



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

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### **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND ROUND 3 FOR 2018 NOW OPEN**

KEPCO's Chief Operating Officer Bill Vatovec today announced Round 3 for 2018 of the Community Investment Fund was now open.

"The Bylong Coal Project Community Investment Fund provides small grants to not-for-profits and charitable groups to support local events, initiatives and projects," Mr Vatovec said.

"In each round small grants of up to \$3,000 are offered to eligible organisations and community groups to help support worthwhile initiatives.

"If you are involved with or aware of a local organisation, association or charity and have a project, event or initiative that needs support please consider applying for funding.

Mr Vatovec said that since 2010 KEPCO has contributed more than \$600,000 in small grants to local organisations.

"KEPCO Bylong Australia is committed to the \$1.3 billion Bylong Coal Project but we aren't waiting for project approval to ensure the community receives the benefits of this significant investment.

"The Bylong Coal Project will provide a massive boost to the local economy including the approximately \$9 million Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) and the further \$3.6 million we have committed to spend on local roads."

KEPCO recently contributed \$5,000 to support local farmers during the drought. Through Round 3 of the Community Investment Fund a further \$30,000 is on offer for local charities, community groups and events.

"KEPCO understands a lot of people in the local community are doing it tough, which is why we are proud of the opportunity to support local farmers and the communities that support them during this difficult time."

#### **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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