

## Hunter TAFE signs MOU with Wallarah 2 Coal Project

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Hunter TAFE has partnered with the Wallarah 2 Coal Project (W2CP) in signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support future mine related vocational training and education within the Wyong LGA.

If the mine is approved it will create more than 1000 jobs created during peak construction and a further 800 when operating.

Walarah 2 Coal Project Manager, Kenny Barry, said that the project team had been approached by many people seeking employment and by young people seeking apprenticeships in the future.

“Hunter TAFE will provide Wallarah and its clients with training in Underground Coal Operations Certificate Courses, Underground Coal Mining Management Diploma, Work, Health and Safety and Environmental Management and Monitoring programs. We will also provide support for apprenticeship training in electrical and mechanical trades” said Hunter TAFE Director, Phil Cox.

The MOU is part of the ongoing development of the vocational training stream of Hunter TAFE and the coal mining industry.

“We see TAFE as an important link in providing the practical aspects of training that has direct synergies with the activities workers perform on a daily basis” Mr Barry said.

“The primary purpose of the MOU is to promote sharing of information, resources and opportunities regarding training, employment outcomes and related services.”

Hunter TAFE has been recognised repeatedly for its Mining Skills Centre and training excellence within the coal mining industry.

“Hunter TAFE’s mining programs, world class training facilities and teaching excellence has put us at the top of the tree when it comes to providing the industry with highly skilled, work ready graduates.”

W2CP is currently in consultation with NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure with the vision that the Environmental Impact Statement will be on public exhibition before mid -year.