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## **Company Overview**

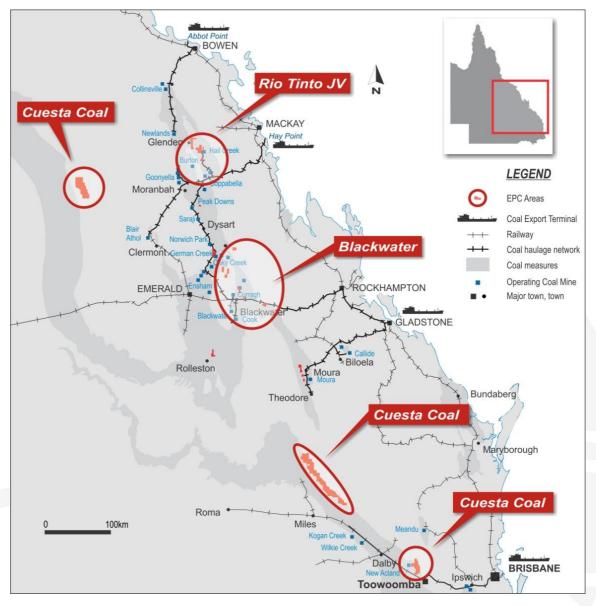


**Australian Pacific Coal** 

An Australian public company focusing on the exploration and development of metallurgical and thermal coal.

Interests in quality coal tenements strategically located in Queensland's Bowen Basin.

Joint Venture agreements already in place with major miner Rio Tinto and Cuesta Coal.



### **Experienced Board & Management**



#### John Bovard Non-executive Chairman

Over 40 years' experience in mining, prominent positions with Australian and international companies (Western Mining, OK Tedi and Placer Pac). Advisory roles in mining and construction.

#### Paul Byrne Executive Director

Has been active in the mining sector for +20 years both at a public company level and with private interest. Principal activities are project generation and early stage exploration leading to M&A activities. Project generation has led to a large portfolio of both coal and mineral projects that has formed the core of Australian Pacific Coal and a number of other public and private companies.

**Peter Ziegler** Non-executive Deputy Chairman Experienced director, former partner at major international accounting firm. Principal of asset management firm specialising in investments in listed and unlisted equities.

#### Paul Ingram Non-executive Director

Geologist with over 35 years' experience in exploration and mine development. Extensive experience in corporate M&A, focused on coal projects in Asia and Australia.

#### Kevin Mischewski Company Secretary, Financial Accountant

Chartered Accountant. Extensive commercial experience in senior financial and management accounting roles, with listed public company reporting and compliance requirements expertise.





- Major JV partners (Rio Tinto and Cuesta Coal) validates asset quality & potential
- Proven coal province Bowen Basin, the most developed coal hub for export coal in Queensland
- Portfolio of highly attractive projects
- 100% working interest in highly prospective Blackwater project
- Existing infrastructure network with excess capacity proximal to all project areas
- Near-term value-adding drilling activity in Cooroorah EPC1827/MDLA453
- Significantly undervalued relative to peers





# RioTinto

- Transaction is a two year turnaround where RioTinto has several monetary trigger points
- AQC also has a number of Put Options



• AQC has a 10% free carry interest through to bankable feasibility



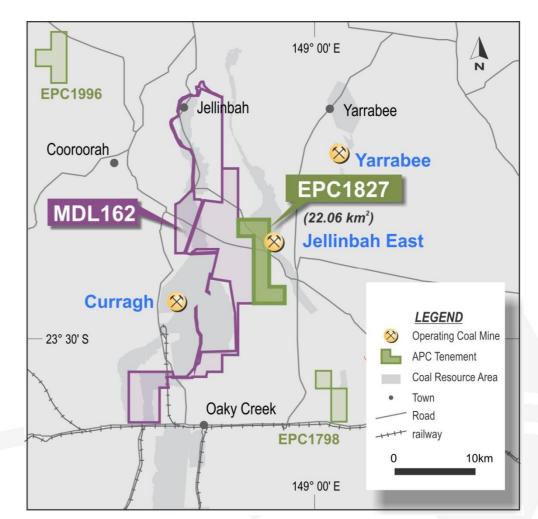


- Located in the coal hub of Queensland
  Bowen Basin supplies some of the world's highest quality metallurgical, PCI and thermal coal for export and domestic markets
- AQC's tenements surrounded by producing coal mines owned and operated by major mining companies including: BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto, Anglo American, Xstrata and Peabody
- AQC's exploration projects are all in close proximity to these mines offering potential to utilise and share infrastructure and development future mines
- Well-understood geology and a proven coal producing region for 40+ years with local towns sustaining the workforce and services



### Blackwater

- Cooroorah (EPC 1827)
- 107 Mt Inferred Resource\*
- Located near rail network and developed infrastructure, linking it to Gladstone and major coal ports
- Infill drilling program in Q4 2012 to Q1 2013 move to Indicated & Measured Resources
- Adjacent to Jellinbah, Currugh, Yarrabee and BMA opencut & underground mine

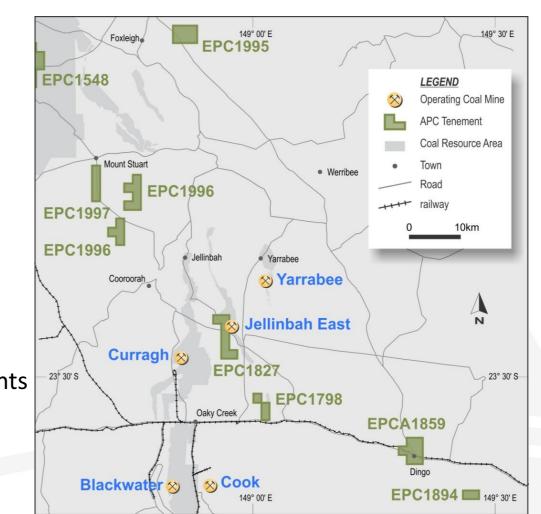




### **Blackwater**

- 100% working interest
- 107 Mt Inferred Resource\* at Cooroorah (EPC 1827)
- Near-term exploration focus
  - Cooroorah (EPC 1827)
  - Carlo Creek (EPC1995)
  - Dingo (EPC 1859)
- Other coal exploration tenements
  - Churchyard Ck (EPC1996)
  - Bluff (EPC1798)
  - Rocky Creek (EPC1894)

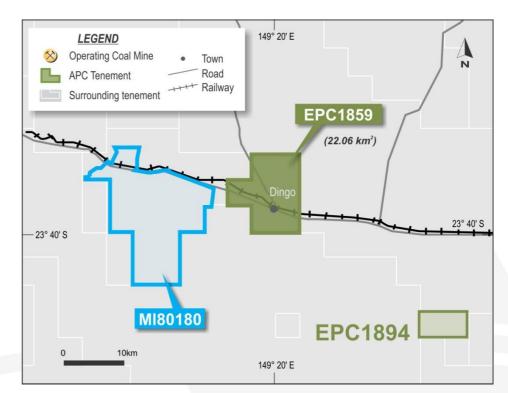
\*Statement of resource quantity is in accordance with the JORC Code Guidelines





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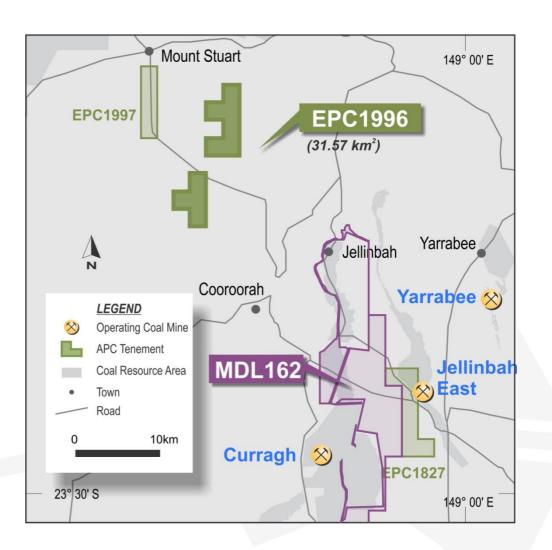
- Dingo (EPC 1859)
- Located on rail network
- Infill drilling program proposed in Q4 2012 - Q1 2013 to elevate to a Resource
- Targeting Rangal Coal Measures
- 30km east of operating Blackwater and Curragh coal mines
- Surrounded by Bandanna Energy, Peabody Energy (Macarthur Coal) and Aquila Resources





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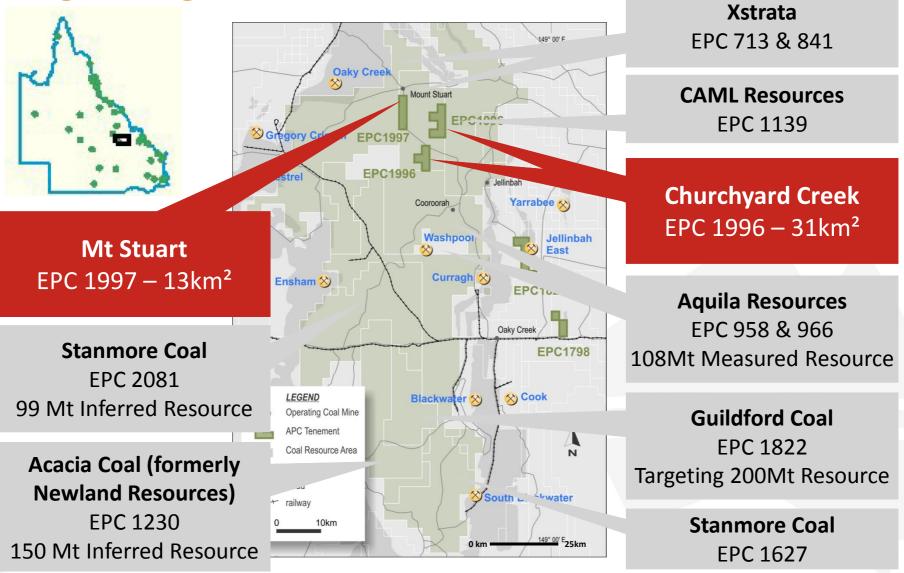
- Churchyard Creek (EPC 1996)
- Drilling of northern tenement during Q2 2012 intersected three target seams including the Canis, Lepus and Fairhill Seams
- Initial indications of low yielding Canis Seam with higher yields in the Fairhill Seam
- Recycoal sample results are pending







### **Neighbouring Resources**





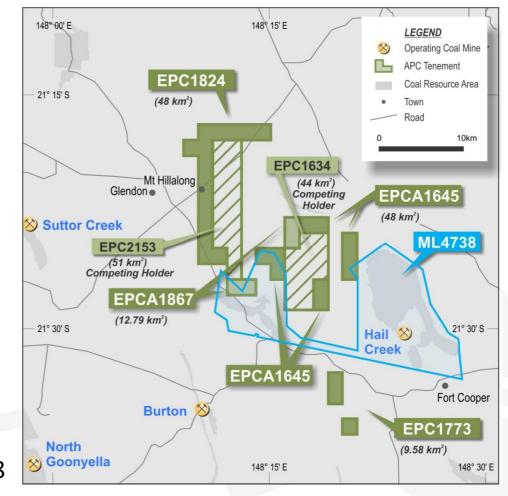
Mine	Company	No. of Wash Plants	Wash Plant Capacity*	Annual Production
Blackwater	BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance	1	14 Mt/a	14 Mt/a <b>^</b>
Yarrabee	Yancoal Australia Ltd		1.8 Mt/a	4 Mt/a <b>^</b>
Curragh	Westfarmers Resources Limited	2	7 Mt/a	9 Mt/a <b>^</b>
Cook	Caledon Coal Pty Ltd	1	1 Mt/a	0.7 Mt/a
Jellinbah East	Jellinbah Mining Pty Ltd	1	6 Mt/a	4.6 Mt/a

\* From Register of Australian Mining 2008/09

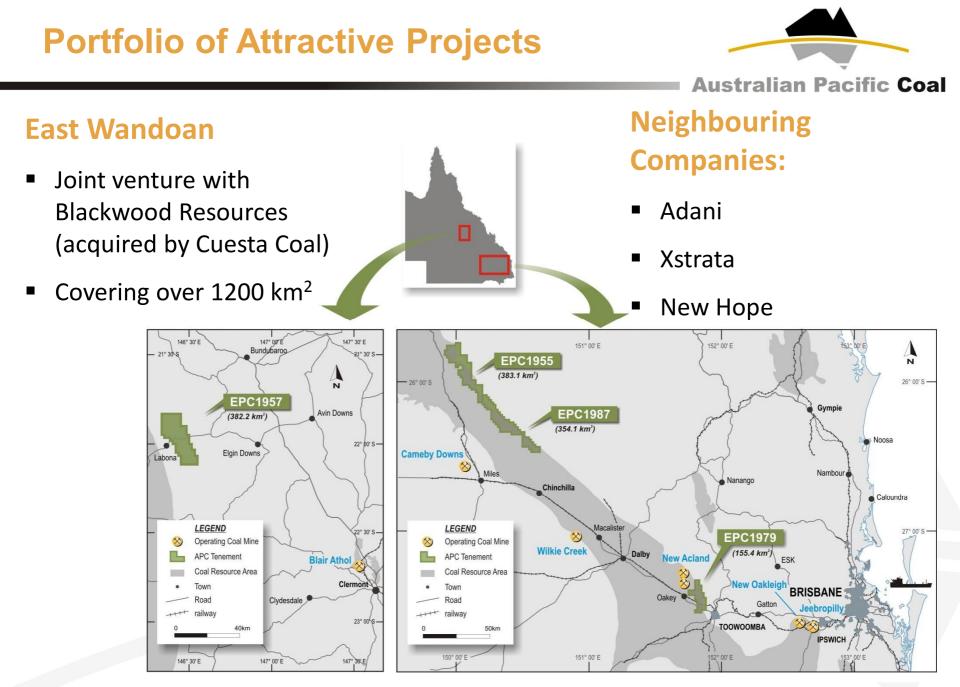
^ Thermal coal fraction bypasses wash plant

### **Mt Hillalong**

- Joint venture with Rio Tinto validates acreage quality and highlights potential
- Targeting Rangal Coal Measures
- 4 prospective EPCs
- Rio Tinto Exploration to solely fund and manage a minimum expenditure of \$700,000 exploration program in EPC 1824 to exercise its right to earn a 75% working interest
- In close proximity to Rio Tinto's Hail Creek Mine producing up to 8 Mtpa and part of the Rio Tinto main coal hub & logistics

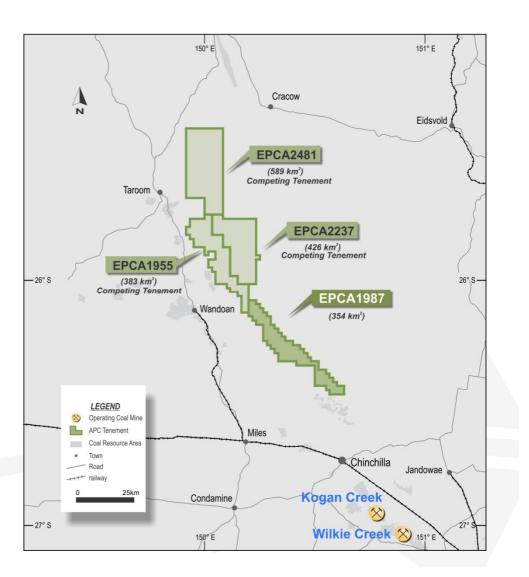






### East Wandoan

- 4 quality EPCs covering acreage in the Clarence-Morton, Surat and Galilee Basins, prospective for shallow thermal coal
- AQC has 10% free carry to feasibility study stage
- Cuesta Coal has announced a 44.6Mt (22.1Mt Indicated and 22.5Mt Inferred Coal Resource\*)







D-illing Sabadula	2012		2013	
Drilling Schedule	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Cooroorah (EPC1827)				
Carlo Creek (EPC1995)				
Dingo (EPC1859)				

At AQC's 100% owned project at Blackwater, the above scheduled drilling campaigns are fully funded through the planned exploration program





- Various sources of funding available to AQC to fund exploration program through to end of 2013 and beyond
  - High working interest in Blackwater provides funding optionality
  - Joint venture/farm in opportunities
  - Interest from existing joint venture partners to increase interest in JV projects
  - Rio Tinto JV 2 year transaction commencing Q4
  - Funding in place for AQC short to medium-term projects assuring our viability into the future.





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*Mr* Hayes, a member of the AusIMM, is a coal geologist with approximately 40 years' experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and qualifies as a Competent Person as defined by the Australian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results.



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