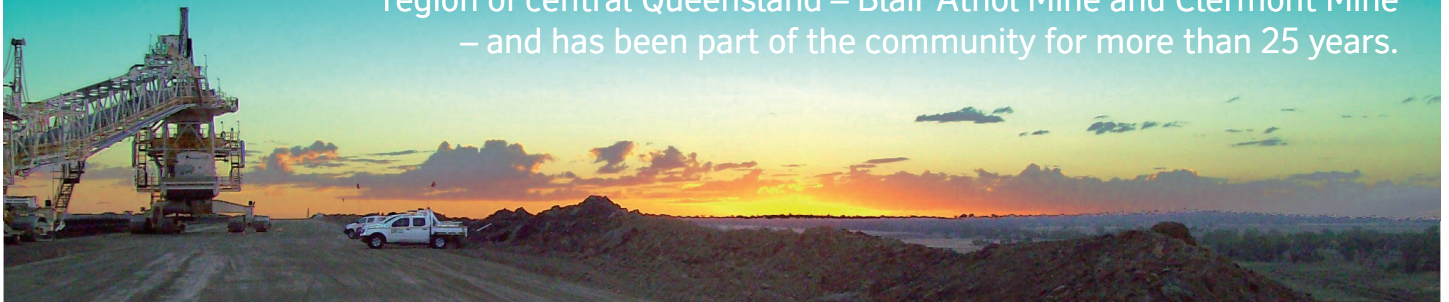


Rio Tinto Coal Australia has two open cut operations in the Clermont region of central Queensland – Blair Athol Mine and Clermont Mine – and has been part of the community for more than 25 years.



Clermont Mine

The Clermont Mine is Queensland's and RTCA's newest coal mine and is located 12 kilometres north west of Clermont township and approximately 15 kilometres south east of Blair Athol Mine. Construction of the mine and associated infrastructure began in 2007 and its first shipment of coal was delivered in 2010.

The mine will ramp up to produce more than 12 million tonnes high quality thermal coal from 2013. Clermont Mine sends its processed coal along the newly constructed 13.3 kilometre conveyor to Blair Athol Mine, using the existing equipment for stockpiling and railing to port.

Clermont Mine has five coal seams, the largest of which averages 35 metres in thickness and is up to 100 metres

in parts. The mine's coal seams are located under a large volume of overburden, and to make mining more economically feasible at Clermont Mine the site has constructed Rio Tinto's only in-pit crusher/conveyor system. This system will reduce annual haul truck running costs by more than 35 per cent, and will remove, crush and convey almost 50 per cent of the mine's overburden per year. It will also help reduce the operation's carbon footprint as it will use less diesel fuel due to the fewer truck hours required.

While in construction Clermont Mine has won awards for its proactive approach to recruiting women, particularly in non-traditional roles, and Indigenous people. Today women make up more than 27 per cent of the site's workforce; well above the state industry average of 11 per cent.

Type of mine	Open cut			
Location	12km north west of Clermont in central Queensland			
Local government area	Isaac Regional Council			
Ownership	Rio Tinto 50.1% Joint venture partners: Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd (31.4%), J-Power Australia Pty Ltd (15%), and J.C.D. Australia Pty Ltd (3.5%)			
Product	Thermal coal for export and domestic production			
Production	Full capacity of 12.2 Million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) by 2013 for export. Domestic production 100,000 tonnes per annum.			
Reserves	189 million tonnes			
Workforce	360 people (32.5% residential, 67.5% FIFO), 380 people when fully operational			
Health and safety	AIFR (2009) 0.57			
Community	Clermont's two community funds contributed more than \$610,000 to community projects in 2009			
Land access	Agreements with Wangan Jagalingou People for Clermont Mine and Blair Athol Mine, executed in 2009			
Mining equipment	• 1 IPCC	• 19 trucks	• 1 shovel	• 4 excavators
Infrastructure	• 13.3km conveyor to transport coal to the upgraded Blair Athol load out facilities	• 1Mt ROM pit area	• Coal preparation plant	
Export countries	Japan, Korea, Thailand, China, Hong Kong			