

Bickham Coal Company

Media Release

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The revised Review of Environmental Factors for a proposed 25,000-tonne bulk coal sample from a property south of the Murrurundi will be presented at a meeting in Murrurundi this afternoon (Wednesday 20 August).

The Bickham Coal Community Consultative Committee will meet at Murrurundi Council Chambers at 4.30 PM to receive the revised report, which will be placed on public exhibition for comment from tomorrow (Thursday 21 August).

David Foster from Bickham Coal said new studies show the proposed extraction of the bulk sample will have negligible effect on water flow in the Pages River. Details of extensive research on surface and ground water in relation to the proposal were presented to the Community Consultative Committee at its meeting on 11 June.

David Foster said as part of the community consultation process a public information session will be held at the Murrurundi Bowling Club at 6.30 PM on Monday 1 September.

The session will be attended by representatives from Bickham Coal Company and the Department of Mineral Resources and will be chaired by Mr Noel O'Brien, Chairman of the Community Consultative Committee.

Following the public information session, Bickham Coal Company representatives will be available at 75 Mayne Street, Murrurundi, between the hours of 12 noon and 5 PM on Friday 5 September to answer questions on the bulk sample application.

More information?

Call Helen Nelson or Chris Ford at FordComm on 4929 2063.