

ON-GROUND REHABILITATION ACTION

Newlands, Glencore



Newlands is located 33 kilometres north-west of the township of Glenden in the northern part of the Bowen Basin, Queensland. It includes an open cut and longwall mining operation, producing steaming coal and coking coal for export markets via the Abbot Point Bulk Coal export terminal.

Throughout 2016 and 2017, Glencore worked collaboratively with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (now Department of Environment and Science) to certify rehabilitated land associated with part of an overburden emplacement area. The mined land was progressively rehabilitated in three sections over 19 years ago (in 1995, 1997 and 1998) to habitat suitable for flora and fauna.

On 2 June 2017, 73.48 hectares of rehabilitated land was certified by the Queensland Government. At the time of approval, Newlands was the first open cut mine in the State to receive certification. This milestone marked a significant achievement and provided a constructive way forward for both Government and the mining sector in encouraging further certification of progressive rehabilitation.

Since then, the team at Newlands has achieved progressive certification for another 138 hectares of rehabilitation. On 28 May 2021, the Queensland Government signed off on land that was mined in the 1990s and rehabilitated to support agricultural practices, including cattle grazing. This represents the eighth successful application for Glencore across its sites.

Newlands has now rehabilitated more than 100 hectares of mined land every year since 2017.

