

fitzroy partnership for river health



Partner Perspective – Peabody Energy

Why is your organisation involved in FPRH?

Peabody's initial involvement in the Partnership followed the Queensland Resources Council led negotiation with Department of Environment & Heritage Protection regarding model Environmental Authority release conditions for mines in the Fitzroy River catchment. The Partnership was proposed as an alternative model to far field monitoring, and has evolved from there.

As the Partnership matured, it became clear to Peabody that it had additional benefits for the organisation – key among these being access to the database of water quality data which the Partnership has built up. Through the partnership, Peabody can access this data via the portal where a comparison with the rest of the Partnership's data can also be viewed.

A further valued benefit for Peabody is the ongoing participation in the Partnership by the majority of the mining companies in the Fitzroy — leading to increased confidence by downstream stakeholders in the industry's overall performance.

What value does the FPRH provide to your Organisation?

Peabody understands the ability of industry to effectively manage water is a key area of community interest and potential concern. The company believes the Partnership is an excellent way of promoting stewardship in the area of water management. In addition to providing valuable data, Peabody's involvement demonstrates the company's commitment to transparency and reinforces its reputation as a responsible environmental manager.

Why do you believe the work of FPRH is important?

Partnership is a trusted, independent body with credible data management systems and the capability of reporting the ecosystem health of the entire Fitzroy. The credibility comes from the fact that it is a partnership between the resources industry, the agricultural industry, local and State government.

How is your organisation linked to Fitzroy's Waterways?

Five of Peabody's operating mines are in the Fitzroy catchment.

Briefly, what does your organisation do?

Peabody Energy (NYSE: BTU) is the world's largest private-sector coal company and a global leader in sustainable mining, energy access and clean coal solutions. The company serves metallurgical and thermal coal customers in more than 25 countries on six continents.

Peabody owns and operates nine mines in Australia with five in Queensland's Bowen Basin.

Peabody believes in taking responsibility for the environment, benefiting our communities and restoring the land for generations that follow.

Link through to our 2014 CSR report is here (2015 currently in production)

https://mscusppegrs01.blob.core.windows.net/mmfiles/files/corpresponsibility/2014_csrr.pdf