



Media statement

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## Further studies underway

The Wallarah 2 Coal Project is completing further studies in anticipation of lodging a new project application mid 2012.

The project design will ensure the Central Coast water supply is protected and four independent studies have confirmed these protections are appropriate.

The rejection of the last application by the previous Minister for Planning was not based on any potential impacts on water supply. Two independent water reviews, the NSW Planning Assessment Commission and the Department of Planning all found that any potential impacts from the proposed mine on the region's water supply system were negligible and manageable and that none justified refusal.

The project team has assessed the reasons for refusal, which mainly related to a lack of detailed information about subsidence, ecology and archaeology impacts in the most westerly area of the mine plan. Additional studies are now being completed.

The proposed mine will create 300 direct and over 700 indirect permanent jobs. The first three years of construction alone will generate more than 5,000 jobs and \$1 billion in investment in the local economy.

Stakeholders are now being provided with updated information on the project.

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