

Recovering the Uncoverable

Auger Mining - Unlocking Hidden Value at Isaac Plains Complex

At Isaac Plains Complex (IPC), what could have been a lost opportunity became another example of how strategic auger mining can maximise resource recovery and deliver immediate value. Rather than allowing the final pit (Pit 5) to be covered and left behind, Coal Augering Services (CAS) identified and successfully extracted an additional over 32,000 tonnes of high-yielding steel-making coal in less than two months -turning stranded resources into profitable production.

This outstanding result was not an isolated success. Prior to the Pit 5 campaign, CAS had drilled more than 78,650 metres from more than 600 auger holes, recovering over 313,000 tonnes of additional coal for the Isaac Plains operation. These results demonstrate CAS's proven ability to unlock coal that would otherwise remain unrecovered, extending mine value while helping our clients to lower production costs and maximise profitable outcomes on existing assets.

Just as importantly, every tonne was delivered through disciplined operational controls, rigorous planning, and an unwavering commitment to safety. Throughout the project, CAS achieved zero Lost Time Injuries {LTIs}, reinforcing the effectiveness of our training programs, safety systems, and operational standards. This combination of productivity, reliability, and safety provides our clients with confidence that additional resource recovery can be achieved without compromising workforce wellbeing or operational compliance. For mining operations seeking to increase yield, reduce risk, and capture value that might otherwise be left in the ground, CAS continues to demonstrate that the right expertise can recover the unrecoverable and transform overlooked opportunities into measurable results.

