



Media statement  
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## Community Committee Shown That Water System Is Safeguarded

Experts in subsidence, water, flooding and noise have confirmed to the Community Liaison Committee of the Wallarah 2 Coal Project that the proposed mine safeguards the Central Coast Water regimes.

Specialists told the Committee, which is made up of community, Wyong Council and some government agencies, that the geology of the region and the mine plan both ensured there could be no connectivity between the mine workings and the Central Coast water system.

Environment and Community Manager, Peter Smith, said today that the experts were among those whose work over many years had provided the company with the ability to develop a mine plan which safeguarded water and minimised other impacts such as dust and noise.

"Our experts were able to demonstrate to members of the community that there would be no loss of water from the surface streams and alluvial system and this has been the matter of greatest concern to the community. There would be no connection of surface water systems to the deep and unusable, saline systems and the water supply would be full protected" he said.

The detail of this work was available in hard and soft copy at various sources including on the company web site at [www.wallarrah.com.au](http://www.wallarrah.com.au)

"The 3500 page Environmental Assessment report is on public exhibition for 60 days (double the normal duration) until June 2 then we expect a public and detailed planning inquiry on the project so there is every opportunity for members of the community to make comment and participate in the process," Mr Smith said.

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