

The project has kept the community informed by a number of ways. There have been several beneficial outcomes from the consultation process which have led to modifications to the project design. These changes have further reduce the potential impacts of the project on the community. The project now better reflects community expectations. **A summary of the key consultation activities to date are as follows:**

- Nine newsletters with factsheets distributed to the community that provided information on development of the project and key environmental studies;
- public displays providing information and an opportunity for the community to provide feedback. The displays were held at several public libraries and shopping centres;
- a telephone information line to provide an avenue for the public to seek information or provide comment;
- a dedicated website that provides information on the project and an opportunity for the public to seek information or provide comment. The website can now be found at www.wallarrah.com.au;
- presentations of environmental studies to groups such as the Community Liaison Committee, Progress Associations and Precinct Committees;
- community surveys that were distributed during community presentations and targeted surveys to obtain important information about the local community; and random telephone surveys of local businesses and residents;
- liaison with key stakeholder groups including government departments, Non Government Organisations (NGOs), local government and local community groups; and
- monitoring public comment, submissions and media coverage.

Our commitment to the community...

Community consultation and feedback focussed on a number of matters important to the local community and in October 2006 the company announced its Commitment to the Community. **That commitment says:**

- The only mine plan that Wallarah 2 Coal Project will submit to the NSW Government will be one that safeguards the surface and underground water regimes.
- The company will conduct its business in a manner that at all times respects the people of the Wyong community.
- The company considers the protection of the environment as an important part of its normal business activities.
- The company will conduct its business in a way that maintains a safe and healthy workplace for employees, visitors and the local community
- The company will develop sustainable practices that contribute to the interests of the wider community.

The company will develop sustainable practices that contribute to the interests of the wider community. Kores and their consultants will continue to remain proactive in keeping the community informed of the progress of the W2CP. Input from the community is invited to ensuring that the W2CP remains sensitive to the concerns and needs of the public.

