



Annual Environmental Report

Licence L8512/2010/2

Bullant Gold Mine

Reporting Period: 1st January to 31st December 2025

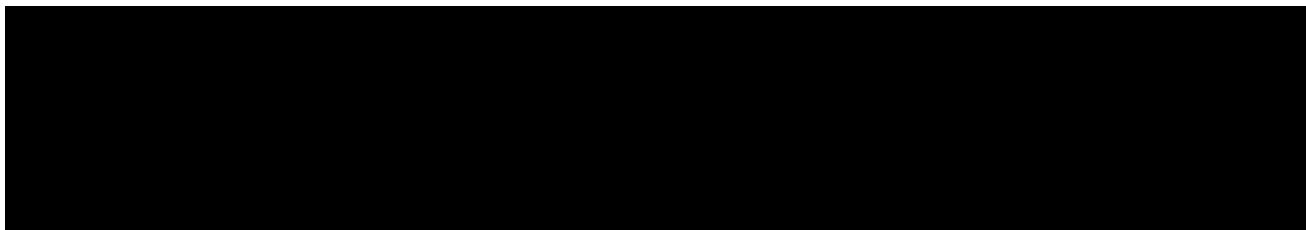


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1. Introduction

This report has been prepared to address the requirements of an Annual Environmental Report (AER), as provided within the Operating Licence conditions issued by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), to the Norton Gold Fields Pty Ltd (Norton) subsidiary Paddington Gold Pty Ltd. This report has been prepared to comply with Licence L8512/2010/2 for the Bullant Gold Mine.

The Licence has an annual reporting period of 12 months, commencing the 1st of January until the 31st of December. This report is specific to the 2025 calendar year and contains all the information as required by condition 5.2.1 of the Licence, as outlined in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1 Annual Environmental Report Requirements

Licence Condition	Description	Section of this AER
NA	Summary of any failure or malfunction of any pollution control equipment and any environmental incidents that have occurred during the annual period and any action taken	Section 3
2.6.1	Measures taken to suppress dust	Section 4
Table 3.4.1	Monitoring of point source emissions to groundwater	Section 5 and Appendix A
5.1.3	Compliance	Section 6 and Appendix B
5.1.4	Complaints summary	Section 7
NA	Total monthly volumes of dewatering water discharged into the Wattlebird pit and San Peblo pit	Table 5.1

2. Site Overview

The Licence (L8512/2010/2) allows for mine dewatering to support the Bullant underground operations. A total of 345,197 tonnes of material was mined from Bullant underground in 2025, consisting of 246,681 tonnes of ore, and 98,517 tonnes of waste rock. The ore from Bullant was sent to Norton's Paddington site via haul truck for processing. Dewatering over the annual period was significantly less than the licenced allocation of 1,200,000 tonnes, with a total of 85,990 tonnes of mine water discharged to San Peblo pit, and no water discharged to Wattlebird pit.

There were no amendments to the Licence issued during the reporting period. During the reporting period a landfill was constructed on the Bullant Waste Rock Dump under Works Approval W6542/2021/1. The Environmental Compliance Report was submitted on 03/11/2025 and the landfill is currently being operated in the Time Limited Operations phase. An application for an amendment to add Prescribed Premises Category 89 (putrescible landfill site) to the Licence was submitted on 02/12/2025.

A map of Bullant showing key features is given in Figure 2-1. Bullant underground will continue to operate over the 2026 annual period.

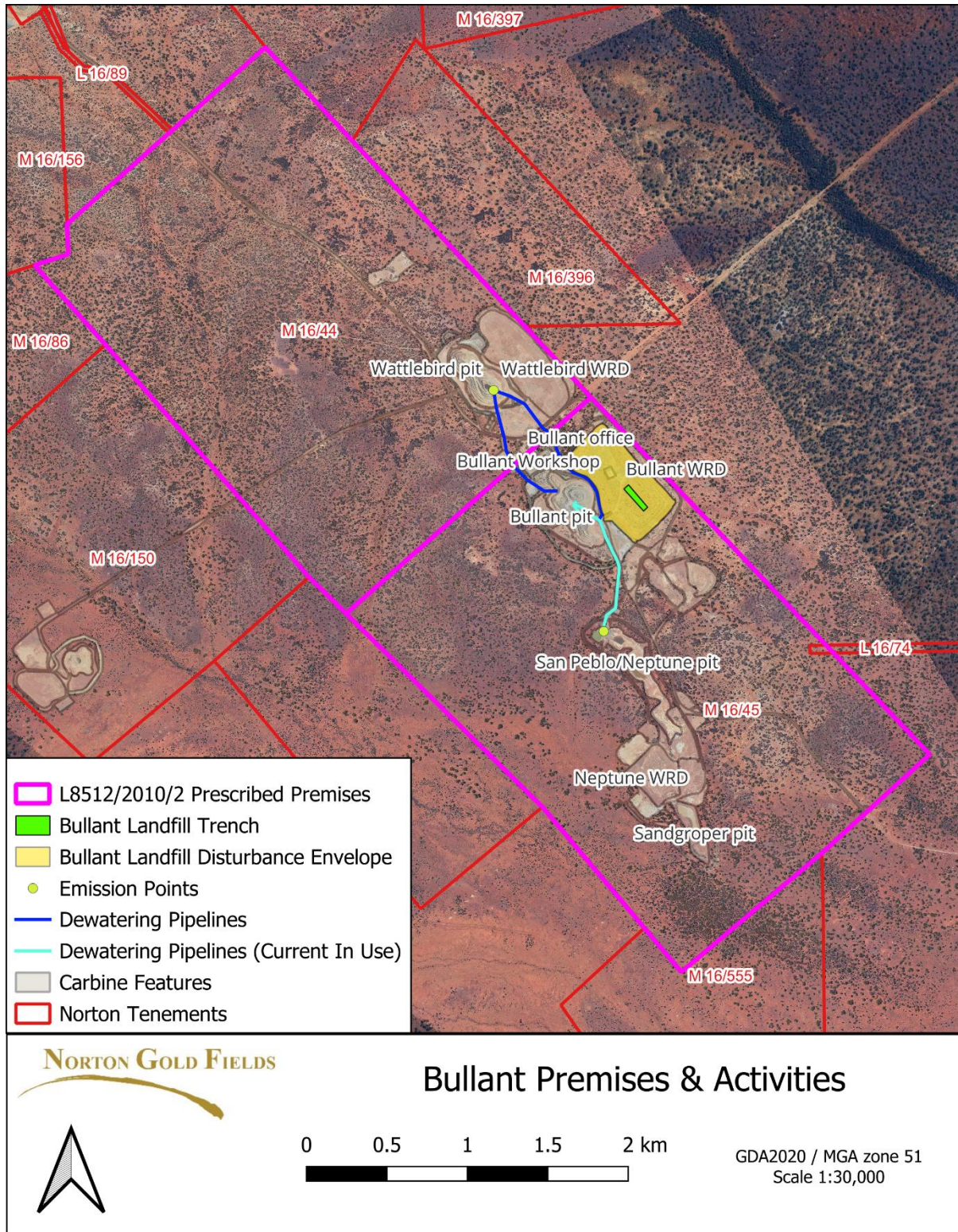


Figure 2-1: Bullant Premises Map

3. Environmental Incidents

There were no failures or malfunctions of any pollution control equipment or any environmental incidents during this reporting period.

4. Dust Suppression

Dust suppression activities are conducted as required in trafficked areas to manage dust emissions. These activities are managed to reduce the potential for adverse impact to vegetation and topsoil resources resulting from the application of hypersaline groundwater during this process. Abstracted groundwater (saline to hypersaline) is applied where dust suppression is required. This water is applied via a water cart at low pressures to reduce the potential for overspray onto adjacent vegetation or topsoil stockpiles. Haulage routes feature v-drains and/or bunds to prevent inadvertent runoff of saline/hypersaline water that may adversely impact vegetation and stockpiles.

5. Water Monitoring

During the reporting period no dewatering to Wattlebird pit was undertaken.

Water from the Bullant underground was dewatered into the San Peblo dam located at the northern end of the San Peblo pit. Volumes of dewatering water were continuously monitored via flow meters. The flow meters for dewatering to San Peblo pit became non-operational during the reporting period and so were replaced on 27/05/2025. Monthly flow meter readings were taken, and the monthly volumes of dewatering water discharged are given in table 5.1. A total of 85,990 kL of water was discharged. Due to the period when the flow meters were non-operational this may be an underestimate of the total dewatering volume, however it remains significantly less than the licenced allocation of 1,200,000 tonnes.

Table 5.1 Monthly Volumes of Dewatering Water

Month	Volume of dewatering water (kL)	
	Wattlebird Pit	San Peblo Pit
January 2025	0	4,902
February 2025	0	4,240
March 2025	0	435
April 2025	0	NR
May 2025	0	NR
June 2025	0	6,308
July 2025	0	9,816
August 2025	0	9,370
September 2025	0	13,280
October 2025	0	12,487
November 2025	0	14,242
December 2025	0	10,910
Annual Total	0	85,990

The Norton Survey Department undertake monthly readings of standing water level (SWL) and freeboard each month. The freeboard level is 4m below the pit crest, and

the freeboard monitoring data is given in Table 5.2. The freeboard was greater than 69m at Wattlebird pit and greater than 10m at San Peblo pit throughout the reporting period.

Table 5.2 Freeboard Monitoring

Month	Wattlebird Pit		San Peblo Pit	
	SWL	Freeboard (m)	SWL	Freeboard (m)
January 2025	322.66	72.13	369.44	10.52
February 2025	322.81	71.98	369.44	10.52
March 2025	322.94	71.85	369.45	10.51
April 2025	323.39	71.40	369.59	10.37
May 2025	323.81	70.98	369.41	10.55
June 2025	323.94	70.86	369.42	10.54
July 2025	324.01	70.78	369.42	10.54
August 2025	324.06	70.73	369.37	10.59
September 2025	324.34	70.46	369.43	10.53
October 2025	324.86	69.94	369.42	10.54
November 2025	324.87	69.92	369.41	10.55
December 2025	324.85	69.94	369.38	10.58

Annual water quality sampling of the pits was undertaken in July 2025. Results of the NATA accredited laboratory analysis are given in Table 5.3. Water in the pits remains neutral to slightly alkaline, and highly saline.

Table 5.3 Water Quality Monitoring

Parameter	Units	Wattlebird Pit	San Peblo Pit
pH	-	8.07	7.11
Electrical Conductivity	µS/cm	25,400	10,900
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	17,800	98,800

Form GR1, presenting the monitoring of point source emissions to groundwater, is provided in Appendix A.

6. Compliance

The Annual Audit Compliance Report for L8512/2010/2 is provided in Appendix B. In this reporting period there was one non-compliance. This was regarding condition 1.3.3 of the Licence, in which Norton is required to conduct visual integrity inspections of the dewater pipelines once every 12 hour period. During the 2025 reporting period the pipeline inspections were conducted during 553 of the 12 hour shifts and missed during 177 of the shifts, which is an inspection rate of 75.8%. This non-compliance had no environmental impact as no leaks or spills occurred in the Bullant dewater pipelines during the reporting period.

During compilation of the 2024 AER it was identified that some Norton employees at the Bullant site were unaware of the requirement to conduct the visual integrity inspections of the dewater pipelines once every 12 hour period. This lack of awareness

had led to inspections being conducted during only 23.8% of shifts in 2024. In 2025 an education campaign was undertaken to ensure all Norton managers, supervisors, and employees at the Bullant site were aware of the requirement and knew how to undertake and record the inspections. This included delivering training to all four crews at the Bullant site in March 2025 (Figure 6-1). The Norton Environmental team commenced weekly and monthly monitoring of and reporting against the inspection rates to allow detection of missed inspections and drive improvement. In Q3 and Q4 of 2025 the requirement to conduct the pipeline inspections was also added as a metric to the Short Term Incentive Plan (STIP) for the underground mining department. These initiatives led to the inspection rate in 2025 being a significant improvement in comparison to 2024.



Figure 6-1: Delivery of training to Bullant crews

7. Complaints

Norton received no complaints in relation to activities conducted at Bullant in 2025.

Appendix A – Form GR1: Monitoring of point source emissions to groundwater

Emission Point	Parameter	Limit	Result	Averaging period	Method	Sample Date
Wattlebird pit	Volume of dewatering water (kL)	-	0	Monthly	Flow meter reading	NA
	Freeboard (m)	4m below crest level	72.13	Monthly	Survey	23/01/2025
			71.98			26/02/2025
			71.85			23/03/2025
			71.40			18/04/2025
			70.98			20/05/2025
			70.86			14/06/2025
			70.78			15/07/2025
			70.73			12/08/2025
			70.46			19/09/2025
			69.94			21/10/2025
	69.92	20/11/2025				
	69.94	18/12/2025				
pH	-	8.07	Annual	NATA accredited laboratory analysis	10/07/2025	
Electrical conductivity (µS/cm)	-	25,400				
TDS (mg/L)	-	17,800				
San Peblo pit	Volume of dewatering water (kL)	-	4902	Monthly	Flow meter reading	16/01/2025
			4240			13/02/2025
			435			19/03/2025
			NR			16/04/2025
			NR			14/05/2025
			6308			19/06/2025
			9816			18/07/2025
			9370			14/08/2025
			13280			15/09/2025
			12487			13/10/2025
			14242			19/11/2025
			10910			17/12/2025
			Freeboard (m)			4m below crest level
	10.52	26/02/2025				
	10.51	23/03/2025				
	10.37	18/04/2025				
	10.55	20/05/2025				
	10.54	14/06/2025				
	10.54	15/07/2025				
	10.59	12/08/2025				
	10.53	19/09/2025				
	10.54	21/10/2025				
	10.55	20/11/2025				
	10.58	18/12/2025				
	pH	-	7.11	Annual	NATA accredited laboratory analysis	10/07/2025
	Electrical conductivity (µS/cm)	-	10,900			
TDS (mg/L)	-	98,800				

Cherie Penniford

Signed on behalf of Paddington Gold Pty Ltd: _____ Date: 17/02/2026

Appendix B – Annual Audit Compliance Report



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V Division 3

Once completed, please submit this form either via email to info@dwer.wa.gov.au, or to the below postal address:

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
Locked Bag 10
Joondalup DC WA 6919

Section A – Licence details			
Licence number:	L8512/2010/2	Licence file number:	DER2010/008369
Licence holder name:	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd		
Trading as:	Norton Gold Fields Pty Ltd		
ACN:	008 585 886		
Registered business address:	PO Box 1653 Kalgoorlie WA 6430 Australia		
Reporting period:	01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025		

Section B – Statement of compliance with licence conditions
Did you comply with all of your licence conditions during the reporting period? (please tick the appropriate box)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">section C;section D (if required); andsign the declaration in Section F.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">section C;section D (if required);section E; andsign the declaration in Section F.

Section C – Statement of actual production	
Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.	
Prescribed premises category	Actual production quantity
6 - Mine dewatering: premises on which water is extracted and discharged into the environment to allow mining of ore	85,990 tonnes

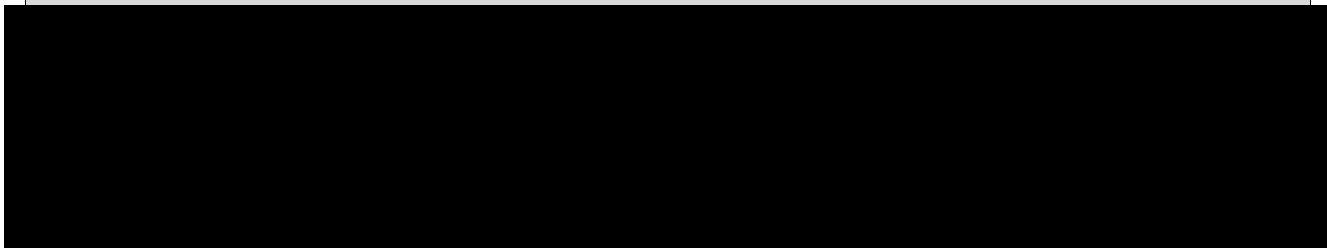
Section D – Statement of actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity	
Provide the actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.	
Prescribed premises category	Actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity
NA	NA

Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	1.3.3	Date(s) of non-compliance:	01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>The licence holder is required to conduct visual integrity inspections of the dewater pipelines once every 12 hour period. That would be a total of 730 inspections over the reporting period. However, records indicate that inspections were conducted during 553 shifts over the reporting period, and missed inspections during 177 shifts, which is a compliance rate of 75.8%.</p>			
<p>What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?</p> <p>NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p>			
<p>As no leaks occurred in the dewater pipelines during the reporting period, there were no environmental impacts of the non-compliance.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>Previously some Norton employees at the Bullant site were unaware of their obligation to conduct the pipeline inspections during every shift. Once aware, some inspections may have been missed due to factors such as weather, short-staffing, or production pressure.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>Norton employees, including supervisors and managers, at the Bullant site have been made aware of their obligation to conduct the pipeline inspections during every shift. Training was delivered to all four crews at Bullant in March 2025. The Norton Environmental team commenced weekly and monthly monitoring of and reporting against the inspection rates to allow detection of missed inspections and drive improvement. In Q3 and Q4 of 2025 the requirement to conduct the pipeline inspections was also added as a metric to the Short Term Incentive Plan (STIP) for the underground mining department.</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<p>X No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and</p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: / /	

Section F – Declaration

I / We declare that the information in this Annual Audit Compliance Report is true and correct and is not false or misleading in a material particular¹.

I / We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation’s (DWER) website.



Date:	17/02/2026	Date:	17/02/2026
Seal (if signing under seal):			

¹ It is an offence under section 112 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for a person to give information on this form that to their knowledge is false or misleading in a material particular.

² AACRs can only be signed by the licence holder or an authorised person with the legal authority to sign on behalf of the licence holder.