



# KEPCO IN THE COMMUNITY

**The Bylong Coal Project (the Project) is committed to creating long-term social and economic benefits for the region, including through supporting worthwhile community projects and programs. Our focus is on supporting initiatives that directly benefit the local community.**

KEPCO Bylong Australia (KEPCO) is committed to being a good corporate citizen and neighbour to local communities. In this regard, KEPCO is investing beyond the requirements of the Project with the aim of making a lasting contribution to the communities in which it operates.

Over the life of the Project, KEPCO will contribute funds towards community infrastructure in the local area as a component of its Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Mid-Western Regional Council (MWRC). The VPA is a primary mechanism for managing residual socio-economic impacts associated with the Project and enhancing benefits and opportunities for the local area. MWRC intends to use KEPCO's VPA contributions to deliver community infrastructure in accordance with the priorities of Council's 'Towards 2030 Community Plan'.

Over the immediate-term, KEPCO has established a Community Investment Fund for investment in community projects, events, sponsorships and donations. The fund will operate until project approval and the commencement of the Project's construction phase, at which point the VPA will commence.

To appropriately target strategic investment as part of this fund, KEPCO undertook a Community Needs Assessment (CNA). The Assessment provides a robust social platform for planning relevant initiatives and ensuring the best overall return on investment for communities and businesses alike.

The CNA expands on the findings of the Project's Social Impact Assessment and Council's Community Plan, to identify strategic investment opportunities for the Project in close consultation with MWRC and local community groups. The Community Needs Assessment will be updated annually and the outcomes of the assessment will inform the Project's investment strategy until the VPA is initiated.

KEPCO has committed to continuing sponsorship of annual community events such as the Rylstone Kandos Show, and

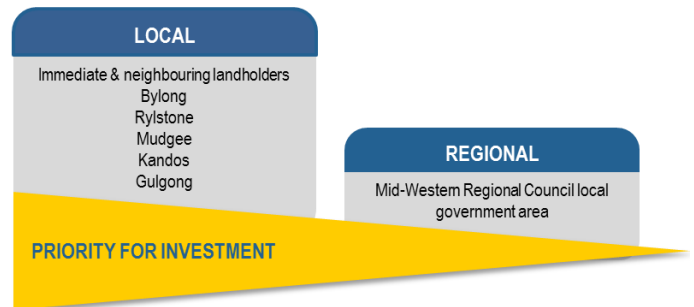
investing in strategic projects which proactively respond to community needs.

KEPCO will also continue to liaise with local community groups, service providers and MWRC to identify potential programs and infrastructure projects that might be suitable for funding by the Community Investment Fund.

## SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS

Over the short-term, KEPCO's community investment will be focused on 'local' communities as a first priority, and 'regional' communities thereafter defined as follows:

### KEPCO's communities of interest



Community groups and organisations within KEPCO's communities of interest are encouraged to apply for funding or in-kind support through completion of the application form included on the Project's website. At present, applicants can apply for up to \$3,000 per round of funding.

There will be three rounds of funding for 2018. Calls for applications will be made through the Project's community newsletter and the local newspaper and radio, and applications must be received within four weeks of advertising / calling for proposals.

## BYLONG PROJECT PRIORITIES

KEPCO has identified investment priority areas to ensure that the company's community investment aligns with and contributes to the community's needs, values and aspirations. Priority areas for community investment are shown below and have been identified in consultation with local government and communities during the environmental impact assessment process for the Project.

As the Project progresses through its lifecycle and community dynamics change, KEPCO's community investment will remain responsive and flexible, and will be adjusted to suit emerging issues and priorities.

Community investment applications that support one (or more) of the following project priority areas will be given a higher scoring in the assessment of applications.

### Priority areas for investment



## HOW TO APPLY

All applications should be made using the application form available on the project website [www.bylongproject.com.au](http://www.bylongproject.com.au). Applications will be assessed against the eligibility criteria outlined in the *Community Investment Guideline* also available on the website.

Completed applications forms can be submitted via:

- **Email:** [bylong@worleyparsons.com](mailto:bylong@worleyparsons.com)
- **Post:** Community Liaison Officer , Bylong Coal Project, 367 Upper Bylong Road , Bylong NSW 2849

If you require assistance completing your application, or you would like more information, please contact the Project Community and Stakeholder Engagement team on 1800 BYLONG (1800 295 664).