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### **Shenhua Receives Director General Requirements**

Shenhua Watermark has today reached a significant milestone by receiving its Director General Requirements (DGR's), ensuring a stringent assessment process is applied to the Project.

The DGR's have been prepared in consultation with relevant government agencies with input from the Watermark Community Consultative Committee and NSW Farmers Association.

Watermark's Project Director, Mr Joe Clayton, says the DGR's are instrumental to the projects delivery and ensuring key social and environmental issues are addressed.

"The DGR's set the agenda for the issues that must be addressed as part of our Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)," Mr Clayton said. "If the project cannot demonstrate that we will address and satisfy all the requirements in the DGR's, then our project will not be submitted for assessment."

The key issues that must be addressed in the EIS include; Agricultural and Other Land Resources; Water Resources; Biodiversity; Heritage; Air Quality; Greenhouse Gases; Noise, Vibration and Blasting; Traffic and Transport; Visual; Waste; Hazards; Social and Economic; and Rehabilitation.

The DGR's also refer to the Strategic Regional Land Use Policy.

"The Department has developed a policy that sets out the interim arrangements for mining and coal seam gas proposals on strategic agricultural land until the draft SRLUP is finalised," Mr Clayton said. "This policy requires Shenhua to prepare an Agricultural Impact Statement as part of our development application and EIS that specifically assesses the impacts of the proposal on strategic agricultural land, having regard to the draft gateway criteria as set out in the draft SRLUP.

"The Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Populations and Communities have determined that the project will also require approval under the Environmental Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999," Mr Clayton continued.

A copy of the Director General Requirements can be downloaded from the project website at [www.shenhuawatermark.com](http://www.shenhuawatermark.com).

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