

Bickham Coal Company

Media Release

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A program for further studies in relation to the Bickham Coal proposal for a 25,000-tonne bulk coal sample from a property 13 kilometres south of Murrurundi is now under way.

David Foster of Bickham Coal Company said the sinking of a test bore on the site will be completed later this month. Extended pump out trials will then begin.

The data gathered from the pump trials will then be the focus of hydrological studies to help determine any link between groundwater at the bulk sample site and the Pages River.

Once details of the proposed investigations are finalised they will be provided to the local community.

More information?

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