



Community Newsletter

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A message from KEPCO Bylong Australia's Chief Operating Officer

On behalf of KEPCO Bylong Australia Pty Ltd I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many local people and organisations who have provided steadfast support for the Bylong Coal Project throughout the lengthy approvals process.

On 18 September 2019, the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) announced its decision to refuse the Bylong Coal Project and provided a Statement of Reasons for the decision.

KEPCO is deeply disappointed with the IPC decision and we wish to put on record our commitment to the Project and the local area. KEPCO is particularly disappointed for all those people who supported the Project and had sought opportunities for jobs, particularly those in the Rylstone and Kandos areas where we know people are doing it tough.

KEPCO is currently closely reviewing the IPC's Statement of Reasons to determine what options are available in relation to the IPC's decision.

If you would like to speak further about the Project, please contact our Community and Stakeholder Engagement team.

Yours sincerely,



Bill Vatovec - Chief Operating Officer



Pictured: KEPCO Australia's Chief Operating Officer, William (Bill) Vatovec

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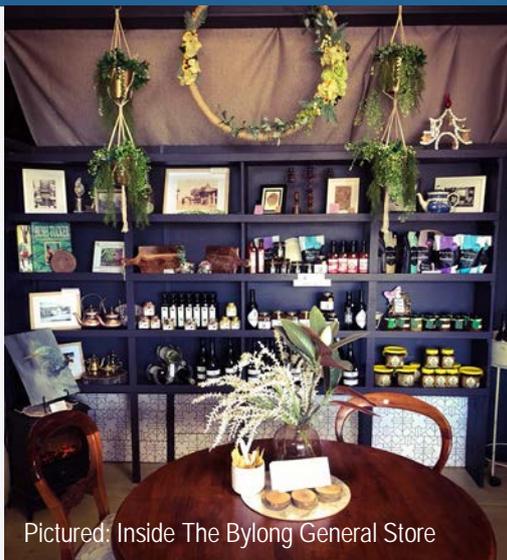
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Project activity

Community Information Centre Relocation

KEPCO has relocated the Community Information Centre in Mudgee back onsite at 355 Upper Bylong Road, Bylong.

KEPCO encourages interested stakeholders to contact the Project's Community Liaison Officer (CLO) on 1800 BYLONG (295 664). The CLO is available to answer questions and distribute further information via telephone, or in person by appointment.



Pictured: Inside The Bylong General Store

The Bylong General Store

The Bylong General Store located at 7690 Bylong Valley Way, Bylong continues to operate.

The store is open seven days a week, 8am until 6pm and offers a great range of goods and services for the local community and travellers along Bylong Valley Way.

Agricultural Operations

KEPCO, like many graziers and pastoralists in the Bylong Valley and across New South Wales, are continuing to feel the impacts of the extended drought. With long term rainfall predictions not looking favourable, KEPCO is continuing to implement conservative and sustainable agricultural practices to ensure farming operations are robust. In particular, the poorer back country that was proposed to be mined has had to be largely destocked. It is only the better-quality land remote from the proposed mine that continues to be productive during dry times.

In response to current drought conditions the Farm Team has modified its overall operations. This has involved reducing overall cattle numbers yet increasing the percentage of breeding cattle. This approach offers more flexibility to the farm operation to further decrease cattle numbers should it be required.

The Farm Team on 21st of October undertook the first cut of Lucerne for the 2019/2020 season. The Farm Team will utilise Lucerne hay to support the cattle enterprise and supply surplus into local markets. Cereal crops of wheat and oats are progressing well with the Farm Team planning to harvest for hay in the coming weeks.



Pictured: Photograph of agricultural operations on KEPCO owned property