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Wyong water study released

The Department of Planning today released a study of groundwater and surface water baseline information in the western part of the Wyong local government area, to assist in the assessment of the Wallarah 2 coal project.

The study commissioned by the Department from Sinclair Knight Merz is currently being peer-reviewed by an international expert.

The study has been made publicly-available by the Department of Planning well before proposed upcoming Planning Assessment Commission hearings on the Wallarah 2 coal project.

Among a number of recommendations, the study states that available baseline water information is sufficient for the purposes of undertaking an assessment of the potential impacts of the project.

However, it indicates more detailed monitoring networks may need to be created if the project is approved.

The NSW Government committed to commissioning the water study, at the time the Wallarah 2 project went on exhibition.

The objective of the water study was to assess the current status of groundwater and surface water information in the western part of Wyong LGA, and to propose improvements if current monitoring was found to be inadequate.

The study can be found at www.planning.nsw.gov.au

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