

MURRAY BASIN

NEWSLETTER

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Balranald

In a milestone for Iluka, mining has begun at Balranald. After commissioning began last December, heavy mineral concentrate (HMC) has now been produced and our teams are moving steadily towards safe and sustainable steady-state production.

Systems continue to be optimised and operational processes refined, with a focus on safety, reliability and efficiency.

Rig 1 is operating consistently, providing a stable and dependable production base, while Rig 2 recently commenced operations. The introduction of a second rig increases overall mining capacity and supports the continued ramp-up of site activities. It also provides greater flexibility in scheduling and enables the operation to progressively scale up in a controlled and efficient manner.

During this commissioning phase, both magnetic and non-magnetic HMC have been successfully produced to specification. This achievement demonstrates strong performance across the site's processing systems and provides confidence in the operation's readiness for sustained production. The HMC already produced will be progressively processed into finished products over the coming months, supporting the transition from commissioning activities through to ongoing production.



Aerial view of the Balranald mineral sands project

Elsewhere on site, construction of the solar farm and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is progressing steadily, with works continuing in line with project timelines. Once complete, this infrastructure is expected to supply approximately 20 to 30 percent of the site's electricity demand, contributing to improved energy efficiency and supporting ongoing operational requirements as well as Iluka's broader renewable energy strategy and sustainability goals.



Construction of the solar farm began in mid-October

Upgrade works to the Sturt Highway and Balranald–Tooleybuc Road intersection are also underway. These improvements will enhance road safety, traffic flow and accessibility, particularly as site-related vehicle movements increase. This means safer outcomes for both operational traffic and local road users, while also improving connectivity within the region.

The ongoing support of the local community is valued, and Iluka will continue collaborating to ensure positive outcomes for the region.

CAREERS

As Balranald transitions from a project to operations, Iluka remains focused on building a capable and committed workforce.

While the majority of initial recruitment has been completed, we welcome interest from suitably qualified candidates who are eager to contribute to this exciting project.

If you would like to know more about current or future opportunities, please visit the [Careers](#) page on the Iluka website to create a profile and register for job alerts. We look forward to strengthening our workforce as operations develop.

As always, if you have any queries about the Balranald Project and related activities, please contact us at any time by emailing balranald.community@iluka.com or calling us on our 24-hour hotline.



Wimmera

The Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) is advancing for the proposed Wimmera project, which is located approximately 30 kilometres south-west of Horsham. It has a mining pit area of approximately 1,600 hectares, and an additional 1,700 hectares of ancillary infrastructure and stockpiles. Iluka intends to mine and process mineral sands and rare earths contained within the WIM100 deposit.

The Environment Effects Statement (EES) continues to progress under the Victorian Government's *Environment Effects Act 1978*.

A significant body of work has been undertaken to support the EES and inform ongoing project design. This has included the preparation and submission of draft technical studies and EES chapters to the Technical Reference Group (TRG) for review, with additional studies continuing to progress. Extensive fieldwork across the project area has also been completed, including ecology surveys, vegetation investigations and groundwater and surface water monitoring, alongside broader environmental baseline assessments. Monitoring programs such as radon assessment have also continued to support the development of appropriate management measures.



Post-rainfall at the proposed location of Pit 2, Wimmera project

The project design has taken impacts to native vegetation and areas of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance into consideration, where possible.

Community engagement has remained a key focus, with a consultation plan guiding opportunities for local stakeholders to provide input. A range of fact sheets has also been developed to respond to common questions about the project and the EES process, covering topics such as groundwater, air quality, noise and vibration. These can be found on the Iluka website.

The social impact assessment (SIA) component of the EES has progressed, with community surveys and interviews now completed. The feedback provided will be considered as part of the final assessment and recommendations, which will be presented to the community as part of the broader EES documentation.



Rainfall over the Wimmera region

Looking ahead, work will continue on finalising technical studies and EES documentation, with submission to the Victorian Government currently targeted for later this year. Following submission, the project will move into the public exhibition phase, where detailed findings will be made available for community review.

In the meantime, the project team continues to work closely with regulators, consultants and stakeholders to support a robust assessment process and ensure local knowledge and feedback are incorporated into project planning.

As always, if you would like to get in touch with Iluka, the best way is by emailing wimmera.project@iluka.com.

WHAT IS THE ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS STATEMENT?

The Environment Effects Statement (EES) is the Victorian State Government's requirement for assessing the potential environmental, social and economic impacts of a proposed development. The EES comprises a set of rigorous assessments and reports which provide evidence for the Minister for Planning to determine whether the development should go ahead. It also incorporates strategies to mitigate adverse impacts as far as practicable. Iluka has engaged EMM Consulting Limited to prepare the Wimmera EES, along with other independent consultants to undertake various studies.

Iluka and its consultants work together to involve relevant key stakeholders in these studies to ensure local knowledge and views are captured, and to ensure rigour in each assessment. To support the integrity of this process, a Technical Reference Group, comprised of stakeholders from relevant agencies, local government and statutory authorities, meets several times each year to read draft reports, analyse study methodologies and assumptions, and provide feedback. Although consultants are managed by Iluka, they conduct their research and provide findings independently of Iluka.

The EES is also an avenue for local stakeholders to provide feedback. Once the EES is on display for public exhibition later in 2026, stakeholders will be able to review full study findings and provide input to be considered by the Department of Planning and Transport. Further information on the EES is available on their [website](#).



Jallumba Marsh, Clear Lake, Victoria



Rehabilitation

Iluka is delivering key milestones across the Murray Basin, reflecting the company's commitment to progressive rehabilitation and responsible land management.

In April, the completion of rehabilitation earthworks at the Douglas site marked the conclusion of a major phase of work. This enables the transition to ongoing land management activities and demonstrates the success of rehabilitation planning and implementation.

At the former WRP mine, the F1 Block native revegetation project has achieved all completion criteria, following a third-party vegetation assessment. This independent validation confirms that revegetation outcomes meet agreed objectives and highlights the effectiveness of Iluka's restoration efforts.

At Kulwin, final rehabilitation works are nearing completion. Current activities include the clean-up of the former laydown area and the backfilling of Christies Dam, incorporating the removal of legacy materials. Once these works are complete, Kulwin will represent a fully-rehabilitated site.



Rehabilitation of the tailings storage facility

Environmental stewardship remains a strong focus across our operations, supported by partnerships with local organisations and ongoing on-site management.

In late April, an abandoned joey was identified on site and safely transferred to the Gerang Gerung Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre for care. The centre, led by experienced wildlife carer Stacy Whitehouse, plays an important role in rescuing and rehabilitating native wildlife across the region.



Iluka's team helped to save an abandoned joey found on site

Iluka is proud to support the centre through its Iluka Lends a Hand program, helping to ensure animals in need receive appropriate care and rehabilitation and reflecting Iluka's ongoing commitment to protecting native fauna, supporting local organisations, and maintaining strong community relationships.



Exploration and Tenements

Iluka continues to progress a coordinated regional approach to the management of its tenement portfolio in the Murray Basin, where it currently holds 34 granted licences. The majority are retention licences, providing a framework for ongoing evaluation of mineral resources and their economic viability.

If you have questions about exploration at Iluka, please email communities.support@iluka.com or call our 24-hour community hotline on 1800 305 993.



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