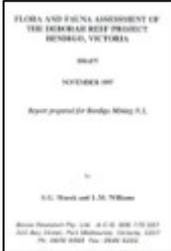


Rehabilitation at Bendigo Mining

Bendigo Mining has a strong commitment to Environmental Management, a commitment that was recognised by Keep Australia Beautiful in 2000. Rehabilitation is an integral and important part of the company's operations.

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1997 – Flora and fauna surveys were conducted in the area. The flora survey showed that the site was Box Ironbark Forest – Northern Goldfields E.V.C. (Ecological Vegetation Class). Seeds from species in this E.V.C. were collected on and around the site.



1989 – Aerial view of site prior to development. The site chosen was already largely cleared thereby lessening the impact on the environment.



June 1999 – Plants rescued from the site before construction were returned to supplement the direct seeding.



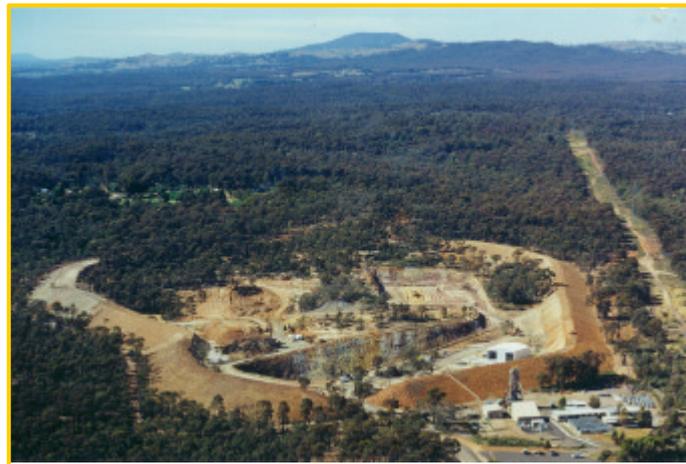
July 1988 – Cootamundra Wattles and other environmental weeds were removed with accompanying soil and deeply buried.



Grevillea alpina – Cat's Claws germinating from the soil seed bank.



August 1998 – Old logs and rocks were saved and later replaced for wildlife habitat.



1999 – Development and progress. To minimise the impact on local residents an earth bund was constructed to attenuate noise.



August 1999 – Nesting boxes are used to encourage wildlife.



August 1998 – Remnant trees were preserved wherever possible.



July 2001 – Orchids were collected from the site and used to build up numbers for planting on site.



October 1998 – Topsoil was windrowed by grader then spread on the bund wall.



2000 – Revegetation on bund wall. Over 80 species are now well established on the site.



November 1998 – Bund wall ready for ripping and direct seeding.



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Monitoring

Formal inspections occur quarterly. Quadrants are surveyed and photographed and the current condition of the vegetation reported.

Revegetation by



Seed collection, plant propagation, planting and maintenance.



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