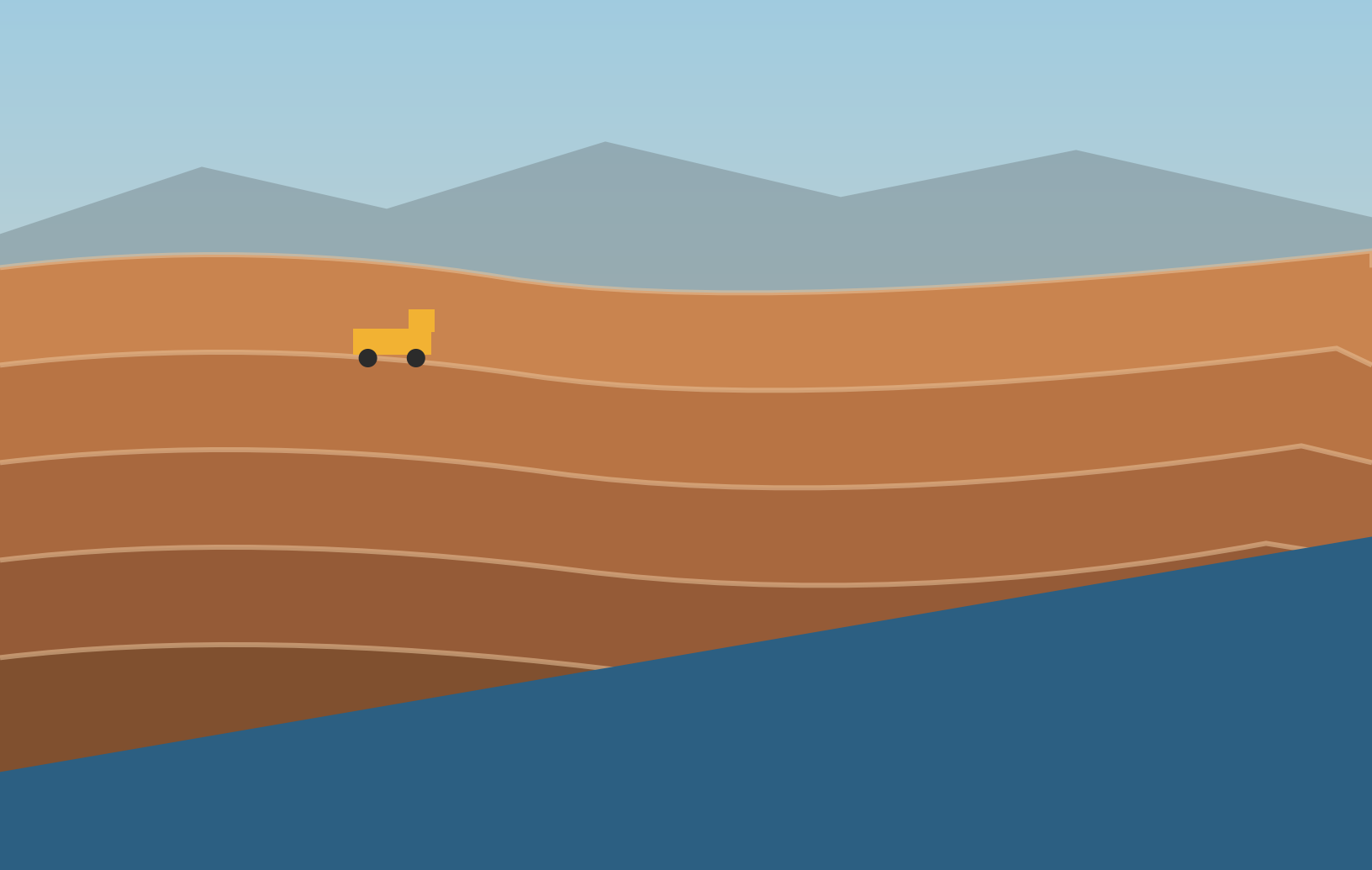




CASE STUDY

Moving Beyond Project Online Without Disrupting Project Delivery

 PPM Express

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

A large Australian mining company had relied on Microsoft Project Online for approximately five years. The environment supported around 85 active projects and nine project managers, with established processes for project metadata, schedules, milestones, resource planning, risks, issues, and portfolio reporting.

THE CHALLENGES

As Project Online approached retirement, the company needed more than a simple replacement.

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Some project managers depended heavily on Microsoft Project Professional and complex MPP schedules.

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Others did not need that level of scheduling sophistication.

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Project and portfolio information also needed to remain centrally visible and reportable.

The company wanted to modernize the environment without forcing every project manager into the same delivery methodology or requiring a disruptive, one-size-fits-all migration.

THE SOLUTION

The company adopted a hybrid migration model with PPM Express acting as the common portfolio and governance layer.



VALUE DELIVERED

Projects that could be managed directly in PPM Express were migrated into the platform, including relevant project information, schedules, risks, issues, milestones, and metadata.

For complex schedules where Microsoft Project remained the right tool, project managers continued working in Project Professional and published their schedules into PPM Express. Experienced PMs kept their existing working practices, and management got the same portfolio-level visibility across both types of projects.

PPM Express became the central location for project governance, reporting, status, RAID information, resource planning, and portfolio oversight, regardless of where the detailed schedule was maintained.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

The company moved away from Project Online without forcing an unnecessary redesign of every project's delivery process.

Project managers retained the tools appropriate to the complexity of their projects, while portfolio managers gained a modern and consistent environment for governance and reporting.

Instead of replacing one monolithic PPM system with another, the organization created a flexible PPM architecture where different execution tools could coexist under one portfolio management layer.

The migration carried less risk, and the company kept its established project management practices after moving off Project Online.

KEY OUTCOMES

~85

active projects under one portfolio management layer

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project managers kept the tools suited to their projects

Lower-risk exit

from Project Online, without redesigning every project's delivery process

ABOUT PPM EXPRESS

PPM Express is a project portfolio management platform built for the Microsoft 365 ecosystem. It gives PMOs and portfolio leaders one governance layer across projects, portfolios, and resources, connecting the tools teams already use, including Microsoft Project, Planner, Azure DevOps, and Jira.

Organizations use PPM Express to prioritize the right work, plan capacity realistically, and report on portfolio health, with unlimited users at a flat annual price.



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