

ADDITIONAL ITEM

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To the Ordinary Meeting

Director's Report
Councillor

1.5 Mayoral Minute - Call for an Extension of the Public Exhibition Period of the Wallarah 2 Coal Project Environmental Assessment

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The Department of Planning (DoP) placed the Environmental Assessment for the Wallarah 2 Coal Project on public exhibition on 31 March 2010 until 2 June 2010, a period of 60 days.

The original electronic documents supplied by the applicant to Council and many community members were missing key chapters of information relating to groundwater and water supply. Replacement copies were issued approximately two weeks after the commencement of the exhibition period.

Given the volume of information contained within the document, the technical nature of the supporting studies, and possible potential issues associated with the proposal, I consider that the community has been given insufficient time to comprehend the material and make an informed judgement of the likely impacts of the proposal and make a submission to the DoP.

I formally move:

That Council request an extension of the Public Exhibition period for the Wallarah 2 Coal Project Environmental Assessment of 30 days from the Department of Planning to enable the community more time to assess the information provided.