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Dear Madam,

**Re: Shenhua Watermark Coal Project**

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Gunnedah I would like to outline the significant contribution that the Shenhua Watermark Coal project has made to the Gunnedah community over the last 5 years as part of the Exploration Licence for the project.

The Rotary Club of Gunnedah has had first-hand experience of this contribution through its involvement in a major environmental project in Gunnedah in the Namoi Parklands area. The club partnered with Shenhua in the development of passive recreation improvements to a five hundred metre section of the Namoi River foreshores that will not only benefit the residents of the Gunnedah district but also have long lasting environmental benefits.

The financial contribution of \$124,372 that Shenhua made to this project allowed the Rotary Club of Gunnedah to increase the dollar benefit threefold through the commitment of voluntary labour and other in-kind support mechanisms.

Pleasingly, from a community perspective, this partnership will continue, with Shenhua recently approving \$243,690 towards a further stage of embellishment of the Namoi River precinct. This will involve another six hundred metre section that will give rise to considerable environmental and community benefit improvements through reductions in erosion and degradation as well as more defined access for both passive and active users of the area.

The ongoing involvement clearly demonstrates Shenhua's level of commitment to addressing environmental issues and its interest in being a responsible member of the Gunnedah community.

The Rotary Club of Gunnedah trusts that the NSW Planning and Assessment Commission will take these comments into consideration when determining the Shenhua Watermark Coal Project.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Leister  
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