



Mining Sector Collective Action on Water:  
**Challenges and Opportunities outside the fence line**

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# Mining and Watersheds



# Challenges and Opportunities

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<p>Mines have long lives with evolving potential impacts in dynamic watersheds often lacking appropriate national and local water governance.</p>	<p>Large data base of water information used to characterize watersheds, assess impacts, evaluate opportunities and improve governance.</p>
<p>Mine operations have historically focused on water management within the fence line (e.g. recycle/reuse, dewatering, stormwater management, treatment and discharge).</p>	<p>Ability to leverage water infrastructure to collaborate/support other watershed users and stakeholders in improvement projects.</p>
<p>Mines operate in remote locations where there may be limited availability/capacity of forums for collaborative management of the watershed.</p>	<p>Leverage existing economic and social development programs related to community water supply and sanitation to expand coverage and bring in other partners.</p>

# Global Water Strategy

Newmont developed and implemented a GWS in 2014 in recognition that performance and access to water is fundamental to the success of our business. The strategy is a framework to manage water as a precious resource and to work collaboratively to improve lives through water stewardship.

GWS Pillar	Objective	Accomplishment
<b>Watershed Approach</b> – Secure water supply for operations while enhancing other water uses	<i>Water Accounting and Reporting</i>	Developing a Water Accounting Framework (by site) to document use of water and volumes returned to the environment
<b>Impact Mitigation</b> – Mitigate environmental and social water related impacts	<i>Governance and Site Water Management</i>	Developing and implementing site and region-based water strategies and governance with clearly defined roles and responsibilities
<b>Operational Performance</b> – Manage water as an asset through improved performance and compliance	<i>Water Efficiency and Targets</i>	Reducing overall fresh water consumption by five percent in 2019, and setting context based targets starting in 2020
<b>Impact Mitigation</b> – Collaborate and engage externally on water policy and challenges	<i>Research and Innovation</i>	Methods to decrease treatment costs, increase efficiencies, reprocess materials and increased use of recycled and lower quality water for processing
<b>Internal Collaboration</b> – Collaborate and engage internally on water stewardship	<i>Collaboration and collective action</i>	Collaborating in watersheds on management and conservation. Investing in enhancing community water quality, access and availability, including establishing participatory water monitoring programs.

# Water Stewardship Case Studies

## Improving Water Quality and Supply in Cajamarca, Peru



- Joint initiative with municipal water authority.
- Support expanding and optimizing pipelines and sources and upgrading treatment
- Provided ~180K people with improved availability of ~ 30%

## Reuse Treated Wastewater in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Australia



- Agreement with Kalgoorlie-Boulder City Council
- Reuse cities treated waste water in process
- Reduce freshwater requirements
- Increase the amount of water available to reinject from pit dewatering activities (capturing 130 L/s)

# Water Stewardship Case Studies

## Collective Action in Drought



- Support Governor's Drought Forum in Nevada – data and expertise
- Information used to support water management activities
  - Water Usage and Rights
  - Impacts and Mitigation

## Collective Management supporting Regulatory Change



- Supported Nevada Division of Water Resources and Mining Association in the development of water rights process:
  - Post-mining pit lakes
  - Associated evaporative loss

# Path Forward to Success

Due to population growth, increasing food/energy needs and climate change most watersheds are under increasing stress.

*Maintaining social license to operate and sustaining business operations and growth in these changing conditions requires industry to be engaged and collaborating on the shared water challenges.*

Water management	Watershed management	Water stewardship	Water innovation
Reducing, reusing & recycling water	Integration of local water risks and impacts	Collective action with stakeholders	Driving innovation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance &amp; WAF</li> <li>• Fresh water use reduced by 3% (2017)</li> <li>• Target set to reduce fresh water use by 5% by 2019</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration with stakeholders</li> <li>• Investing in water quality, access and availability</li> <li>• Community monitoring programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watershed characterization</li> <li>• Key risks/opportunities identified</li> <li>• Governance expanded</li> <li>• Setting watershed-based targets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying and forging outcomes-based partnerships to address major risks and opportunities</li> </ul>