



29 June 2020



COVID-19 Operations Community Update 7



MINING OPERATIONS

Bauxite Hills Mine is shipping and producing record amounts as we continue to follow all COVID-19 controls.

As at 28 June, almost 1.4 M tonnes of bauxite had been mined for 2020 which is ahead of budgeted projections.

To date 19 ships have been loaded with bauxite for shipment to China and loading of the 20th ship is underway.

Metro is reviewing our COVID-19 controls as restrictions are being eased and some changes have been implemented to the previously reported controls.

New Bauxite Hills Mine Controls Include:

- Flights between Bauxite Hills Mine (Skardon River) and Bamaga airport are still not allowed as Qld Govt are not set-up to undertake the appropriate checks and reporting. Metro is hopeful direct flights to Bamaga will recommence in the near future.
- Stood down employees from the NPA region may choose to make their own way to Cairns and catch the Metro charter flight between Cairns and the mine site. Employees from the Cook Shire Council area have recommenced their standard travel procedures.
- Metro is not accepting any new applications for the 'Living Away from Home' allowance.

Existing Bauxite Hills Mine Controls Include

- All Stood down employees from the NPA are regarded as Metro Employees and are accruing their usual leave. Their Metro jobs will be there for them when travel restrictions end.
- Face masks are required to be worn on the flights to and from site, and also for any personnel required to share a vehicle while on-site.
- All employees are temperature checked before boarding the plane and are not allowed to board the plane if they have a temperature.
- All employees complete a written health declaration before starting each of their shifts and are not allowed to board the plane if they have shown any signs of respiratory illness in the week leading up to their shift.
- Social distancing and hygiene/hand washing rules are enforced at the mine site.
- Stringent cleaning procedures are in place in all areas of the mine site – accommodation rooms, mess, offices, machinery etc.
- There is a strict isolation and evacuation procedure if anyone becomes sick at the mine, with Royal Flying Doctors Service used for transport to the appropriate hospital.

PROCESS TO RELAX EXISTING BAUXITE HILLS MINE CONTROLS

Metro has taken the first steps to relax COVID-19 controls.

While the Qld Govt is still not allowing flights directly between Bamaga and the Bauxite Hills Mine (Skardon River), Metro employees from the NPA region may choose to make their own way to Cairns to catch the charter flight between Cairns and the mine site.

Employees from the Cook Shire Council region have recommenced their standard work travel procedures, by travelling to Cairns and catching the charter flights from there.

Once Queensland Health give approval to recommence flights, Metro will contact the Traditional Owners, NPA Regional Council, Bamaga Airport and East Air Aviation to determine a timeframe to recommence flights into the Community.

You will be notified of the recommencement of flights between Bamaga and the mine site once Queensland Government notifies Metro that these flights are approved.

OTHER NEWS:

Liaison Committee Recommencing: Metro has contacted all of the Liaison Committee Representatives (Reps) and all Reps have indicated willingness to travel to Cairns for the next LC meeting. The only remaining issue for setting a new meeting date is the limited flights into and out of the NPA region.

Metro will talk with the directly impacted Reps to determine an appropriate way to proceed and will propose a new meeting date in the near future for all Reps consideration.

Seed Collections Recommencing: Metro has received required approvals to allow Dr James Hill to travel to Mapoon to pick up native tree seeds collected from that community.

Dr James Hill will be in Mapoon on **Tuesday 30 June between 9am – 12 noon** for seed collections. This information has been provided to all relevant Mapoon contacts for distribution.

Injinoo collections are complicated by the small number of flights into the region. Injinoo collection details will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Community Liaison Officer for Mapoon recommencing: Metro's Community Liaison Officer, Kathi Steffensen, will return to Mapoon on the week 13th – 17th July.

Once again, Metro thanks all employees and community representatives for their ongoing help and understanding during this time.

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