

## **Coal mine investors visit Hughenden**

A delegation of Chinese investors made their way to Hughenden this week to discover the region's coal mining potential. The eleven Chinese visitors were hosted by Guildford Coal Limited and the Flinders Shire Council, and were accompanied on their tour by the Mayor Brendan McNamara, Deputy Mayor Greg Jones and representatives from Guildford Coal.

Guildford Coal proudly showed the delegation their drilling site situated North of Hughenden, off the Hann Highway.

Exploration by Guildford Coal is occurring within a group of tenements that covers an estimated area of 18,000km<sup>2</sup> in an attempt to determine the existence of commercially viable concentrations of the coal resource.

The Galilee and Eromanga Basins within which the tenements are located is said to have large export thermal coal potential. Coal seams in the Galilee basin are typically 2 to 8 metres thick but can vary up to several tens of metres where multiple seams combine.

The Guildford Coal website reports that the "Hughenden Project" "is designed to define the coal resources to at least Inferred status by year one, although in several cases it should be possible that resources may be defined to Indicated and Measured status by year two."

Guildford Coal Managing Director Mick Avery said, "We are excited about the opportunities that the potential coal resource in the region presents, although we are also conscious that we are in the early stages of this process and there is a lot of hard work in front of us.

"We have been made very welcome by the Hughenden community, and if we're successful with our venture we hope the community prospers also," he said.

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