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# Excise mining area under floodplain and river easy to translate

Shenhua Energy could easily fix any confusion over the translation of what their Senior Vice President, Mr Wang Jinli said in an interview with the Financial Review about future mining under the Mooki River by excising that area from their exploration licence according to the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor.

Mr Wang Jinli is quoted in the Financial Review on May 3 in part as saying, "Shenhua's development will not have a big impact on the environment because the location of the mine is on high country and away from the river system. In future there will be some mining under the river but this will be deep enough and engineered not to impact on the river."

"If Shenhua is serious about proving their commitment to not mining under the floodplain in their exploration licence area, they should voluntarily, officially and legally excise this area without seeking compensation from the Government.

"I'm sure the community would see this as a wonderful act of goodwill that would garner better acceptance of Shenhua's activities in the region and their desire to be a good corporate citizen working amicably with the agriculture sector.

"Shenhua should understand by now that people are suspicious of large corporations that appear on the surface to want to do the 'right' thing but unfortunately their actions reflect the opposite.

Excising this highly sensitive area from their exploration licence area would go a long way to overcoming the community's suspicions," Mr Windsor said.