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# MEDIA STATEMENT

## Reportable Incident at Russell Vale Colliery

**7 December, 2015**

Wollongong Coal has initiated environmental response procedures following a reportable incident at Russell Vale Colliery.

A malfunctioning stockpile spray resulted in water carrying traces of coal to enter Bellambi Creek. The water supply was isolated and mitigation measures undertaken, including water diversion.

Wollongong Coal notified the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which has attended the site to further investigate the incident, Wollongong Coal's mitigation measures and to collect data from Bellambi Creek.

In addition, Wollongong Coal has engaged specialist consultants to undertake a Rapid Ecological Assessment which will identify any impacts.

Wollongong Coal will continue to work closely with the EPA and its environmental consultants.

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