



*SHENHUA Watermark Project Director Paul Jackson says today's submission of its EIS for Adequacy review is one more step toward receiving Development Approval.*

# Shenhua submits EIS

**SHENHUA Watermark confirmed today that the company has submitted its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the Department of Planning for Adequacy review.**

Watermark's Project Manager Paul Jackson says that while this is a significant milestone for the company, there is still a long way to go before receiving Development Approval.

"Before the EIS goes on public exhibition the Department of Planning must review Shenhua's EIS to ensure it adequately addresses all the requirements outlined in the Director-General's Requirements for the project," Mr Jackson said.

"If the department doesn't believe

we have adequately addressed all the issues then we will need to revise our EIS to address the inadequacies and re-submit it to the department for consideration."

Shenhua received the Director-General's Requirements for the Watermark Project in April this year, and has since been working toward completion of this EIS.

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 require the Shen-

hua Project to meet all requirements contained in the new Strategic Regional Land Use Policy (SRLUP), only recently completed.

The Project will also be assessed as State Significant Development under the new Division 4.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

"Part of the difficulty in developing the EIS in recent months was the knowledge, that we would have to address, new rules and processes as they were made available," Mr Jackson said.

Nevertheless, Mr Jackson said he had confidence Shenhua had submitted one of the most comprehensive EIS documents ever compiled by a mining company in NSW.