



STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



KEPCO Bylong Australia (KEPCO) is committed to actively seeking community feedback on the Bylong Coal Project (the Project), and implementing engagement mechanisms which ensure that our stakeholders and the community are heard and respected.

Throughout the exploration and approvals phase of the Project, local community stakeholders, particularly affected landholders and near neighbours, have been engaged on a regular basis. Specifically, consultation with the local community has included:

- Face-to-face briefings and meetings with Bylong Valley residents, key services providers and community groups
- Community information sessions and stalls
- The appointment of dedicated Community Liaison Officers in the Bylong area, who are available to local residents and community groups.

The wider community has also been engaged through various channels including:

- The establishment of a Project-specific website (www.bylongproject.com.au)
- Distribution of newsletters and ongoing information briefs
- The production of the Project fact sheets addressing specific community interests or issues (for example, water resources, approvals process)
- The availability of a project site office in Bylong
- A Community Information Centre in Mudgee and a 1800 phone number (1800 BYLONG or 1800 295 664) and Project email address (bylong@worleyparsons.com).

APPROVALS AND ENGAGEMENT

As part of the preparation of the Project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and supplementary information reports, consultation has been carried out with landholders, near neighbours, local communities, local service providers, Aboriginal stakeholders, government authorities and relevant industry groups. Specifically, a series of project briefings and

presentations have been provided to inform stakeholders of the Project and assist in the identification of key issues.

A focused consultation program was undertaken for the Social Impact Assessment and most recently during the preparation of the Preliminary Social Impact Management Plan. Landholders, local service providers and the local community were engaged to help develop and update the socio-economic profile for the study area, and identify local community values and social issues that may result from each stage of the Project.

Consultation with local Aboriginal stakeholders was completed in accordance with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*, with 27 Aboriginal organisations registering an interest and participating during the assessment process.

The key interests and issues raised by the local community included land access, potential air quality and noise impacts, agricultural land practices and potential impacts to water resources. Stakeholders also expressed anticipation around the generation of business and employment opportunities.



Community information session held at Bylong in September 2015

ONGOING CONSULTATION

Engagement with the community and key stakeholders will continue throughout the approvals process and into the construction and operation phase of the Project.

Various engagement mechanisms will continue to be implemented to ensure effective and ongoing engagement with Project stakeholders, including:

- Face-to-face engagement with landholders and near neighbours through the Community Liaison Officers and other senior project staff
- Provision of regular project updates and documentation on the KEPCO Project website
- Project newsletters
- Project fact sheets
- Community information sessions
- Information stalls at local community events
- State and local government briefings and meetings
- The availability of a project site office in Bylong
- A Community Information Centre in Mudgee
- Project 1800 phone number
- Project email address
- Media



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