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DURALIE COAL MINE TO CONTINUE 'NO WATER RELEASE' APPROACH

The proposed extension of the Duralie Coal Mine will not include any application to vary the mine's long standing policy of no water release into Mammy Johnsons River.

Duralie Coal Mine has always retained and managed all mine related water on the Duralie site since the mine was established 6 years ago by its parent company Gloucester Coal.

Gloucester Coal CEO, Barry Tudor said, the detailed planning work on the Duralie mine extension Environmental Assessment had confirmed there would be no release of water into Mammy Johnsons River.

"The application to extend the Duralie Mine will not include any proposal for the controlled release of mine water off-site into Mammy Johnsons River or the irrigation of land located outside of our mining lease to the east of Mammy Johnsons River. These options were considered at one time but are no longer proposed as components of the Project.

"Since its beginning, Duralie Mine has operated as a model of environmental management placing the highest priority on meeting our environmental licence conditions. That has always included no water release into Mammy Johnsons River, early land restoration and the use of irrigation to ensure full on-site management of all mine-related water.

"The no-release water policy will not change with the proposed extension to Duralie mine.

The people of the Gloucester Valley and down-stream areas to Karuah and Port Stephens can be reassured of the company's commitment to achieving the highest standards of environmental performance which will not be compromised by the Duralie Mine extension", Mr Tudor said.

The Environmental Assessment for the proposed extension of the Duralie mine will go on public display once it is finalised and lodged with the New South Wales Department of Planning.

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