

To: Richard Sheldrake  
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Subject: request for a letter

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Hi Richard,

Following a meeting between the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Resources and Energy, can DTIRIS please draft a letter for the Deputy Premier to send to Minister Hazzard drawing on information from both the Resources and Energy Division and Trade and Investment Divisions.

The letter is in regards to the Watermark Shen – Hua proposal.

Can it please include the following:

- Jobs, Investment and infrastructure that will result from the project if it is successful in it development application
  - In particular any future investment in rail infrastructure and what this means for development of the State's north west
- That the proponents have voluntarily provided compliance with our new Strategic Lands Use Policy
- That the proponents submitted an Environmental Assessment application under the old Part 3A of the EP&A Act on 3 March
- That the EA process should not be held up by the yet to be completed Namoi Water Study (and the reasons for this which the Minerals & Energy guys know regarding site specific study vs desk top study)
- That the Deputy Premier believes the project is of State significant and is a high priority and in light of this should be progressed along the assessment path as quickly as possible
- And asking the Minister for Planning to advise of the likely timeline for the assessment
- I believe Minister Hartcher will be sending a similar letter to be drafted from the Resources and Energy Branch.

Tim – Minister Hartcher's Resources policy advisor – is CC'd on this email.

Let me know if you need any further information.

Regards

Alex

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## Richard Hammond - Fwd: Shenhua Watermark Project

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**From:** Sam Haddad  
**To:** Richard Pearson  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Shenhua Watermark Project  
**CC:** Paul Ellison; Richard Hammond  
**Attachments:** 110427 Watermark Project - Minister Briefing Note.pdf

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Richard

For attention.

Sam

(CCU: Please register)

>>> "James Bailey" <jbailey@hansenbailey.com.au> 27/04/2011 13:32 >>>

Dear Sam and Richard

Thank you for the meeting in regard to the Watermark Project on Monday 11 April 2011.

As foreshadowed at the meeting, a request to Ministers Stoner, Hartcher & Hazzard for a meeting has been forwarded to each Minister along with 'notes' on the issues sought to be discussed. A copy of these notes is attached for your information.

As you are aware from our meeting, the overriding concern of Shenhua is that its application for planning approval can progress.

The context of that concern is the financial commitments Shenhua has made to the State Government, the local community and the local Council, the commitments made in the Shenhua Expression of Interest to the State Government as to the timing of the progression of the approval path for the project and the financial commitment of Shenhua represented by the project costs to date including the purchase of all project land. You will note that Shenhua has listed to stakeholders and as such the Project does not encroach on the Black Soil Plains.

You will have also noted the potential costs to the State and the community of delay to the project.

As you know Shenhua has publically committed to meet the requirements of the new Governments Strategic Land Use Policy particularly with regard to agriculture and water. Shenhua, as mentioned at the meeting, is prepared to have this commitment embodied in appropriately framed environmental assessment requirements' that will have to be addressed in the environmental assessment for the project.

The progression of the environmental planning assessment of the Watermark project, and its detailed water assessment, is not inconsistent with the catchment wide Namoi Water Study (NWS) which will be enhanced by the information provided by a detailed project specific water study. Shenhua will conduct its water assessment to be consistent with and complimentary to the NWS. This could also be embodied in an appropriately framed environmental assessment requirement. It is noted that the NWS is due to be finalised in March 2012 which is prior to the contemplated timeframe for your departments assessment of the project. We now look forward to holding our discussions with the relevant Ministers and then reconvening with you to plan out a way forward for the progression of the appropriate environmental assessment process for this critical Project to the State of NSW.

Regards,

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