



The unique requirement for rehabilitation to native forest communities makes research an essential aspect of the Mt Owen rehabilitation effort. One element of this research is the ACARP supported “topsoil substitution” project being conducted by the University of Newcastle.



Significant growth has been recorded in the Mt Owen rehabilitation areas, as shown by the December 1999 (above) and October 2005 (below) comparison.





In early 2005 a new overburden fleet of mining equipment was commissioned. The machinery illustrated above is equipped with the best practice noise attenuation, resulting in approximately a 300% reduction in the noise emissions in comparison to the older equipment. This “quiet” equipment is the standard for the future.

BELOW. Tailings Pit 1.





Commission of Inquiry group inspects the Southern Remnant during the proceedings.



New Ravensworth East dump hopper (above) and part of conveyor system (below).





Mt Owen hosted a site tour as part of the NSW Minerals Council School Teacher Tour Programme.



Local resident and CCC member, Alec Schmierer, looking over the Mine and a biodiversity area from a northern viewing point.