

# MEDIA STATEMENT

## Reportable Incident at Russell Vale Colliery

**15 November 2016**

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

As a result of recent dry conditions causing the upstream of Bellambi Gully Creek to cease flowing and no discharge from Licenced Discharge Point 2, a small amount of sediment laden water had accumulated in a dam at the outlet of the Bellambi Gully Diversion pipe on the Russell Vale Colliery site.

Following recent rain and the recommencement of pumping at LDP2, a small amount of the sediment laden water was carried offsite.

WCL will investigate the incident with a view to developing a plan to limit future ingress of sediment laden water.

WCL is also working closely with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on this Incident.

Any further enquiries can be directed to [community@wcl.net.au](mailto:community@wcl.net.au) or our Community Contact Line 1300 109 384