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Guildford to give Community a say on Projects

North Queensland communities will be given a say on resource projects planned in the region.

In what is believed to be a first for the north, emerging coal producer Guildford Coal, announced today that it would set up a Community Consultative Committee to give local community representatives a say on its projects in the region.

The company has coal tenements over a large area of territory between Pentland and Hughenden to the west of Townsville. Exploration activity has already confirmed thermal coal deposits in excess of about 2billion tonnes.

Chair of Guildford, Peter Lindsay, said the company wanted to be on the front foot in keeping the community informed and involved in its plans.

“Even though it’s not a requirement for us to have a Community Committee, we are keen to be a pioneer in this field.

Guildford has already been active in supporting local events and organisations including the Cowboys and the Fire in Townsville and community events in Charters Towers, Hughenden and Pentland” he said.

Mr Lindsay also announced that long term Townsville resident and respected public servant, Peter Mellor, had agreed to accept the position of Chair of the Community Committee.

Mr Mellor had a distinguished career as a senior State public servant and he is now assisting on the implementation of the Flinders River Irrigation Project near Hughenden.

“I am looking forward to this new role which will help provide accurate information and give locals a chance to have input” Mr Mellor said.

Mr Lindsay stressed the initiative would not take the place of the normal community consultation.

“We will be undertaking extensive consultation when the company seeks approvals for mines and upgrading the rail to port infrastructure which will be needed to export coal”, Mr Lindsay said.



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The Guildford Coal Community Consultative Committee will hold its first meeting in early 2013 and will include representatives from Townsville, Charters Towers Regional Council area and Hughenden.

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