

# ERC SNAPSHOT – NOVEMBER 2021

## Stawell Gold Mines – Environmental Review Committee

### Q3 2021 Environmental Monitoring

Environmental monitoring allows SGM to assess its performance in relation to a range of environmental aspects that include air quality, blasting, noise, water, and regulatory notices.

During Q3 SGM was compliant with all environmental monitoring aspects, except for:

- **Water** - Offsite detection of thiocyanate (SCN) and Total Cyanide concentrations in groundwater bore SP585. The most recent sampling event showed a slight increase in SCN and a slight decrease in Total Cyanide. The rolling average at this location continues to trend downwards. SGM remains compliant with all EPA Notice requirements.
- **Noise** - Noise monitoring was conducted by SGM during the quarter. SGM achieved all site noise limits during the day and evening periods. The Night time period showed three exceedances at primary monitoring locations - South, South 2 and East locations, and one exceedance at a secondary 'step-out' location – East. Frogs, road traffic, dogs, a horse and owls were audible at the exceedance locations, in addition to noise from mine operations.
- **Noise** - One complaint was received in relation to operational noise (small petrol generator) during the Q3 reporting period.

### Your Questions Answered

SGM's Community Hub website - <https://stawellgoldminescommunityhub.com.au/community/> and SGM's Facebook page are great places for members of the community to access up-to-date information about current mine activities.

Any mine related questions or concerns can also be raised with ERC community representatives. The ERC currently has six Community Representatives and their contact details can be found on SGM's Community Hub website.

### ERC Recruitment

There are currently four community positions to be filled on the ERC Committee. The positions are advertised on SGM's Facebook page and on the SGM website.

Northern Grampians Shire Council will oversee the selection process.

If you are interested in joining this important local committee, further information can be accessed at: <https://stawellgoldminescommunityhub.com.au/>

### Q3 2021 Production Area

During Q3 SGM was compliant for all production and development blasts.

An updated blasting locations map for Q4 2021 is available on SGM's Community Hub website and Facebook page.

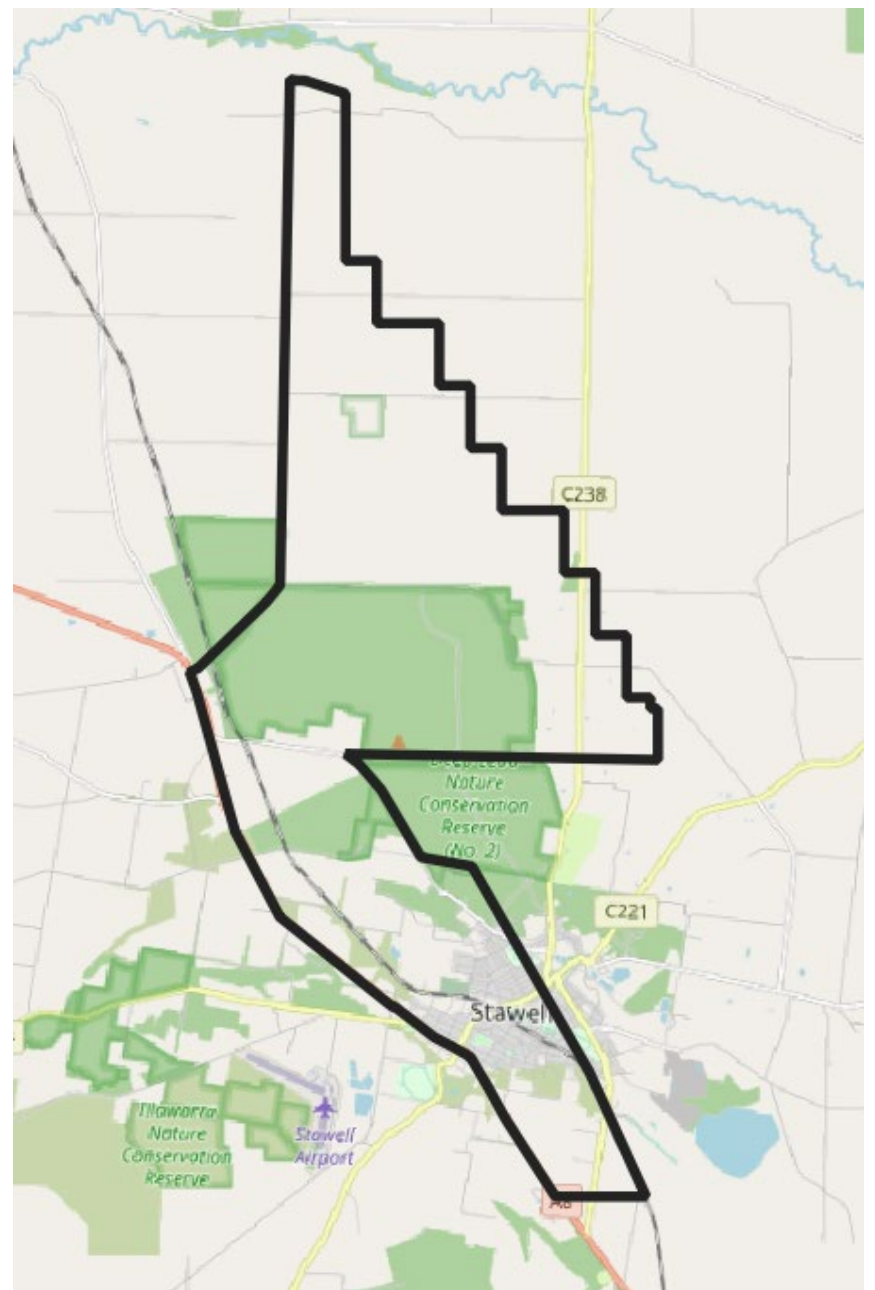
SGM also offers a blast notification text message system when firing production occurs. Messages are sent approximately one hour prior to the blast with the date, approximate time and the location of the firing.

Any resident who would like to receive the message can contact SGM via email or phone.

### New Exploration Licence Granted

SGM were recently granted a new exploration licence. The licence covers an area from the south east of Stawell township to Campbells Bridge in the north.

It took 18 months for the licence to be issued and SGM hopes to start work in area in the near future.



### Contact Us

For further information or to request a copy of the ERC meeting minutes please contact Stawell Gold Mines on 03 5383 1022 or [enquiries@stawellgoldmines.com](mailto:enquiries@stawellgoldmines.com) or [www.facebook.com/stawellgoldmines](https://www.facebook.com/stawellgoldmines)



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