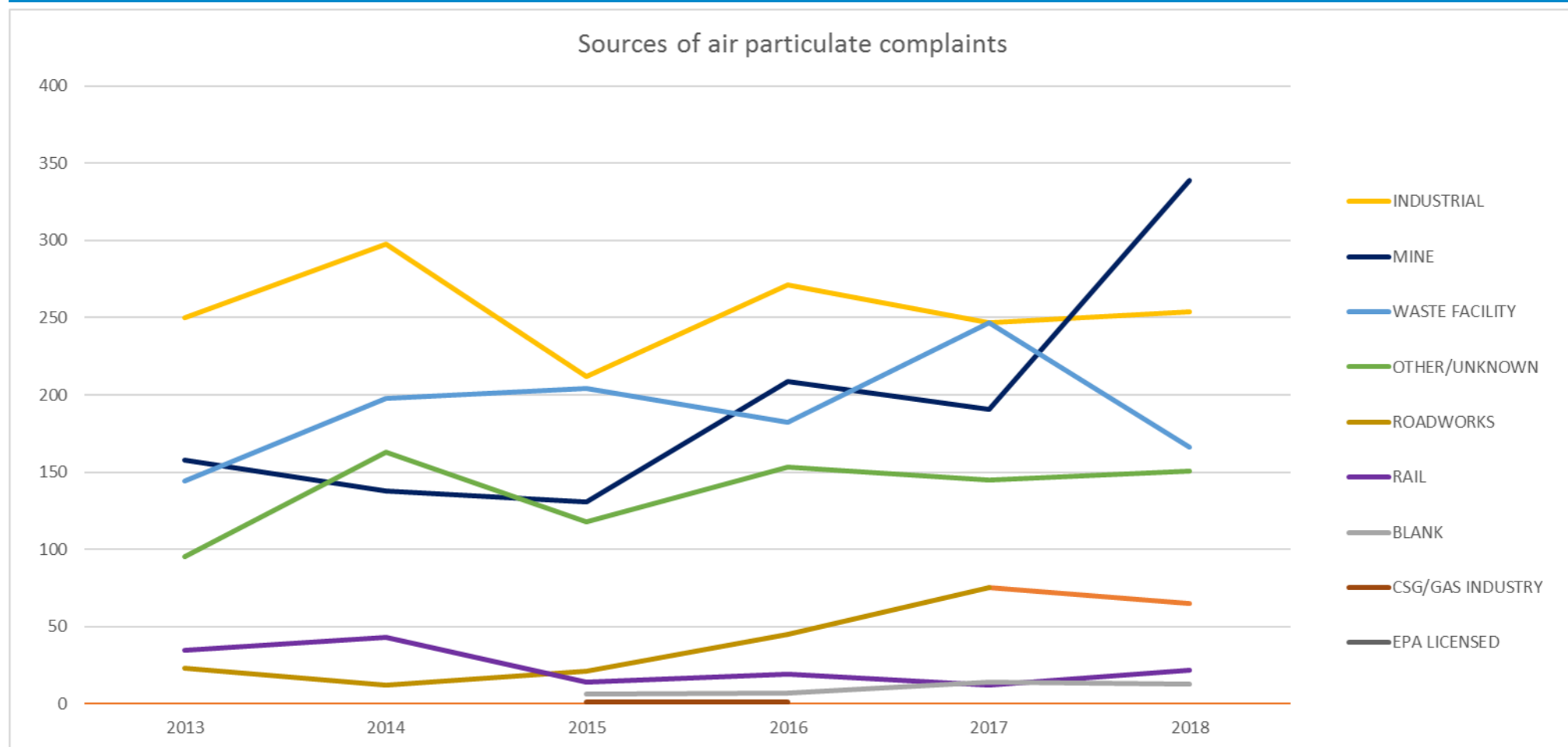




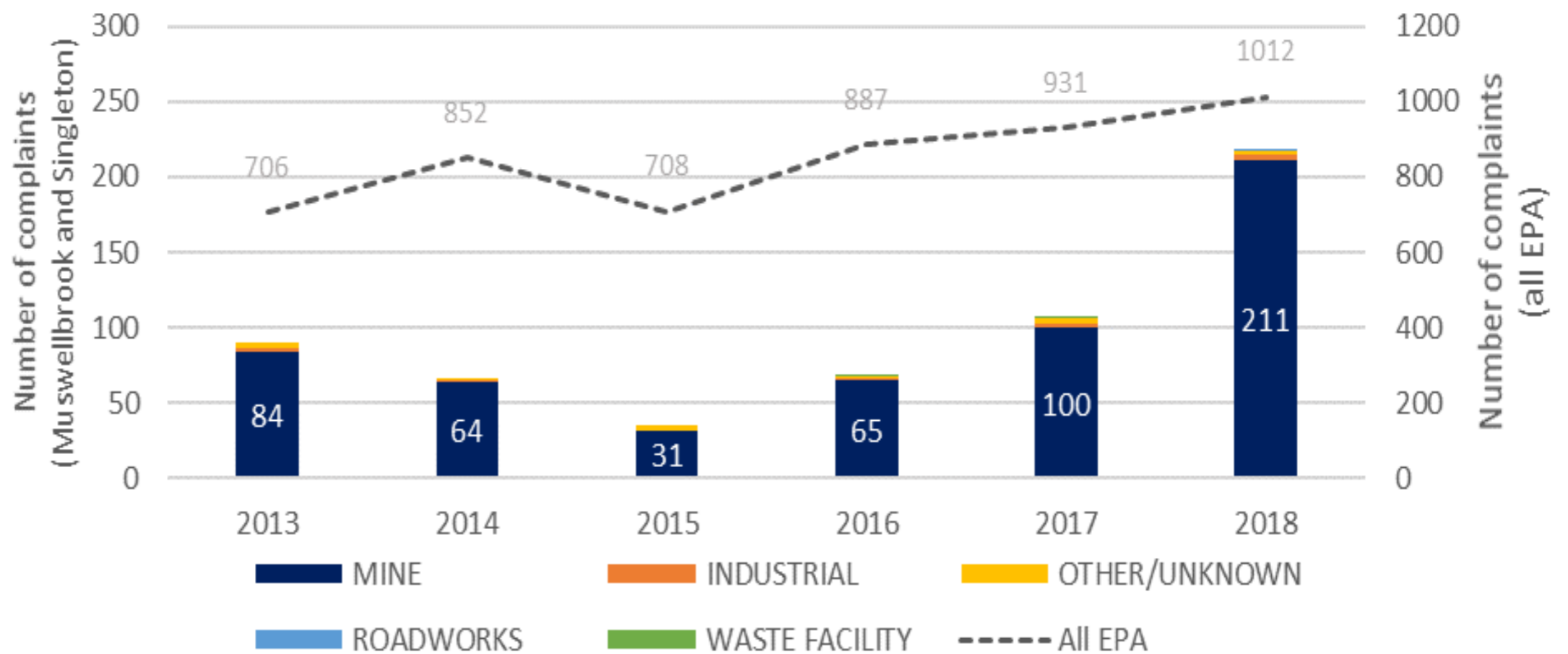
Mine dust complaints

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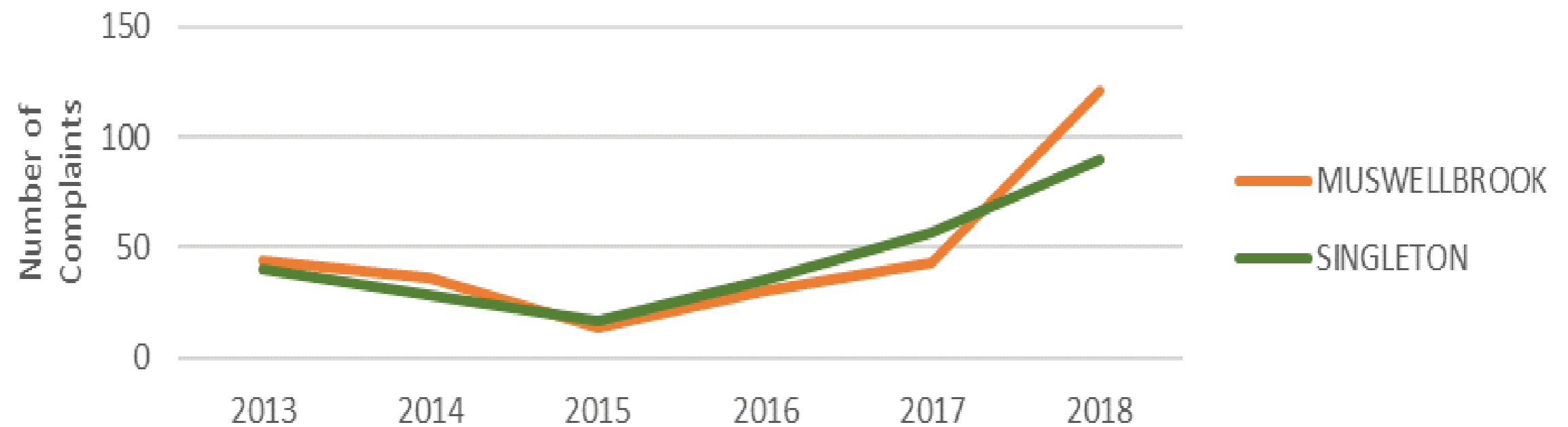
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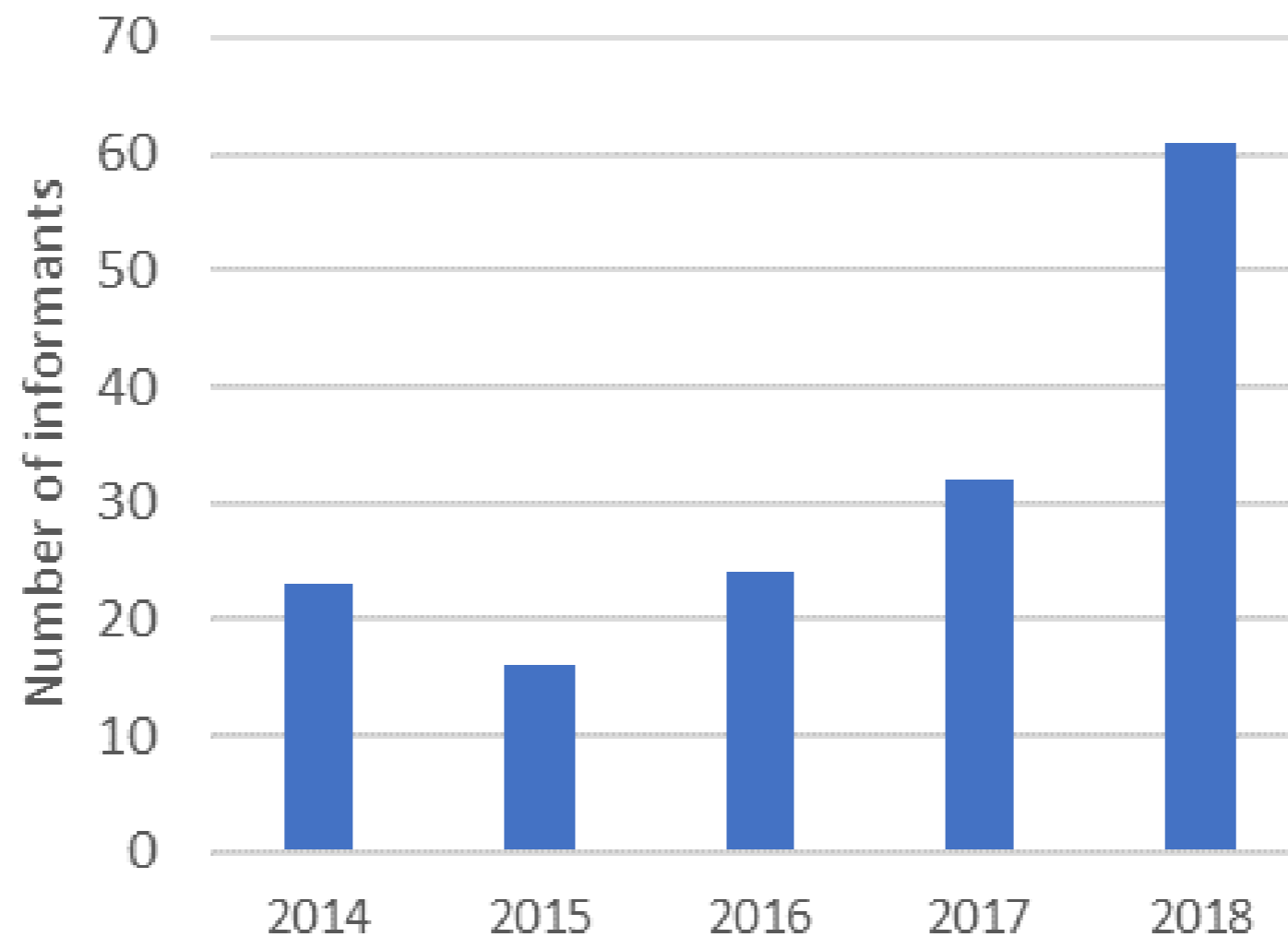
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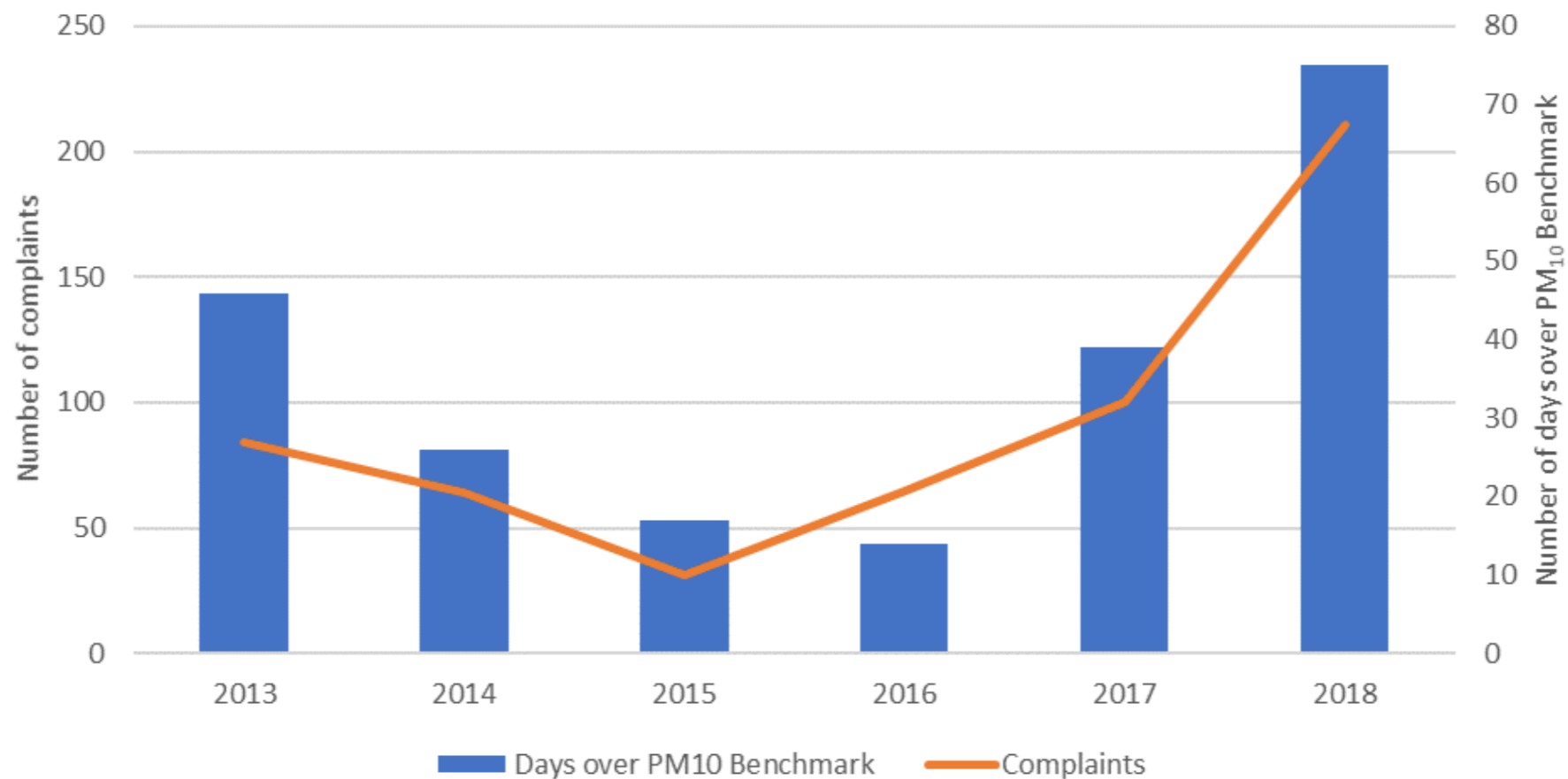
Muswellbrook is becoming a focus



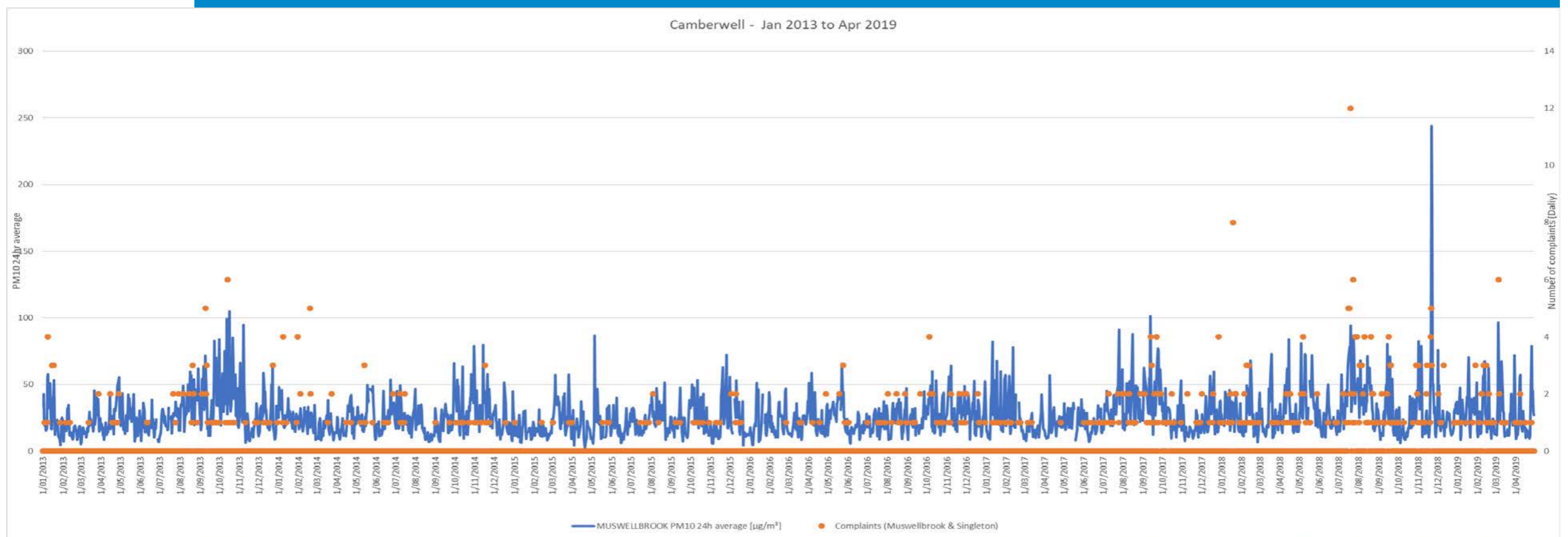
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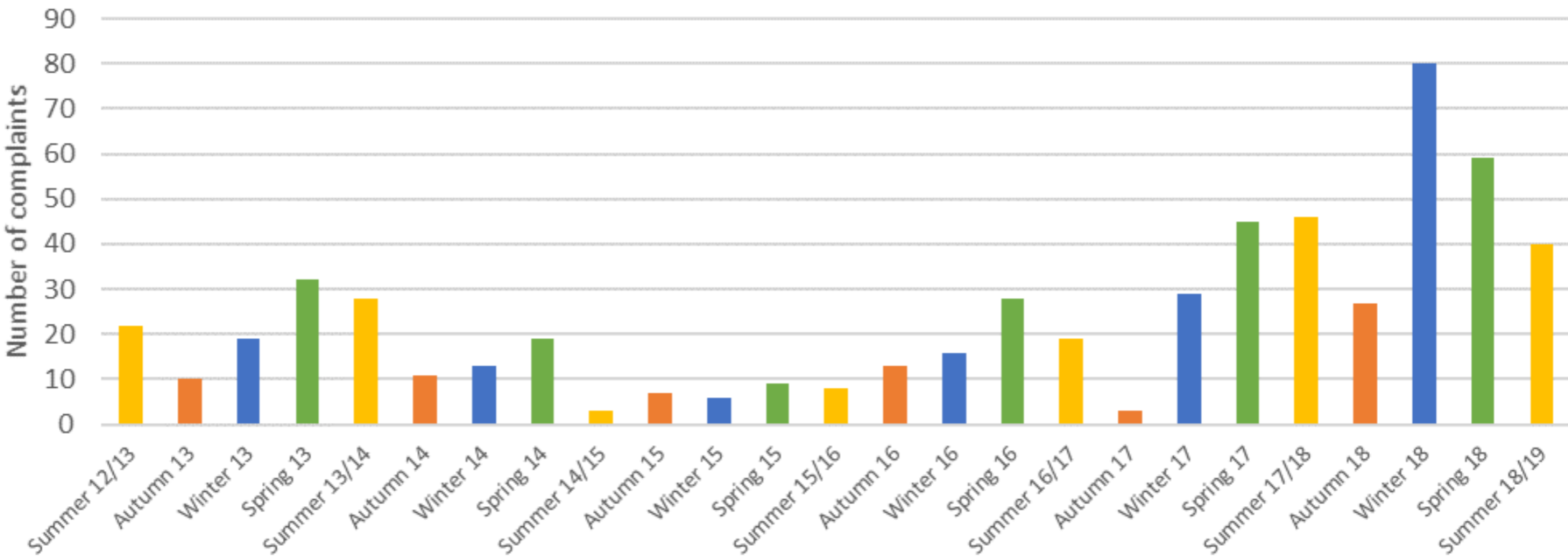
Complaints are linked to poor Upper Hunter air quality



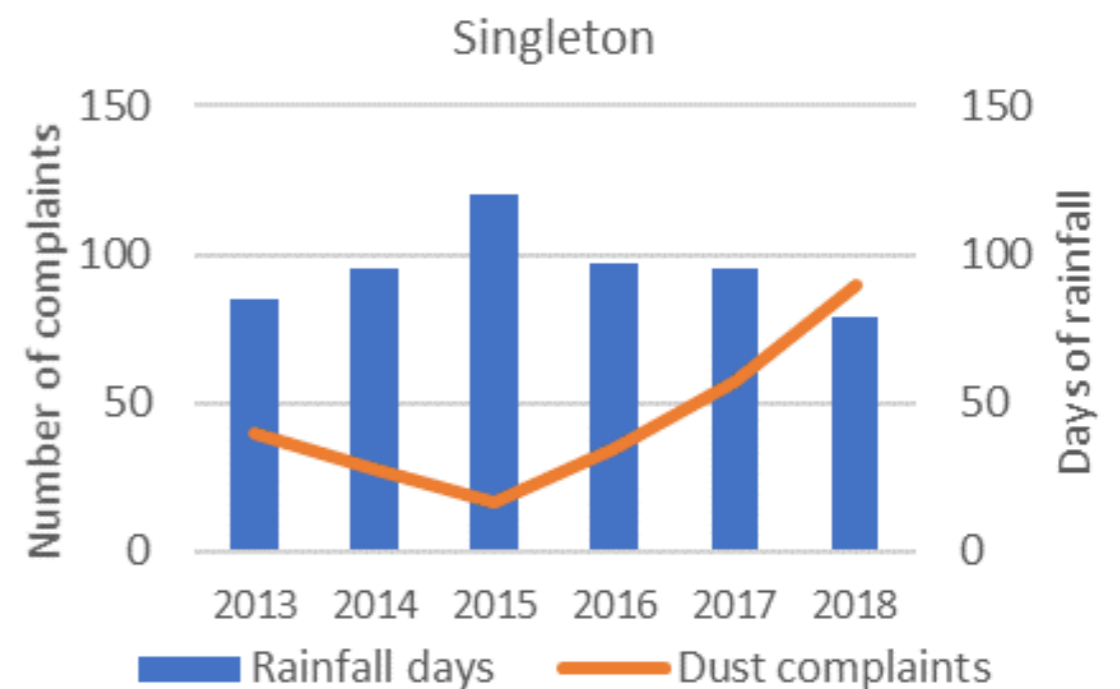
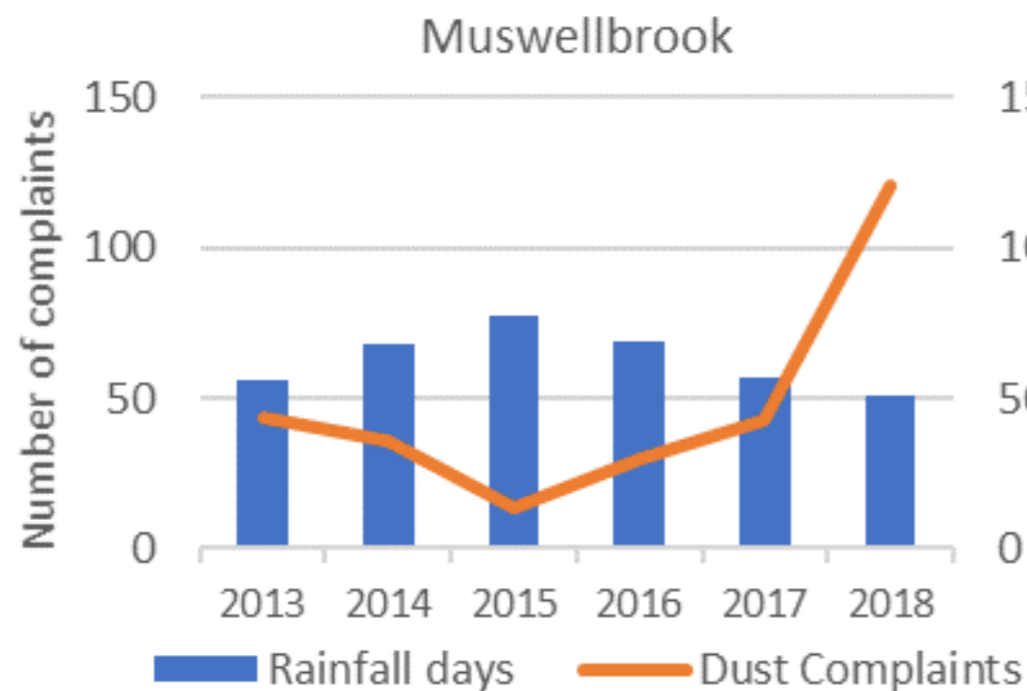
Complaint numbers are not closely related to daily PM₁₀



Complaints increase in spring, but last year spring was early



Complaints increase in dry weather



Conclusions

- Mine dust is a significant issue
- Muswellbrook is becoming a hot-spot
- Complaints come from a diversity of people
- Adverse conditions lead to more complaints