

Bickham Coal Company

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A meeting of the Bickham Coal Community Consultative Committee at Murrurundi Council Chambers next Wednesday will be presented with details of extensive studies of surface and ground water in relation to the proposal for a 25,000-tonne bulk coal sample from a property 13 kilometres south of the town.

David Foster of Bickham Coal Company said a five-month field program of additional investigations also included geology, flora and fauna and archaeology.

The hydrology studies included extended pump-out trials from a recently constructed 200-millimetre bore to determine any link between groundwater at the bulk sample site and the Pages River.

The results of the studies will also be presented to relevant government departments and Murrurundi Shire Council.

Mr Foster said he anticipates that a new Review of Environmental Factors (REF) will be completed by the end of the month, prior to exhibition for public comment.

More information?

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