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**Darkinjung demands Development Application details from Wallarah 2 Coal Mine**

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is demanding details on the amended Development Application for the Wallarah 2 coal mine following a myriad of unanswered emails and a lack of any detailed response from Wyong Areas Coal Joint Venture in relation to the development.

Darkinjung LALC has reached out to Wyong Areas Coal Joint Venture, along with the Department of Planning and Environment, numerous times however their requests for sufficient detail to properly consider the impact of the amended proposal remain unanswered as the Land Council continues to await a response.

Sean Gordon, Darkinjung LALC’s Chief Executive Officer, said he is fed up with blatant lack of cooperation from Wallarah 2 commenting that, “The team from Wallarah 2 and the Wyong Areas Coal Joint Venture have refused to provide any further detailed information to Darkinjung on the amended Development Application (DA) for the proposed coal mine at Bushells Ridge.”

The amended Development Application is currently on public exhibition and is open for responses from the community with submissions closing Monday 5 September 2016.

“Darkinjung intends to make a submission in relation to the amended DA, however at this stage there are insufficient details on the proposed infrastructure in the documents which have been provided,” continued Mr Gordon.

“The information currently provided is insufficient to understand how significant coal loading infrastructure can be contained within a 20 metre wide corridor, but also provide continuous and unimpeded access, passing bays, water quality devices and retaining works.

“The Land Council has sent a number of letters and emails over the last month requesting further information on the development to ensure that we able to consider the material in preparation for a submission.

“With the closing date looming, we are now demanding a response from Wallarah 2.

“Our question is, ‘how is the general public going to be able to respond to the amended DA when there is a severe lack of information provided by Wallarah 2?’”, said Mr Gordon.

Darkinjung Chairperson Tina West said, “We have a right to fully understand the impact that this proposed development will have on the community both socially, economically and environmentally.

“Darkinjung’s land surrounding the site will bear the brunt of the impact from the coal mine and therefore we are entitled to make an informed decision on how our land is impacted. In order to do this we demand more information from Wallarah 2,” concluded Ms West.

“If the requested information does not exist or Wyong Areas Coal Joint Venture does not intend to provide it, we deserve to know,” finished Mr Gordon.

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