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XSTRATA COAL LENDS A HAND WITH ROCKY FLOOD RECOVERY

Xstrata Coal is helping to get Rockhampton children back on the sporting field as part of its contribution to helping communities across the State recover following the recent floods.

Xstrata Coal Balaclava Island Coal Export Terminal Project Manager Chris Straw said the company was pleased to announce a \$100,000 donation to the Mayoress Regional Charity Foundation flood appeal.

"We are so impressed by the people of Rockhampton's resilience and their resolve to just clean up and get on with life," he said.

"This donation will help sporting clubs repair their fields and clubhouses so players can get back on the field. It will also help community groups whose assets were damaged."

Mr Straw said Lady Mayoress Gail Carter and her committee had shown great leadership in launching the appeal.

"Mrs Carter is passionate about getting life for Rockhampton's children, especially those whose homes were flooded, back to normal and we are happy to be able to help achieve that.

"Our operations in other parts of the State were affected with railway lines damaged, access and power to our Brisbane office cut, employees stranded and some employees' homes flooded," he said.

"We feel we are all in this together and we need to pitch in to help our communities recover."

The donation is part of a \$3 million contribution by Xstrata Coal to flood recovery projects across Queensland, which follows a \$2 million donation by the company to the Premier's Flood Appeal.

Xstrata Coal is proposing to develop the Balaclava Island Coal Export Terminal south of Rockhampton, which is currently the subject of a pre-feasibility study.

If developed, the project will create new jobs and business opportunities for local towns and the Rockhampton region.

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