



Media statement
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McArthur River Mine responds to inaccurate claims about air quality onsite

A number of inaccurate claims have been made today about the quality of air at McArthur River Mine (MRM). Most importantly, MRM has not breached any of its air quality compliance requirements.

MRM takes its environmental obligations and performance very seriously and air quality is one of a number of environmental factors we monitor closely.

The analysis referenced in *The Australian* is misleading in its conclusions. It was not conducted by MRM and our request for an opportunity to have it independently reviewed to avoid inaccuracies or misrepresentation was ignored.

There are a number of key issues that have been omitted or overlooked in this article.

Previous monitoring over an extended period at local communities showed readings well below exceedance levels. The detected levels were so low that the program was no longer warranted, so was discontinued in agreement with the authorities.

Data from monitoring at the mine site is presently used by independent experts to conclude that air quality results remain well below the exceedance levels at local communities.

The results referenced in the article relate to monitoring at the mine site, which has been established to assist environmental management through real-time detection of small and isolated sulphur dioxide emission events, thereby allowing the mine to respond appropriately.

Any such events are recorded, investigated and addressed swiftly. Results are within normal operating parameters and as demonstrated by expert independent air quality modelling, the detected levels do not place the community at risk.

Glencore has been transparent and open about the challenges facing MRM and has made significant progress in addressing these which has also been acknowledged by the mine's Independent Monitor in reports published in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

We continue to engage with our stakeholders – including the local communities of Borroloola and Devil Spring and the NT Government – in an open and transparent manner. This includes regular open community meetings where our management encourage questions from local community participants.

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About McArthur River Mine

McArthur River Mine is located in the Northern Territory approximately 970km south-east from Darwin and 60km south-west of its closest township, Borroloola. MRM mines one of the world's largest zinc and lead deposits.

Established as an underground operation in 1995, MRM converted to open pit mining in 2006. MRM produces zinc and lead in concentrates which are primarily exported through Bing Bong loading facility on the southern coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria. The current mine life extends to 2036.

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