

# Media Release



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## Planning Dept. report concludes Wallarah 2 project can proceed with conditions

Wallahah 2 Coal Project has welcomed today's assessment by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure which concludes the project can proceed subject to strict conditions, including protecting the Central Coast water supply.

Project Manager Kenny Barry said:

"We are pleased that the department's comprehensive assessment, supported by independent studies, found there are no environmental or amenity reasons preventing the project from proceeding.

"We particularly welcome the department's conclusion the project would have minimal impact on underground water tables, and would not adversely affect the Central Coast's water supply.

"It has also stated there will be no significant impacts from subsidence, and on local watercourses like Jilliby Creek and Porter's Creek. The protection of local water supplies was comprehensively addressed in our EIS.

"The department has acknowledged the major economic benefits of the project, which will generate 800 direct and indirect jobs on the Central Coast, and contribute around \$600 million each year to regional economic output.

"These jobs and investment will be extremely important for the Central Coast in view of the announced closures of the Blue Tongue Brewery and the Kellogg's factory."

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