

# ERC SNAPSHOT – February 2025

## Stawell Gold Mines – Environmental Review Committee

### Q4 2024 Environmental Monitoring

Environmental monitoring allows SGM to assess its performance in relation to a range of environmental aspects that include air quality, blasting, noise, water, and regulatory notices.

During Q4, SGM was compliant with all environmental monitoring aspects, except for eight environmental incidents. All were classified as having negligible, minor or moderate impact.

### Assorted Items

SGM and ERC members provided updates on a range of items:

- A Dusk Risk Report is received by SGM staff each morning. It is a very effective and accurate tool that allows staff to plan for any potential risks that may occur in a 3-day window. SGM have been using the tool for 8 years.
- TSF Operators did an extremely good job during a very dry and windy summer to ensure that no elevated readings occurred during Q4 and no off-site issues were recorded. This was achieved using a combination of tools i.e. dust suppressant, a water cannon, and a water truck.
- Production will recommence in area 7 – Wonga Underground - for the first time in Q1 2025.
- SGM staff have been working with local nurseries to source suitable native plants, that sit within the site's vegetation communities, to plant in the Davis Pit rehabilitation area. These plantings will form part of the larger scale rehabilitation plan moving forward. New plantings will start in May, with further plantings scheduled for next autumn.
- The Wonga backfill remains ongoing, with over 1 million cubic metres being moved into the pit to date. An escapeway has been installed and SGM are also carrying out rehabilitation works around the portal which sits at the bottom of the pit. This is going to be used as an air intake that will feed air into the Wonga mine.
- Any community members wishing to join the ERC are encouraged to express interest. People can find information on the SGM Community Hub website - [here](#)

### Blasting

During Q4 2024 all blast readings were within regulatory requirements (below the 100%ile of 10mm/s).

The SGM Environment and Community team has been working closely with the community to address all queries and concerns related to blasting.

Any resident who would like to receive the blast notification messages can contact SGM via email or phone.

### SGM in the Community: Stawell Clay Target Shooting Complex Set for Revival with Community Support

SGM is working to revive the Clay Target Shooting Complex, which has been inactive for several years.

The newly formed committee is a community-driven initiative working alongside SGM to revitalise the complex, these collective efforts are ensuring the Stawell Clay Target Shooting Complex is well on its way to being restored to full operation.

Key works undertaken by SGM include a full electrical upgrade, collaboration with Project Platypus for weed control, and the involvement of local contractors for fencing and groundskeeping.

These combined efforts are ensuring the complex is on track for a full revival, providing a valuable community resource once again.



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### Contact Us

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