

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 876

asked on Thursday, 16 May 2019

MR D LAST ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Waratah Coal currently controlling the greatest number of Exploration permit coal tenements of any single entity in the Galilee Basin and efforts focused around their major coal resource discoveries at the China First, Alpha North and Carmichael East projects—

Will the Minister advise the current status of these projects?

ANSWER:

Waratah Coal does hold a majority of area under exploration permit for coal in the Galilee Basin.

China First

China First is a thermal coal project located north west of Alpha. The applicant for the project has completed an environmental impact statement, but has not yet progressed to the public notification stage. The applicant is currently investigating coal transportation options which may include a slurry pipeline to port facilities. The mining notice may occur once a project decision has been reached regarding coal transportation.

Alpha North and Carmichael East

The mining lease applications were lodged in 2018 and are located north of the China First project. The project is required to complete an environmental impact statement and the applicant is currently preparing the statement. Carmichael East project is linked to the Alpha North project and will be developed as part of this operation.