

How we will contribute to your local economy

Wandoan Coal Project Fact Sheet



The Wandoan Coal Project has the potential to provide significant opportunities for the surrounding communities and Queensland economy, through its potential for new employment, infrastructure improvements, Government royalties and flow-on effects to businesses in the local Taroom, Wandoan and Miles areas.

Jobs and spending during construction

More jobs

It is expected that during construction of the proposed mine up to 1,300 jobs will be created and there will be a flow-on effect that will generate up to 210 additional jobs in the local region.

Money being spent in the region

It is anticipated that on average between \$10 million and \$14 million will be spent locally on the purchase of goods and services involved in the construction of the proposed mine.

Jobs and investment during operation

Long term jobs

Once the proposed mine is operational 754 permanent jobs and 90 contractor maintenance jobs will be created on the mine site.

In addition, that there will be a flow-on effect that will generate around 150 to 200 permanent jobs in the local region.

Training and apprenticeship opportunities

A number of entry level jobs for school leavers, including apprenticeships and traineeships will be created among the long-term jobs once the proposed mine is operational.

The Xstrata QMEA Education Partnership between Xstrata Coal, the Queensland Department of Education and the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy will provide \$720,000 over three years for funding, equipment, curricula enrichment and



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school-industry liaison to Wandoan and Taroom State Schools, and Miles High School.

The partnership will:

- support the application for a Federally-funded Trade Training Centre in the region
- support a program for Wandoan district employers to hire apprentices in school-based or full-time apprenticeships or traineeships
- provide incentive grants to Wandoan district employers to hire apprentices in school-based or full-time apprenticeships or traineeships.

A strong local economy

It is anticipated that, on average, between \$13 million and \$16 million will be spent locally each year on the purchase of goods and services to support the mining operations.

Support from Xstrata Coal for economic development

A comprehensive Social Involvement Plan will be developed for the Project in consultation with the community, Western Downs Regional Council and the Queensland Government, for implementation once construction of the mine is approved. This plan will include:

- Initiatives and policies for business opportunities and economic development during both construction and operations, to encourage participation by local business in opportunities generated by the Project
- Initiatives and policies for employment and training to encourage participation by local job-seekers in employment and training opportunities generated by the Project

Long term economic development

Results that will be seen from the construction phase of the proposed mine include:

- Greater private sector investment in the Wandoan region
- An increase in the number and type of businesses in the region
- A return to population growth to help reverse the current trend of declining population in the region
- Attraction of young people to move to, return to, or stay in the region
- Payment of rates to the Western Downs Regional Council is expected to assist in providing a wide range of services to benefit the local community, including roads, cultural and sporting facilities, along with community and economic development services
- The payment of royalties to the Queensland Government over the life of the proposed mine.

All of these things will help the Wandoan economy transition from being solely reliant on agriculture, to being a robust, mixed economy with strong foundations in mining, service provision, infrastructure and agriculture.

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Regional economic calculations are based on the Darling Downs statistical division.

To find out more:

Talk to a member of our project team, call our free-call information line **1800 052 797**. The EIS and the Coordinator-General's Report are available online at www.wandoancoal.com.au and can be viewed at the Xstrata Coal Shopfront in Royd Street, Wandoan.

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