

# Bickham Coal Company

## Media Release

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After attending a meeting with the Minister for Mineral Resources in Sydney on Wednesday this week, Bickham Coal will have further meetings with officers of the Department of Mineral Resources to finalise the details of further community consultation on the proposal.

Bickham Coal is seeking approval for a 25,000-tonne bulk coal sample from a property 13 kilometres south of Murrurundi.

The Minister requested further consultation on the proposal.

Bickham Coal representative David Foster said the company would meet the Minister's request.

Mr Foster said the exact timeframe and methodology of the extended consultation process would not be finalised with the Department of Mineral Resources until early in the New Year.

### ***More information?***

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