

Coal Mining and Safety Health Act 1999 (Qld)  
QUEENSLAND MINING BOARD OF INQUIRY

**STATEMENT OF BRAEDON SMITH**

I, Braedon Smith, at Grasstree Mine, Middlemount, 4074 in the State of Queensland, state as follows:

1. I am currently employed by Anglo American Metallurgical Coal Pty Ltd (**Anglo**) at Grasstree Mine (**Grasstree**) as the Technical Services Superintendent and Ventilation Officer.
2. On 6 August 2020, I gave evidence to assist the Queensland Mining Board of Inquiry in response to an appearance notice issued to me on 20 July 2020. I make this statement for the purpose of clarifying two responses I gave to questions in the course of giving that evidence.

**Evidence given 6 August 2020**

3. In the course of giving that evidence, I was asked the following question by Mr Rice and gave the following response:

*Q: Was there any recurrence of methane exceedance at that sensor subsequent to this event that you know of?*

*A: No.*

4. Later in the course of giving my evidence, I had the following exchange with Mr Holt:

*Q. Since you've had [the Sherwood curtain] in place, obviously with the other controls - I'm sure you haven't removed any of those - have there been any further exceedances in that canopy sensor?*

*A. No.*

5. In giving those answers, I was referring to exceedances which have been recorded by the sensor on the canopy of chock #197 (the **Canopy Sensor**) within the period of 1 July 2019 and 5 May 2020 referred to in the Terms of Reference of the Board of Inquiry (**ToR Period**). In that time period, there have not been any further exceedances of above 2.5% methane detected by the Canopy Sensor.
6. Since the ToR Period, there have been two instances of >2.5% methane being recorded by the Canopy Sensor. On 3 July 2020, the Canopy Sensor registered an exceedance of >2.5% methane at a time when a Sherwood curtain was not installed in the tailgate roadway. On 15 July 2020, the Canopy Sensor registered an exceedance of >2.5% methane when the longwall intersected the drill stub and the shearer became entangled in the brattice that was established as part of the standard ventilation layout.

*AFFIRM*  
Sworn by Braedon Smith on <sup>1. 09.2020</sup> 31 August 2020 at in the presence of:



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/Signed: Braedon Smith

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JOAN ANDERSON JP (QUAL)