

WATER

Our unique locations in Australia require our mine sites to be prepared for both water stress and water surplus conditions. Recently in Queensland, we experienced the worst drought on record, followed by three years of floods during summer.

To address this extreme variability, Anglo American has developed and implemented a Water Strategy for all our operations.

The Water Strategy ensures appropriate mitigation measures are adopted to control these risks. A key mitigation strategy is we use water efficiently so we are prepared for nature's changes in water availability.

We also developed the Sediment and Erosion Control Standard in parallel to our Water Strategy and applied this at each of our mine sites. This Standard ensures sediment laden water is not released into the environment. This allows us to maintain the highest quality water that may flow into the receiving environment.

Other initiatives at our mines sites are:

- Reducing the reliance of high quality water being imported by building and operating a desalination plant at Moranbah North.
- Constructing a demonstration water treatment plant for selenium removal at the Trend Mine in Canada.
- Using chemical sealants on haul roads at the Dawson, Drayton, Callide and Capcoal operations. This has a dual benefit of reducing water consumption as well as reducing dust generation.



- Recycling water through our Coal Handling and Preparation Plants to use for dust suppression and vehicle washing.
- Extensive mapping and visual monitoring of the water management system at Moranbah North.
- Continual monitoring and assessment of the quality of surface and ground water across all operations.
- Actively engaging with regulators by participating in the review of the draft Water Resources Plan, Environmental Values and Water Quality Objectives for the Fitzroy catchment.
- Participating in the Fitzroy Basin Association Partnership for River Health and supporting the release of its inaugural Report Card on Waterway Health in May 2013.

Anglo American is committed to the highest standards of environmental performance. Our aim is to minimise environmental harm in exploration, construction, operation and closure of our mines in an environmentally responsible and sustainable way.

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