



**BYLONG COAL**  
**KEPCO BYLONG AUSTRALIA**

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### **LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO BENEFIT FROM BYLONG COAL ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY**

KEPCO Bylong Australia today announced its workforce accommodation strategy for the Bylong Coal Project will focus on existing resources in regional centres.

KEPCO Bylong Australia Chief Operating Officer Bill Vatovec said that a decision has been made not to proceed with a Workforce Accommodation Facility (WAF) adjacent to the site following a thorough analysis of accommodation supplies in the local area and positive discussions with accommodation providers and Mid-Western Regional Council.

“We’ve come to the conclusion that the local area provides a sufficient amount of suitable accommodation to cater to the workforce for the construction phase of the Project.”

“While the finalisation of exact locations and timing requirements will depend on when final development consent is received from the NSW Government, KEPCO is committed to sharing the economic benefits of the Project across the region,” Mr Vatovec said.

Mr Vatovec said that KEPCO is also looking at housing some of its workers at existing properties acquired by the company, as well as private accommodation options.

“KEPCO is strongly encouraged by the discussions it has had with Council and with the local hospitality and tourism industries, and will continue this collaborative approach over the coming months.”

“KEPCO is committed to encouraging its operations workforce and their families to relocate permanently to the local area, principally within the communities of Bylong, Mudgee, Rylstone and Kandos.”

“KEPCO Bylong Australia has listened closely to the community, local business owners and the Mid-Western Regional Council in coming to this decision,” he said.

Mr Vatovec said that KEPCO Bylong Australia is grateful for the input and strong support the Bylong Coal Project has received from across the Mid-Western region.

“We are committed to giving back to the local communities that have welcomed us.”

“To date we have provided more than \$400,000 in small grants to local community organisations and – if the Project is approved – we will provide a further \$9 million through the Voluntary Planning Agreement with Council to fund local infrastructure and services,” Mr Vatovec said.

#### **ABOUT THE BYLONG COAL PROJECT:**

KEPCO Bylong Australia (KEPCO) proposes to develop the Bylong Coal Project, located approximately 55 km north-east of Mudgee and 53 km from Denman in New South Wales, Australia. The mine is likely to employ up to 665 people during peak construction and up to 470 people during peak operation. The Bylong coal mine proposes to recover up to 6.5 million tonnes of raw coal per annum, with open-cut operations commencing first and lasting approximately ten years (including 2 years decommissioning), and underground mining commencing thereafter.

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