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Final Call for KEPCO Community Investment Fund Applications

Applications for the second round of KEPCO Bylong Australia's (KEPCO) 2015 Bylong Coal Project Community Investment Fund are due by Saturday 31 October.

KEPCO established the Bylong Coal Project Community Investment Fund in 2015 to proactively support local community initiatives addressing resident needs through event sponsorships and local group grants.

"KEPCO is pleased with the large number of applications received so far, a sure sign the community recognises the excellent work the Fund has supported already this year and the positive contribution KEPCO can make over the life of the proposed Bylong Coal Project," KEPCO Australia's Chief Operating Officer Bill Vatovec said.

"We particularly encourage programs addressing KEPCO's identified investment priority areas of community wellbeing, community health and education and childcare, and those programs focusing on the immediate and neighbouring areas of the proposed Project, to apply" Mr Vatovec said.

Neighbouring communities of interest to the Bylong Coal Project's Fund include Bylong, Rylstone, Mudgee, Kandos and Gulgong, although applications from the Mid-Western Regional Council local government area are also welcome.

"KEPCO is keen to maximise the Fund's impact by rewarding regional initiatives delivering positive and lasting outcomes for those in the Bylong area," Mr Vatovec said.

"We will be assessing applications to the Community Investment Fund over the next few weeks and determine recipients on the basis of which programs address local community needs most effectively," Mr Vatovec said.

The first round of funding supported community groups and programs such as the Mudgee Disability Support Service and Rylstone Hospital Auxiliary.

Applicants can request up to \$3000 funding or sponsorship and can find more detailed information and the application form on the Project's website (www.bylongproject.com.au)