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Watermark Sets the Record Straight

Shenhua Watermark has slammed recent allegations they are not being honest and up front with its stakeholders as a blatant attempt to mislead the community. Watermark Project Director Mr Joe Clayton wants to set the record straight.

“Watermark did submit a Major Projects Application and Preliminary Environmental Assessment under the previous Part 3A process as per the project’s timeline,” said Mr Clayton.

“Discussions occurred in March between the then Shadow Minister for Primary Industries, Mr Duncan Gay, and myself which resulted in Shenhua agreeing to have its project assessed against the Coalitions Strategic Lands Use Policy.

“This has not changed. Shenhua Watermark will work with the NSW Liberals and Nationals Strategic Regional Land Use Policy as it continues to develop the Watermark Project,” Mr Clayton said.

“Yes we are carrying out some baseline studies and key environmental assessments to identify the potential benefits and impacts of the Project,” said Mr Clayton. “It would be remiss of us to not use this time wisely and get as much information as we can.

“Yes we are in the process of establishing Community Reference Groups, but this is not a legislative requirement, nor was it a requirement of the Part 3A process,” said Mr Clayton. “This is our initiative to engage our local community to ensure all community and environmental issues are identified to the project team.

“The Community Reference Groups are an exciting opportunity for interested and passionate community representatives to impart their local knowledge and be involved in the activities we are doing on site,” said Mr Clayton. “Surely we can’t be criticized for proactively engaging the community.”

Watermark will advise the community when legislation has been released.

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