



WATERMARK INFO: Consultant James Tomlin, left, with Watermark's David Newton at this week's information day to explain details around the coalmine's environmental impacts this week at Gunnedah.

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Shenua Watermark holds EIS open day

SHENHUA Watermark held its information drop-in day at Gunnedah on Wednesday to bring some clarity to a complex environmental document.

It was designed to help community members better understand the key features of the environmental impact statement (EIS) report – a technical 3000-page document that outlines the requirements for its new Watermark coalmine near Gunnedah.

While the EIS can be viewed at council offices in Tamworth, Gunnedah and Quirindi, community members were

urged to attend the drop-in day to help them understand the project.

Specialists were on hand to answer any questions on water, noise, ecology, koalas, air quality, biodiversity, rehabilitation and soil and land capability.

The Watermark EIS was put on public exhibition for two months because the Department of Planning found it would be one of the most thoroughly scrutinised mining projects in the state's history.

The EIS will be on public exhibition until April 26.