



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **WANDOAN COAL PROJECT TEAM APPOINTS LOCAL PROJECT LIAISON OFFICER AND OPENS NEW INFORMATION OFFICE**

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Xstrata Coal Queensland today announced the appointment of Mrs Naomi Golden as Project Liaison Officer for the Wandoan Coal Project.

Originally from Brisbane, Naomi moved to the Wandoan district more than 10 years ago when she married her husband, local Stuart Golden.

The couple and their two children, Isabel and Angus, live on a beef cattle beef property west of Wandoan.

In her role as Project Liaison Officer, Naomi will act as the primary point of contact for locals who want to know more about the project.

In congratulating Naomi on her appointment, Xstrata Coal Wandoan Project Director, Bill McKinstrey, said she was a great fit for the role.

"Naomi knows the local community and she understands what issues are most important to residents in the area," Mr McKinstrey said.

Naomi said she was excited about beginning her new job to coincide with the opening of the project's new information office and the release of the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

"I am committed to keeping the local community up-to-date as the project progresses and ensuring everyone has a thorough understanding of the proposed project and EIS," she said.

"I encourage people to visit me at the information centre over the next eight weeks to learn more about the project, ask questions and talk about any concerns they might have".

"This eight week period is the time to provide feedback on the EIS and an opportunity to have your say," Naomi said.

The project office and information centre is located on Royds Street, Wandoan, next to the pharmacy. The centre will open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9am to 12noon and Thursdays from 12noon to 3pm from 8 December 2008.

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## **About the Wandoan Coal Project**

The Wandoan Coal Project is proposed to be developed by Xstrata Coal Queensland on behalf of the Wandoan Joint Venture (WJV), consisting of Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd (75%), ICRA (Itochu) Pty Ltd (12.5%) and Sumisho Coal Australia Pty Ltd (12.5%).

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