

INVESTIGATION INFORMATION RELEASE

DATE: JULY 2021

Alleged illegal mining

Incident date: 26 May 2021

Event: Alleged illegal mining

Location: Mulyandry near Forbes, NSW

Overview

The NSW Resources Regulator has commenced an investigation into alleged breaches of section 5 (mining without authorisation) and other offences under the *Mining Act 1992* at Mulyandry, about 30 kilometres south-east of Forbes.

On Wednesday 26 May 2021, Resources Regulator inspectors attended a property on Pineleigh Road, Mulyandry and conducted a site inspection. They observed a large excavator operating on site that was in the process of filling a void. Inspectors also observed numerous pieces of cut dimension stone positioned around the site. The investigation is ongoing.

Figure 1 Excavator on site



Figure 2 Cut dimension stone



Scheduled minerals

Dimension stone is a scheduled mineral under the Mining Regulations 2016. It is an offence to mine a scheduled mineral without a mining authorisation under section 5 of the *Mining Act 1992*. The maximum penalty for an offence of mining without authorisation is \$1.1 million dollars, in the case of a corporation, and \$220,000 or imprisonment for five years, or both, in the case of an individual.

Illegal mining can cause significant harm to the environment and damage sensitive ecosystems.

Prohibition notices

Prohibition notices under s.240A of the *Mining Act 1992* have been issued prohibiting any activity on site without a mining authorisation. The site will be monitored to ensure compliance with the notices and the mining laws.

Further information

Please refer to the following guidance materials:

- The NSW mining laws <https://www.resourcesregulator.nsw.gov.au/environment/mining>
- The mining regulatory framework <https://www.resourcesregulator.nsw.gov.au/environment/mining/mining>

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The Regulator has issued this information to draw attention to the occurrence of alleged illegal mining. Further information may be published as it becomes available.

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