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\$100 million and 1000 jobs to flow from mine

Walarah No 2 Coal Project has told the Community Liaison Committee today that companies with interests as diverse as manufacturing, maintenance, fuel supplies, vehicles sales and servicing, computer and office supplies were among those that would benefit when the mine became operational.

It is estimated that about \$100 million on top of wages would flow annually to the regional economy if the mine proceeds.

As many as 750 jobs could be created on the Central Coast to support the 300 directly employed at the mine.

Environment and Community Manager, Peter Smith, said that evidence from mining throughout Australia showed economic benefits to local and regional communities were considerable.

"Mining companies in NSW spend more than \$1 billion a year on local and regional suppliers. They also contribute more than \$5 million a year for amenities in the communities amongst whom they operate."

Mr Smith said that for every job created in mining, up to four jobs were created elsewhere in the wider economy.

He said these economic benefits were on top of the tens of millions of dollars annually that were paid by a mining company in Federal and State taxes and charges.

Mr Smith said the Community Liaison Committee had been asked to consider what contributions the mine could make to the local community if it won approval.

He said a community newsletter would be distributed in the local community and a website www.walarah.com.au would be launched in the next week.

The newsletter would be distributed in Hue Hue area, Dooralong and Yarramalong Valleys and to people with specific interest in the project.

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Note to news editors: Over page is a list of just some of the goods and services that mining companies purchase from local communities.

Goods and services

Design
Engineering
Environmental

Construction crews (trades and professionals)
Operations staff (engineering, mining, business administration)

Building, site and equipment maintenance
Computing supplies and maintenance
Energy
Engineering services
Environmental services (water management, air, noise, ecology, etc)
Construction materials (metals, timber, bricks etc)
Fuel
Office supplies
Road and rail construction and maintenance
Safety equipment and clothing
Telecommunications
Vehicles (surface)