

Watermark Coal Project

Public Hearing

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Economic Opportunities

- Increases the opportunity for specific qualifications to be added to the Vocational Education arena as needed by Industry
- Regional population remains strong with the ability to attract further tree-changers.
- Access to additional employment opportunities will assist in lowering the current youth unemployment currently as 13.1%
- Potential to attract new business to the town thereby having a positive impact of employment opportunities



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Australian Business Apprenticeship Centre

- Is a specialist and independent provider of Australian Apprenticeships services in NSW & ACT
- Operates under a contract funded by the Department of Industry
- Subsidiary of the NSW Business Chamber
- Offer skills & resources to assist business successfully establish and manage their apprentice & trainee positions.



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Training Opportunities

- Economic Development projects such as this one brings with it training & educational opportunities for Gunnedah & the regional community through traineeships & apprenticeships;
- These skills enhance the region's ability to take advantage of local employment opportunities and can assist in the long-term sustainability of the region's economy



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Advantages of Training

- Skill development adds value & potentially increases business capacity
- Skill development increases business productivity & profitability
- Nationally recognised qualifications
- Compliance with industry specific legislative requirements



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Advantages of Training

- Increased opportunities for school based Apprenticeships & Traineeships
- Quality Assurance Industry requirements
- Improved safety and risk management strategies
- Federal incentives available to eligible employers



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