and efficient manner.	At all times	The requirement to maintain and operate plant and equipment in a proper and efficient manner is described in the Noise and Vibration Management Plan and Air Quality Management Plan. These requirements are reflected in Daracon's project management documents. No complaints regarding noise, vibration or dust as a result of plant or vehicle movements have been received.	Compliant
	UTILITIES AND SERVICES			
A21	Before the construction of any utility works associated with the development, the Applicant must obtain relevant approvals from service providers.	Prior to commencement of remediation works	Remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021. No utility works are to be constructed as part of the remediation works.	Not triggered
	APPLICABILITY OF GUIDELINES			
A22	References in the conditions of this consent to any guideline, protocol, Australian Standard or policy are to such guidelines, protocols, Standards or policies in the form they are in as at the date of this consent.	At all times	Noted.	Compliant
A23	However, consistent with the conditions of this consent and without altering any limits or criteria in this consent, the Planning Secretary may, when issuing directions under this consent in respect of ongoing monitoring and management obligations, require compliance with an updated or revised version of such a guideline, protocol, Standard or policy, or a replacement of them.	At all times	The Planning Secretary has not issued any directions in respect of ongoing monitoring and management obligations.	Not triggered

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NUMBER	ADVISORY NOTES			
A24	All licences, permits, approvals and consents as required by law must be obtained and maintained as required for the development. No condition of this consent removes any obligation to obtain, renew or comply with such licences, permits, approvals and consents.	At all times	The project is subject to the following current licences, permits, approvals and consents: • Development Consent SSD 6666 • EPL 1548 • Chemical Control Order Licence No. 5	Compliant
	PART B: SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS			
	REMEDIATION			
	Site Auditor			
B1	Prior to the commencement of remediation works, the Applicant must provide evidence to the Planning Secretary that a Site Auditor has been appointed to independently review and endorse the implementation and validation of the remediation works. The scope of the Site Auditor's role is to include consideration of the suitability of the Long-Term Environmental Management Plan (LTEMP) to manage the containment cell in perpetuity (see Conditions B7 and B11).	Prior to commencement of remediation works	Remediation activities physically commenced on 27 January 2021. Ross McFarland (Chief Environmental Scientist) of AECOM has been commissioned to fulfil the requirements of the Site Auditor role. A letter was provided to the Department on 23 December 2020 notifying of this.	Compliant
	Remediation Works			
B2	The Applicant must remediate the site, including construction of a containment cell, in accordance with the design specifications, criteria and requirements detailed in the Remedial Action Plan (RAP), the Containment Cell Detailed Design Report (CCDDR) and relevant guidelines produced or approved under the CLM Act to the satisfaction of the Site Auditor.	Following completion of remediation works	Remediation works have not been completed.	Not triggered

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В3	Remediation works must be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced contractor(s).	During remediation works	The remediation works are being undertaken by Daracon. Daracon's experience with remediation can be viewed at: https://daracon.com.au/services/site-remediation	Compliant
	Validation Consultant			
B4	Prior to the commencement of remediation works, the Applicant must provide evidence to the Planning Secretary, that a suitably qualified and experienced Validation Consultant(s) has been appointed to document and validate the remediation works to demonstrate compliance with the RAP.	Prior to commencement of remediation works	Remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021. Ramboll Australia Pty Ltd (Ramboll) has been commissioned to fulfil the requirements of the validation consultant. A letter was provided to the Department on 23 December 2020 notifying of this.	Compliant
	Containment Cell Management Plan			
B5	Prior to the commencement of remediation works, the Applicant must prepare a Containment Cell Management Plan (CCMP) to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. The CCMP must form part of the RWEMP required by condition C2 and be prepared in accordance with condition C1. The CCMP must: a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person(s); b) be prepared in consultation with the EPA and Environmental Services Group of Housing and Property Group of the Department (H&P Group); c) describe the design of the containment cell and its construction methodology, including evidence that engineering drawings have been certified by appropriately qualified structural or civil engineers;	Prior to commencement of remediation works	The CCMP forms part of the RWEMP and was approved by the Planning Secretary on 25 January 2021. The requirements under this condition are met as follows: a) The qualifications and experience of the CCMP preparation team are included in Appendix 9 of the CCMP. b) Consultation details are provided in Section 4 of the CCMP. An invitation was issued to the EPA on 12 October 2020 to consult on this CCMP. A response received on 16 October 2020 noted that the EPA offered no comments on the CCMP. A draft copy of the CCMP was provided to the H&P Group on 13 August	Compliant

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	 d) include details of the quality control and quality assurance procedures, program and performance specifications for the construction of the containment cell; e) describe the measures to be implemented to ensure adequate control of environmental impacts associated with the containment cell construction activities; f) include details of a proposed construction program, including a mechanism for informing relevant agencies of the progress of construction of the containment cell; and g) be prepared as described in the RAP and the CCDDR. 		2020 for review and comment. The H&P Group advised on 8 September 2020 that the H&P Group had no comments. c) Section 2 of the CCMP describes the Containment Cell design and construction methodology. This is supported by Appendix 1 to the CCMP which is the Detailed Design Drawings for the Containment Cell (GHD, 2019). The Containment Cell Detailed Design Constructability Assessment (GHD, 2018) is included as Appendix 2 to the CCMP. d) The Containment Cell Design: Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Plan (GHD, 2017) is an appendix to the Containment Cell Design: Design Report (GHD, 2018) and is included as Appendix 4 to the CCMP. A summary of the quality control and quality assurance program for the construction of the containment cell is included in Section 5 of the CCMP. e) The CCMP is an appendix to the RWEMP which is the primary environmental management document for the project. Appendix 7 of the CCMP is a collation of the environmental management measures that specifically apply to construction of the Containment Cell.	

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B6	The Applicant must: a) not commence remediation works until the CCMP required by condition B5 is approved by the Planning Secretary; and b) implement the most recent version of the CCMP approved by the Planning Secretary.	a) Prior to commencement of remediation works b) At all times	f) The construction program is included as Appendix 8 and is summarised in Section 2.3 of the CCMP. g) The Containment Cell Sampling and Quality Plan (SAQP) in Appendix 6 of the CCMP expands on the requirements for validation described in the RAP and presents the specific validation requirements for the construction of the Containment Cell. The Detailed Design Drawings, Constructability Assessment and Technical Specification from the CCDDR are appended to the CCMP. The CCMP forms part of the RWEMP and was approved by the Planning Secretary on 25 January 2021. Remediation activities physically commenced on 27 January 2021. Construction of the Containment Cell has not yet commenced.	Compliant
	Long Term Environmental Management Plan			
B7	Two months prior to the completion of the remediation works, the Applicant must submit a LTEMP to the Planning Secretary for approval. The LTEMP must:	During remediation works	Remediation works have not been completed, and are programmed to be completed in approximately two years.	Not triggered
	 a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person(s) whose appointment has been agreed to by the Planning Secretary; b) be prepared in consultation with Council, the EPA and Director, Environmental Services Group of H&P Group or its successors; 			

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	c) include, but not be limited to: (i) identification of all relevant statutory and other obligations required in relation to operation of the containment cell, including all approvals, licences, agreements and financial arrangements; (ii) details of ongoing management roles and responsibilities; (iii) details of all monitoring, inspections, environmental controls, requirements and measures to manage the ongoing integrity and performance of the containment cell; (iv) details of the contingency measures and responses to be implemented for any identified issues with the containment cell; and (v) mechanisms for performance reporting and auditing in line with the relevant legislation and guidelines; d) incorporate a programme for ongoing monitoring and review to ensure the LTEMP remains contemporary with relevant environmental standards.			
B8	As part of the LTEMP required under Condition B7, the Applicant must include the following: a) Landscaping Management Plan (see Condition B46); and b) Gas Monitoring Plan (see Condition B35).	During remediation works	Remediation works have not been completed.	Not triggered
B9	Upon completion of the remediation works, the Applicant or any succeeding landowner(s) whose landholding includes the containment cell, must: a) implement the approved LTEMP; and	Following completion of remediation works	Remediation works have not been completed.	Not triggered

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	 b) manage the containment cell in perpetuity in accordance with the LTEMP as required by Condition B7. 			
	Remediation Validation Report			
B10	Within six months of completion of the remediation works or another timeframe agreed by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must submit a Remediation Validation Report (RVR) to the Planning Secretary. The RVR must:	Following completion of remediation works	Remediation works have not been completed.	Not triggered
	 a) be prepared by the appointed Validation Consultant(s) (see Condition B4) to the satisfaction of the Site Auditor; b) be prepared in accordance with the relevant guidelines produced or approved under the CLM Act; c) describe the remediation works, the validation carried out and the final condition of the site; d) validate the remediation works against the remediation criteria set out in the RAP. Where the RVR states the remediation criteria have not been achieved and additional remediation work is required, the Applicant must promptly undertake the additional work and provide the Planning Secretary with evidence it has been completed and the remediation criteria have been achieved to the Validation Consultant's satisfaction; e) assess the results of any post-remediation testing against the remediation criteria set out in the RAP; and f) include, but not be limited to, a: (i) Construction Quality Assurance report or equivalent; (ii) design report; and (iii) waste classification report in accordance with the 			

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	Site Audit Report and Site Audit Statement			
B11	Within six months of submission of the RVR required by Condition B10 or as otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary, the Site Auditor must submit a Site Audit Report (SAR) and Section A, Site Audit Statement (SAS) to the Planning Secretary. The SAS and SAR must be prepared in accordance with the relevant guidelines produced or approved under the CLM Act and must confirm:	Following completion of remediation works	Remediation works have not been completed.	Not triggered
	 a) the remediation works approved under this consent have been completed in accordance with the RAP; b) the risks to human health and the environment have been addressed in accordance with the objectives in the RAP; c) the suitability of the site for the intended future uses; and d) the suitability of the LTEMP required by condition B7 to manage the Containment Cell in perpetuity. 			

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B12	Despite condition B11 above, with the agreement of the Planning Secretary, the Site Auditor may, before the completion of the whole of the remediation works, submit a SAS and SAR for a part of the Site (other than that part on which the Containment Cell is located) if the remediation works have been completed in accordance with the RAP for that part of the Site. The SAS and SAR must be prepared in accordance with the relevant guidelines produced or approved under the CLM Act and must confirm: a) the remediation works for the relevant part of the Site have been completed in accordance with the RAP; b) the risks to human health and the environment relating to the relevant part of the Site have been addressed in accordance with the objectives in the RAP; and c) the suitability of the relevant part of the land for the intended future uses. If Site Audit Reports and Site Audit Statements are submitted progressively as the remediation works on parts of the Site are completed, the final SAS and SAR are not required to cover those parts of the Site for which Site Audit Statements and Site Audit Reports have already been submitted. However, the final SAS and SAR must otherwise comply with condition B11.	Following completion of remediation works	Remediation works have not been completed.	Not triggered
	WORK, HEALTH AND SAFETY			
B13	The Applicant must ensure that all remediation works are carried out in accordance with NSW Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017 (WHS Regulation) and relevant guidelines.	At all times	Remediation works are undertaken in accordance with the WHSMP, as approved by the Department on 25 January 2021. The WHSMP has been prepared in accordance with the WHS Regulation.	Compliant

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B14	Prior to the commencement of remediation works, the Applicant must prepare a Health and Safety Plan (HSP) for the remediation works to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. The HSP must form part of the RWEMP required by Condition C2 and be prepared in accordance with Condition C1. The HSP must: a) describe the controls to ensure compliance with the WHS Regulation including controls to be implemented to manage the risks associated with workers coming into contact with asbestos, contaminated groundwater and/or leachate; b) identify personal protective equipment (PPE) required for use onsite; c) describe the procedures for training, education and awareness programs and inductions for site personnel to ensure adequate protection from human health risks, including asbestos; d) describe the location of the real time ambient air monitors for ammonia and hydrogen cyanide gases including the trigger for the implementation of additional controls; e) identify requirements for health monitoring for site personnel and documentation procedures; and f) details of exclusion zones and decontamination procedures.	Prior to commencement of remediation works	The WHSMP forms part of the RWEMP and was approved by the Planning Secretary on 25 January 2021. The requirements under this condition are met as follows: a) Section 5 of the WHSMP describes the high-risk activities that apply to the project and the required controls/permits. The site safety procedures are described in Section 9 of the WHSMP. Appendix 1 to the WHSMP is the Asbestos Removal Procedure. b) Section 9.7 of the WHSMP details the PPE required onsite. c) Induction and training requirements are outlined in Section 7 of the WHSMP. d) The Asbestos Removal Procedure Appendix 1 to the WHSMP describes the location of the real time ambient air monitors for ammonia and hydrogen cyanide gases including the trigger for the implementation of additional controls. e) The Asbestos Removal Procedure Appendix 1 to the WHSMP details the requirements for health monitoring for site personnel and documentation procedures. f) The Asbestos Removal Procedure Appendix 1 to the WHSMP details how exclusion zones would be established and enforced and decontamination	Compliant

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			procedures for personnel entering the work area.	
B15	The Applicant must: a) not commence remediation works until the HSP required by Condition B14 is approved by the Planning Secretary; and b) implement the most recent version of the HSP approved by the Planning Secretary.	a) Prior to commencement of remediation works b) At all times	The WHSMP forms part of the RWEMP and was approved by the Planning Secretary on 25 January 2021. Remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021. The existing WHSMP has not required modification.	Compliant
	SOILS, WATER QUALITY AND HYDROLOGY			
	Imported Material for Containment Cell Construction			
B16	The Applicant must: a) ensure that only VENM, ENM, or other material approved in writing by EPA or site auditor is brought onto the site; b) keep accurate records of the volume and type of fill to be used; and c) make these records available to the Planning Secretary upon request.	a) During remediation works b) During remediation works c) At all times	No material for Containment Cell construction requiring classification under the Waste Classification Guidelines, or requires EPA or Auditor approval to be used, have been imported to the site. No activities for Containment Cell construction that uses fill has commenced.	Not triggered
	Erosion and Sediment Control			
B17	Prior to the commencement of any construction or other surface disturbance the Applicant must install and maintain suitable erosion and sediment control measures on-site, in accordance with the relevant requirements of the <i>Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction - Volume 1: Blue Book</i> (Landcom, 2004) guideline and the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan included in the RWEMP required by condition C2.	Prior to commencement of remediation works	The ESCP forms part of the RWEMP and was approved by the Planning Secretary on 25 January 2021. Erosion and sediment controls were installed prior to the commencement of construction including sediment fences, coir logs and rock check dams. These are inspected on a weekly basis by Hydro.	Compliant

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	Stormwater Management System			
B18	Prior to the placement of contaminated waste materials in the containment cell, the Applicant must design, install and operate a stormwater management system for the containment cell. The stormwater management system must: a) be generally in accordance with the design in the CCDDR; b) be in accordance with applicable Australian Standards; c) ensure that the system capacity has been designed in accordance with Australian Rainfall and Runoff (Engineers Australia, 2016) and Managing Urban Stormwater: Council Handbook (EPA, 1997) guidelines; d) divert existing clean surface water around operational areas of the site; e) direct all sediment laden water in overland flow away from the leachate management system; and f) prevent cross-contamination of clean and sediment or leachate laden water.	During remediation works	Placement of contaminated waste material in the containment cell has not commenced. The sediment basins have been constructed in accordance with Figure 3 in Appendix 1 of the development consent. Construction of the swales has commenced but is not yet complete. Construction of the swales was suspended due to wet weather and the stop work required due to the Independent Engineer's Deed not yet being executed (refer to response to Condition A8).	Compliant
B19	Within two months of completion of installation of the stormwater management system or within another timeframe agreed by the Planning Secretary, works-as-executed drawings signed by a registered surveyor must be submitted to the Site Auditor	During remediation works	Construction of the stormwater management system has not yet been completed.	Not triggered

demonstrating that the stormwater drainage and finished ground

levels have been constructed as detailed in the CCDDR.

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	TRAFFIC AND ACCESS			
	Remediation Works Conditions			
B20			A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and Smelter Access Plan (SAP) have been prepared for the project which include the management measures described in condition B20.	Compliant
	Parking			
B21	The Applicant must provide sufficient parking facilities on-site, including for heavy vehicles and for site personnel, to ensure that traffic associated with the development does not utilise public and residential streets or public parking facilities.	At all times	The onsite parking areas and access roads are shown on Figure 1 in Appendix A to the SAP. Over 130 parking spaces are available onsite to accommodate the maximum daily car movements of 75 trips per day and maximum heavy truck movements of 54 trips per day.	Compliant

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	Long-term Access			
B22	The Applicant must ensure ongoing access to the containment cell is provided for maintenance works in perpetuity in accordance with the VPA in Condition A5.	At all times	Construction of the Containment Cell has not yet been completed, requiring access for ongoing maintenance activities. The planning agreement referred to in Condition A5 includes reference to the provision of ongoing access to the containment cell.	Not triggered
	WASTE MANAGEMENT			
	Statutory Requirements			
B23	All waste materials removed from the site must only be directed to a waste management facility or premises lawfully permitted to accept the materials.	During remediation works	No wastes generated by the remediation works have been removed from the Project site.	Not triggered
B24	Waste generated outside the site must not be received at the site for storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing, or disposal, except as expressly permitted by an EPL.	At all times	Consistent with Table 3.2 of the WMP, no waste generated outside the site has been received at the site outside of EPL 1548.	Compliant
B25	The Applicant must assess and classify all liquid and non-liquid wastes to be taken off site in accordance with the <i>Waste Classification Guidelines Part 1: Classifying Waste</i> (NSW EPA, November 2014), or its latest version and dispose of all wastes to a facility that may lawfully accept the waste.	During remediation works	No wastes generated by the remediation works have been removed from the Project site.	Not triggered
B26	The Applicant must retain all sampling and waste classification data in accordance with the requirements of the EPA.	During remediation works	No wastes generated by the remediation works have been removed from the Project site.	Not triggered

CONDITION OF CONSENT NUMBER	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT	DEVELOPMENT PHASE	EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE STATUS
	Pests, Vermin and Noxious Weed Management			
B27			Management of pest, vermin and weeds is included in the BMP. Weekly environmental inspections have been completed by the remediation contractor and the Hydro team since the commencement of remediation works. These inspections are required to note observations on issues relating to pests, vermin and noxious weeds. No action has been required to date.	Compliant
	AIR QUALITY			
	Dust Minimisation			
B28	The Applicant must take all reasonable steps to minimise dust generated during all works authorised by this consent.	During remediation works	Dust management is undertaken in accordance with the AQMP which aims to minimise dust generated during all works.	Compliant
B29	The Applicant must ensure that: a) trucks and vehicles entering and leaving the site that are carrying loads of dust generating materials must have their loads covered at all times, except during loading and unloading; b) remediation works are not carried out during adverse metrological conditions; c) any works are carried out progressively on site to minimise exposed surfaces;	During remediation works	 a) The Traffic Management Plan and Air Quality Management Plan addresses this requirement. The Daracon induction also presents this requirement to relevant personnel and inductees. b) The Hydro meteorological station captures daily observations of wind speed, temperature, relative humidity and rainfall. 	Compliant

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	d) all operations and activities occurring at the remediation works must be carried out in a manner that minimises the emissions of air pollutants from the Development; e) trucks associated with the development do not track dirt onto the public road network.		c) Limited remediation works have been completed since commencement. Earthworks have been limited to the preparatory works in and surrounding the containment call location. d) The Air Quality Management Plan (refer to condition B30) e) No dirt tracked onto public roads was observed during site inspections undertaken to information this Compliance Report	
	Air Quality Management Plan			
B30	Prior to the commencement of remediation works, the Applicant must prepare an Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. The AQMP must form part of the RWEMP required by Condition C2 and be prepared in accordance with Condition C1. The AQMP must: a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person(s); b) detail all emission sources including odour and particulates from all remediation works; c) describe the control measures that will be implemented for each emission source to minimise the potential risks to adverse air quality in the area, including the nominated measures described in the RAP; d) detail the contingency measures to be implemented to respond to complaints or if dust impacts are identified;	Prior to commencement of remediation works	 The AQMP forms part of the RWEMP and was approved by the Planning Secretary on 25 January 2021. The requirements under this condition are met as follows: a) The qualifications and experience of the AQMP preparation team are included in Appendix 1 of the AQMP. b) Emission sources are listed in Section 2.3 of the AQMP. c) The control measures are described in Section 3.2 of the plan. d) The complaints procedure is described in Section 4.5 of the AQMP. The nonconformance response procedure is described in Section 4.4 of the plan. e) The reporting, non-conformance, complaints, and review and 	Compliant

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	 e) include record keeping, a complaints register and compliance report to identify the control measures that will be implemented for each emission source; and f) show the locations of five dust monitors with appropriate trigger values and report on the performance of the remediation works in relation to the results from the five dust monitoring stations when compared to the applicable NSW EPA Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales (NSW EPA 2017) and National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure (NEPC 2016). 		improvement procedures are described in Sections 4.3 to 4.6 of the plan. f) Appendix 2 to the AQMP shows the dust deposition monitoring locations.	
B31	The Applicant must: a) not commence remediation works until the AQMP required by Condition B30 is approved by the Planning Secretary; and b) implement the most recent version of the AQMP approved by the Planning Secretary for the duration of the remediation works.	a) Prior to commencement of remediation works b) During remediation works	The AQMP forms part of the RWEMP and was approved by the Planning Secretary on 25 January 2021. Remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021. The existing plan has not required modification.	Compliant
	Odour Management			
B32	The Applicant must ensure the development does not cause or permit the emission of any offensive odour (as defined in the POEO Act).	At all times	No odour complaints have been received.	Compliant
	Gas Monitoring			
B33	Two months prior to the completion of filling of the containment cell, the Applicant must prepare a Gas Monitoring Plan (GMP) to the satisfaction of the Secretary. The GMP must form part of the LTEMP required by Condition B7. The GMP must: a) describe the location, frequency and duration of gas monitoring;	Two months prior to the completion of filling of the containment cell	Filling of the Containment Cell has not commenced.	Not triggered

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					PHASE	EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS	STATUS
	NOISE						
	Hours of Worl	«					
B34	The Applicant must comply with the hours detailed in Table 1, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Planning Secretary.				During remediation works	Works have been undertaken in accordance with the hours specified in condition B34.	Compliant
	Activity	Day	Time	1			
	Remediation works	Mondays – Fridays	7 am to 6 pm				
		Saturdays	7 am to 1 pm				
B35	Works outside of the hours identified in condition B36 may be undertaken in the following circumstances: a) works that are inaudible at the nearest sensitive receivers; b) works agreed to in writing by the Planning Secretary; and c) where it is required in an emergency to avoid the loss of lives, property or to prevent environmental harm.		During remediation works	Works have been undertaken in accordance with the hours specified in condition B34.	Not triggered		
	Remediation Works Noise Limits						
B36	construction no	Remediation Works Noise Limits Remediation works must be undertaken to achieve the construction noise management levels detailed in the <i>Interim Construction Noise Guideline</i> (DECC, 2009) (as may be updated or replaced from time to time). All feasible and reasonable noise			During remediation works	The NVMP describes the noise and vibration mitigation measures to be implemented for the remediation works to comply with the construction noise management levels. No	Compliant

mitigation measures must be implemented and any activities that

could exceed the construction noise management levels must be

identified and managed in accordance with the management and

complaints regarding noise from the

remediation works have been received.

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	mitigation measures in the Appendix 2 and outlined in the <i>Interim Construction Noise Guideline</i> (DECC, 2009).			
	Vibration Criteria			
B37	Vibration caused by the remediation works at any residence or structure outside the site must be limited to: a) for structural damage: German Standard DIN 4150 Part 3 Structural Vibration in Buildings; and b) for human exposure: the acceptable vibration values set out in Environmental Noise Management Assessing Vibration: A Technical Guideline (DECC, 2006).	During remediation works	The nearest receivers to the Smelter are located approximately 270 metres to the south of the Smelter. The Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment prepared for the Demolition and Remediation Environmental Impact Statements predicted that it is unlikely that there would be any vibration impacts generated by plant that would give rise to annoyance or structural damage at this or any of the nearest receivers. Vibration monitoring would be undertaken in response to any community complaints as described in the NMP. No complaints have been received in relation to vibration.	Compliant
	ABORIGINAL HERITAGE			
B38	To prevent impacts to subsurface archaeological deposits, stockpiles in the area of high archaeological sensitivity, as shown in <i>Figure 23</i> of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment and titled <i>Archaeological Sensitivity Figure</i> , must be placed on geomatting.	During remediation works	Stockpiles have not been placed in the area of high archaeological sensitivity, as shown in Figure 23.	Not triggered

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b) 582 species credits, including:

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	 (i) 19 species credits for Green-thighed frog (Litoria brevipalmata); (ii) 35 species credits for Koala (Phascolarctos cinereus); (iii) 313 species credits for Southern Myotis (Myotis macropus); (iv) 89 species credits for Regent Honeyeater (Anthochaera phrygia); (v) 56 species credits for Eucalyptus parramattensis subsp. decadens (Eucalyptus parramattensis subsp. decadens); and (vi) 70 species credits for Small-flower Grevillea (Grevillea parviflora subsp. parviflora). to offset the removal of 2.5 hectares of vegetation on site. 			
	Biodiversity Management Plan			
B42	Prior to vegetation clearing for remediation works, the Applicant must prepare a Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) for the development in consultation with the Biodiversity and Conservation Division of the Department to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. The BMP must be approved by the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of clearing for remediation works and must form part of the RWEMP in accordance with condition C2. The BMP must include measures that would be implemented on site for minimising biodiversity impacts including: a) pre-clearing surveys; b) supervision during vegetation clearing; c) hygiene protocols, including vehicle wash-down, for all plant machinery; and	Prior to clearing for remediation works	The BMP forms part of the RWEMP and was approved by the Planning Secretary on 25 January 2021. A draft of the BMP was submitted to the Department on 10 June 2020 for review and comment. The BMP includes the management measures listed in sub-conditions a-d in Section 3.2. The requirements of the BMP were implemented during the compliance reporting period as follows:	Compliant

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	d) nest box installation and a monitoring strategy to compensate for hollow bearing tree loss.		 a) The pre-clearance survey was performed on 22 January 2021 b) The clearance works were attended by two ecologists on 28 January 2021 c) The hygiene protocols were implemented by Daracon prior to machinery being transported to the Project site d) A nest box was installed on 4 March 2021 in the vicinity of the Containment Cell to on the advice of the ecologist. 	
B43	The Applicant must: a) not commence vegetation clearing for remediation works until the BMP required by Condition B30 is approved by the Planning Secretary; and b) implement the most recent version of the BMP approved by the Planning Secretary for the duration of the remediation works.	Prior to clearing for remediation works	The BMP forms part of the RWEMP and was approved by the Planning Secretary on 25 January 2021. Remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021. Vegetation clearance occurred on 28 January 2021. The perimeter fence has been effective in preventing fauna from entering the Containment Cell worksite. The existing plan has not required modification.	Compliant
	VISUAL AMENITY			
	Lighting			
B44	The Applicant must ensure the lighting associated with the development: a) complies with the latest version of AS 4282-1997 - Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting (Standards Australia, 1997); and	At all times	No lighting for the Project has been installed.	Not triggered

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	 b) is mounted, screened and directed in such a manner that it does not create a nuisance to surrounding properties or the public road network. 			
	Landscaping Management Plan			
B45	Two months prior to the completion of filling of the containment cell, the Applicant must prepare, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary, a containment cell Landscaping Management Plan (LMP). The LMP must form part of LTEMP required by condition B7 and must:	Two months prior to the completion of filling of the containment cell	Filling of the Containment Cell has not commenced.	Not triggered
	 a) be prepared in consultation with Environmental Services Group of H&P Group or its successors; b) include provision for the planting of shallow rooted locally endemic grass species and non-invasive hybrid grass species where appropriate; and c) include details of the management of the landscaping post remediation. 			
B46	The Applicant must implement the most recent version of the LMP approved by the Planning Secretary.	Two months prior to the completion of filling of the containment cell	Filling of the Containment Cell has not commenced.	Not triggered
	HAZARDS AND RISKS			
	Pre-construction studies			
B47	One month prior to the commencement of remediation works (except for preliminary works that are outside the scope of the hazard studies), or within another timeframe agreed to by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must prepare and submit for the approval of the Planning Secretary the studies set out under subsections (a) and (b) below. Remediation works, other than or	Prior to commencement of remediation works	Remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021. Hydro submitted a letter dated 11 March 2021 explaining how the requirements of the Fire Safety Study and Construction Safety Study are included in existing	Compliant

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No. 9, 'Safety Management'.

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	Pre-start-up Compliance Report			
B49	One month prior to the commencement of filling of the containment cell, or within another timeframe agreed to by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must submit to the Planning Secretary a Pre-start-up Compliance Report detailing compliance with Condition B47 and Condition B48.	One month prior to the commencement of filling of the containment cell	Filling of the containment cell has not commenced, and there is more than six months until this is programmed to commence.	Not triggered

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	Pre-start-up Compliance Report			
B49	One month prior to the commencement of filling of the containment cell, or within another timeframe agreed to by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must submit to the Planning Secretary a Pre-start-up Compliance Report detailing compliance with Condition B47 and Condition B48.	One month prior to the commencement of filling of the containment cell	Filling of the containment cell has not commenced, and there is more than six months until this is programmed to commence.	Not triggered
	Bunding			
B50	The Applicant must store all chemicals, fuels and oils used on-site in appropriately bunded areas in accordance with the requirements of all relevant Australian Standards, and/or EPA's Storing and Handling of Liquids: Environmental Protection – Participants Manual (Department of Environment and Climate Change, 2007).	At all times	A small quantity of chemicals, fuels and oils to support the remediation works is currently stored at the Project site. It is stored within a suitable cabinet.	Compliant
B51	Any servicing or repair work of motor vehicles or mobile plant must be carried out within a sealed area that has environmental controls appropriate for servicing or repair work. This must include bunding where this work could result in liquids being spilled.	At all times	No servicing or repair work has been required. Due to limited activities to date there is limited plant and machinery on the site.	Not triggered.
	Fire management			
B52	The Applicant must: a) maintain the existing fire breaks and a service road around the containment cell for the duration of the remediation works; and b) construct a perimeter road at least 4.6 m wide, around the containment cell on the completion of construction of the containment cell	a) During remediation works b) Following completion of construction of the containment cell	The construction of the Containment Cell has not commenced, and therefore has not triggered the requirement for the perimeter road to be constructed. However preparatory works for construction of the service road around the containment cell has commenced, and the approved vegetation clearance around the location of the Containment Cell has been completed.	Compliant

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	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN			
B53	The Applicant must prepare a Community Engagement Plan for the development, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. The Plan must: a) be approved by the Planning Secretary within two months of the date of this consent; b) identify the relevant community including nearby and adjacent landowners, sensitive receivers, relevant regulatory authorities and other interested stakeholders; c) detail the mechanisms for consulting with the local community throughout the development; d) identify a community notification area for residents to refrain from using rainwater as a potable water supply during the remediation works; e) include a complaints handling procedure for recording, responding to and managing complaints.	During remediation works	The Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan (SEP) is included as Appendix E to the RWEMP. The requirements under this condition are met as follows: a) The SEP was submitted to the Department (as part of the RWEMP on 21 January 2021 (within 2 months of the issue of the development consent on 23 December 2020). It was subsequently submitted as a standalone document on 19 February 2021. Due to Hydro's proposal to not include the notification required by point (d) the plan has not yet been approved. b) Section 2 identifies the relevant stakeholders. c) Section 6 describes the engagement tools to be used. d) Hydro submitted a request (with justification) for removal of the requirement for a community notification area on 17 February 2021. The Department advised on 23 February 2021 that it required Hydro to consult with Hunter New England Health to seek their agreement to this change. Hydro issued a letter to Hunter New England Health dated 26 February 2021 seeking their agreement (with Hydro's supporting information) to our request	Compliant

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			to not include the community notification area. As of 24 April 2021 no response has been received from Hunter New England Health. e) The complaints handling procedure is described in Section 5.2.1 and illustrated on Figure 5-1 of the SEP.	
			Recommendation: Hydro should follow up with Hunter New England Health to confirm their position regarding point (d) and advise the Department of the outcome.	
B54	The Applicant must implement the approved Community Engagement Plan for the duration of the development.	During remediation works	The existing plan has not required modification.	Compliant
	PART C: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, REPORTING AND AUDITING			
	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT			
	Management Plan Requirements			
C1	Management plans required under this consent must be prepared in accordance with relevant guidelines, and include: a) detailed baseline data; b) details of: (i) the relevant statutory requirements (including any relevant approval, licence or lease conditions); (ii) any relevant limits or performance measures and criteria; and (iii) the specific performance indicators that are	Prior to commencement of remediation works	The requirements under this condition are met in the RWEMP as follows: a) Included in the sub-plans in Appendices A to F as relevant b) As follows: (i) Section 2.2 to 2.4. (ii) Included in the sub-plans in Appendices A to F as relevant (iii) Included in the sub-plans in	Compliant
	proposed to be used to judge the performance of,		Appendices A to F as relevant c) Section 4	

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	or guide the implementation of, the development or any management measures; c) a description of the measures to be implemented to comply with the relevant statutory requirements, limits, or performance measures and criteria; d) a program to monitor and report on the: (i) impacts and environmental performance of the development; and (ii) effectiveness of the management measures set out pursuant to paragraph (c) above; e) a contingency plan to manage any unpredicted impacts and their consequences and to ensure that ongoing impacts reduce to levels below relevant impact assessment criteria as quickly as possible; f) a program to investigate and implement ways to improve the environmental performance of the development over time; g) a protocol for managing and reporting any: (i) incident and any non-compliance (specifically including any exceedance of the impact assessment criteria and performance criteria); (ii) complaint; (iii) failure to comply with statutory requirements; and h) a protocol for periodic review of the plan. Note: the Planning Secretary may waive some of these requirements if they are unnecessary or unwarranted for particular management plans.		d) Section 3.5 and 5.1 e) Section 5.4 f) Section 5 g) As follows: (i) Section 3.5.4 (ii) Section 3.5.5 (iii) Section 5.4 h) Section 5.5.	

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	REMEDIATION WORKS ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN			
C2	The Applicant must prepare a Remediation Works Environmental Management Plan (RWEMP) in accordance with the requirements of condition C1 and to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. The RWEMP must: a) be approved by the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of remediation works; b) identify the statutory approvals that apply to the development; c) outline all environmental management practices and procedures to be followed during remediation works associated with the development; d) describe all activities to be undertaken on the site during remediation works, including a clear indication of construction stages; e) detail how the environmental performance of the remediation works will be monitored, and what actions will be taken to address identified adverse environmental impacts; f) describe the roles and responsibilities for all relevant employees involved in remediation works associated with the development; and g) include the management plans required under Condition C3 of this consent.	Prior to commencement of remediation works	The requirements under this condition are met as follows: a) The RWEMP was approved by the Planning Secretary on 25 January 2021. b) Section 2.2 to 2.4 details the statutory approvals and licences that apply to the project. c) Section 4.2 describes the environmental management procedures to be implemented. d) Section 2.1 described the activities to be undertaken including staging. e) Section 4 describes the environmental management procedures to be implemented. Section 5 described the monitoring program. Appendices B to J include measures specific to the subplans. f) Section 3.2 described the roles and responsibilities of personnel. g) Sub-plans are included in appendices as follows: • CCMP (Appendix A) • AQMP (Appendix B) • ESCP (Appendix C) • BMP (Appendix D)	Compliant

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			SEP (Appendix F) includes the Community Consultation and Complaints Handling.	
C3	As part of the RWEMP required under Condition C2 of this consent, the Applicant must include the following: a) Containment Cell Management Plan (see Condition B5); b) Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (see Condition B17); c) Air Quality Management Plan (see Condition B30); d) Biodiversity Management Plan (see Condition B42); e) Health and Safety Plan (see Condition B14); and f) Community Consultation and Complaints Handling.	Prior to commencement of remediation works	The following sub-plans are appendices to the RWEMP: CCMP (Appendix A) AQMP (Appendix B) ESCP (Appendix C) BMP (Appendix D) WHSMP (Appendix E) SEP (Appendix F) includes the Community Consultation and Complaints Handling.	Compliant
C4	The Applicant must: a) not commence remediation works until the RWEMP is approved by the Planning Secretary; and b) carry out the construction of the development in accordance with the RWEMP approved by the Planning Secretary and as revised and approved by the Planning Secretary from time to time.	a) Prior to commencement of remediation works b) During remediation works	The RWEMP was approved by the Planning Secretary on 25 January 2021. Remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021.	Compliant
	REVISION OF STRATEGIES, PLANS AND PROGRAMS			
C5	Within three months of: a) the submission of a Compliance Report under condition C12; b) the submission of an incident report under condition C7; c) the submission of an Independent Audit under condition C14; d) the approval of any modification of the conditions of this consent; or	During remediation works	The events in this condition have not occurred in the Compliance Reporting period.	Not triggered

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	e) the issue of a direction of the Planning Secretary under condition A2(b) which requires a review,			
	the strategies, plans and programs required under this consent must be reviewed, and the Department must be notified in writing that a review is being carried out.			
C6	If necessary to either improve the environmental performance of the development, cater for a modification or comply with a direction, the strategies, plans and programs required under this consent must be revised, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. Where revisions are required, the revised document must be submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval within six weeks of the review.	During remediation works	Plans and programs have not been revised during the Compliance Reporting period.	Not triggered
	Note : This is to ensure strategies, plans and programs are updated on a regular basis and to incorporate any recommended measures to improve the environmental performance of the development.			
	REPORTING AND AUDITING			
	Incident Notification, Reporting and Response			
C7	The Planning Secretary must be notified in writing via the Major Projects website immediately after the Applicant becomes aware of an incident. The notification must identify the development (including the development application number and the name of the development if it has one) and set out the location and nature of the incident. Subsequent notification requirements must be given and reports submitted in accordance with the requirements set out in Appendix 4.	During remediation works	There have been no reportable incidents during the Compliance Reporting period.	Not triggered

CONDITION OF CONSENT NUMBER	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT	DEVELOPMENT Phase	EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE STATUS
	Non-Compliance Notification			
C8	The Planning Secretary must be notified in writing via the Major Projects website within seven days after the Applicant becomes aware of any non-compliance.	During remediation works	No non-compliances requiring notification have occurred.	Not triggered
C9	A non-compliance notification must identify the development and the application number for it, set out the condition of consent that the development is non-compliant with, the way in which it does not comply and the reasons for the non-compliance (if known) and what actions have been, or will be, undertaken to address the non-compliance.	During remediation works	No non-compliances requiring notification have occurred.	Not triggered
C10	A non-compliance which has been notified as an incident does not need to also be notified as a non-compliance.	During remediation works	No non-compliances requiring notification have occurred.	Not triggered
	Compliance Reporting			
C11	Within three months after the commencement of remediation works and in the same month each subsequent year (or such other timing as agreed by the Planning Secretary), the Applicant	Within three months of the commencement of	This Compliance Report has been undertaken in accordance with this condition.	Compliant

Post Approval Requirements (Department, 2020) and must also:

a) identify any trends in the monitoring data over the life of the development;

must submit a Compliance Report to the Planning Secretary

reviewing the environmental performance of the development to

the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. Compliance Reports

must be prepared in accordance with the Compliance Reporting

b) identify any discrepancies between the predicted and actual impacts of the development, and analyse the potential cause of any significant discrepancies; and

Dbservation: Section 3.5.1.1 ('Remediation Compliance Reporting') of the RWEMP requires updating to reflect changes made to this condition following issue of the final

remediation works

Remediation works bcommenced on 27

Report is required to be submitted by 27

April 2021.

January 2021 and therefore the Compliance

C11(a-b) are addressed in Section 6 of the

report. C11(c) is addressed in Section 7 of

development consent. The RWEMP was

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CONDITION OF CONSENT NUMBER	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT	DEVELOPMENT Phase	EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE STATUS
	 c) describe what measures will be implemented over the next year to improve the environmental performance of the development. 		drafted based on the draft development consent conditions provided by the Department.	
C12	The Applicant must make each Compliance Report publicly available no later than 60 days after submitting it to the Planning Secretary and notify the Planning Secretary in writing at least 7 days before this is done.	Within three months of the commencement of remediation works	As this is the first Compliance Report, this requirement has not yet been triggered.	Not triggered
	Independent Audit			
C13	Within one year of the commencement of remediation works, and every two years thereafter, unless the Planning Secretary directs otherwise, the Applicant must commission and pay the full cost of an Independent Environmental Audit (Audit) of the development. Audits must: a) be prepared in accordance with the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (Department 2020); b) be led and conducted by a suitably qualified, experienced and independent team of experts whose appointment has been endorsed by the Planning Secretary; and c) be submitted to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary within three months of commissioning the Audit (or within another timeframe agreed by the Planning Secretary).	During remediation works	Remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021 therefore the first Independent Audit is not required to be commissioned until 27 January 2022.	Not triggered
C14	In accordance with the specific requirements in the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (Department, 2020), the Applicant must: a) review and respond to each Independent Audit Report prepared under condition C13 of this consent; b) submit the response to the Planning Secretary and any other NSW agency that requests it, together with a	During remediation works	Remediation works commenced on 27 January 2021 therefore the first Independent Audit is not required until 27 January 2022.	Not triggered

CONDITION OF CONSENT NUMBER	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT	DEVELOPMENT Phase	EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE STATUS
	timetable for the implementation of the recommendations; c) implement the recommendations to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary; and d) make each Independent Audit Report and response to it publicly available no later than 60 days after submission to the Planning Secretary and notify the Planning Secretary in writing at least 7 days before this is done.			
	Monitoring and Environmental Audits			
C15	Any condition of this consent that requires the carrying out of monitoring or an environmental audit, whether directly or by way of a plan, strategy or program, is taken to be a condition requiring monitoring or an environmental audit under Division 9.4 of Part 9 of the EP&A Act. This includes conditions in respect of incident notification, reporting and response, non-compliance notification, compliance reporting and independent auditing.	During remediation works	The project has been compliant with the incident notification, reporting and response, non-compliance notification, compliance reporting and independent auditing requirements where these have been triggered as noted in this table.	Compliant
	Note : For the purposes of this condition, as set out in the EP&A Act, "monitoring" is monitoring of the development to provide data on compliance with the consent or on the environmental impact of the development, and an "environmental audit" is a periodic or particular documented evaluation of the development to provide information on compliance with the consent or the environmental management or impact of the development.			
	ACCESS TO INFORMATION			
C16	At least 48 hours before the commencement of remediation works until the completion of all works under this consent, including rehabilitation and remediation, the Applicant must:	At all times	The documents listed under C16a(i-v) were uploaded to the Hydro website on 1 February 2021 at the following address: https://regrowthkurrikurri.com.au/statutory-information/ .	Compliant

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CONDITION OF CONSENT NUMBER	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT	DEVELOPMENT PHASE	EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE STATUS
	 a) make the following information and documents (as they are obtained or approved) publicly available on its website: (i) the documents referred to in condition A2 of this consent; (ii) all current statutory approvals for the development; (iii) all approved strategies, plans and programs required under the conditions of this consent; (iv) regular reporting on the environmental performance of the development in accordance with the reporting requirements in any plans or programs approved under the conditions of this consent; (v) a comprehensive summary of the monitoring results of the development, reported in accordance with the specifications in any conditions of this consent, or any approved plans and programs; (vi) a summary of the current stage and progress of the development; (vii) contact details to enquire about the development or to make a complaint; (viii) a complaints register, updated monthly; (ix) the Compliance Report of the development; (x) audit reports prepared as part of any Independent Audit of the development and the Applicant's response to the recommendations in any audit report; (xi) any other matter required by the Planning Secretary; and b) keep such information up to date, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. 		A summary of the current stage of the project (C16a(vi)) is included at: https://regrowthkurrikurri.com.au/aboutregrowth/. Contact details for enquires or complaints (C16a(vii)) are provided at: https://regrowthkurrikurri.com.au/contact/ C16a(viii) As of 24 April 2021 no complaints have been received, and therefore none to be displayed. Recommendation: A complaints register should be placed on the project website (even if no complaints are received). This will allow stakeholders to know that no complaints have been received. C16a(ix-xi) have not been triggered.	

APPENDIX 2 COMPLIANCE REPORT DECLARATION FORM

Compliance Report Declaration Form		
Project name	Hydro Aluminium Kurri Kurri Smelter Remediation Project	
Project application number	SSD 6666	
Description of project Remediation of the former Hydro Kurri Kurri Aluminium Smelter sit		
Project address	Hart Road, Loxford, New South Wales	
Proponent	Hydro Aluminium Kurri Kurri Pty Ltd	
Title of Compliance Report Compliance Report 1		
Date	27 April 2021	

I declare that I have reviewed the contents of the attached Compliance Report and to the best of my knowledge:

- i. the Compliance Report has been prepared in accordance with all relevant conditions of consent;
- ii. the Compliance Report has been prepared in accordance with the Compliance Reporting Requirements;
- iii. the findings of the Compliance Report are reported truthfully, accurately and completely;
- iv. due diligence and professional judgement have been exercised in preparing the Compliance Report: and
- v. the Compliance Report is an accurate summary of the compliance status of the development.

Notes:

- Under section 10.6 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* a person must not include false or misleading information (or provide information for inclusion in) a report of monitoring data or an audit report produced to the Minister in connection with an audit if the person knows that the information is false or misleading in a material respect. The proponent of an approved project must not fail to include information in (or provide information for inclusion in) a report of monitoring data or an audit report produced to the Minister in connection with an audit if the person knows that the information is materially relevant to the monitoring or audit. The maximum penalty is, in the case of a corporation, \$1 million and for an individual, \$250,000; and
- The *Crimes Act 1900* contains other offences relating to false and misleading information: section 307B (giving false or misleading information maximum penalty 2 years' imprisonment or 200 penalty units, or both).

Name of Authorised Reporting Officer	Shaun Taylor	
Title	Senior Managing Consultant	
Signature		
Qualification	Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Assessment and Management) (Honours) Certified Environmental Practitioner (Impact Assessment)	
Company	Ramboll Australia Pty Ltd	
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APPENDIX 3 PHOTOS



Photo 1: View looking west along the southern boundary to the Containment Cell area, showing the sediment fencing (in orange) and part of the fauna proof fencing.



Photo 2: View looking north along the western boundary to the Containment Cell area, showing the sediment fencing and the fauna proof fencing.



Photo 3: View looking east from the Containment Cell area towards the Smelter showing safety controls for vehicles passing below the overhead powerlines.



Photo 4: View looking north along the eastern boundary to the Containment Cell area showing additional safety controls for vehicles passing below the overhead powerlines.



Photo 5: View looking north from the existing crossing of the unnamed creek showing sediment fencing and earthworks that were underway are shown in the left (west) of the photo).



Photo 6: View looking east from the Containment Cell area towards the Smelter showing sediment controls.