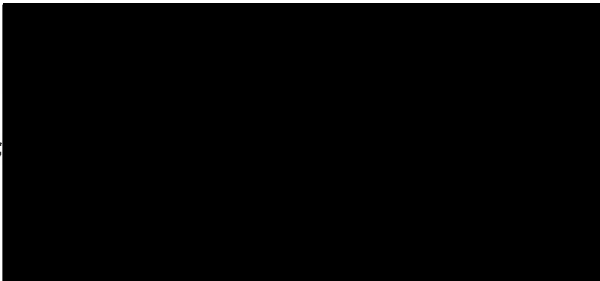


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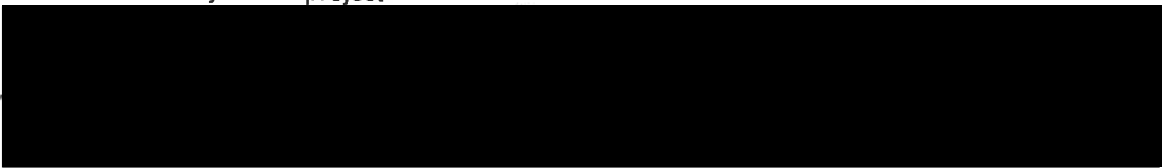
I object to this project and recommend that it be rejected.

The NSW Southern Highlands is a unique environment located midway between Sydney & Canberra. The environment & location has influenced the predominant industries & sources of employment in the area. These industries or landuses have the potential to conflict whereby growth in one industry/landuse may have a deleterious impact on existing industries. The scale of the proposed Hume Coal mine plus the processes used & transportation of coal will substantially impact on current long term industries & employment. Mining has always been part of the history of this area but the Hume Coal mine scale & impacts are well beyond what has occurred in the past.

The main sources of income & employment in the Southern Highlands evolves around agriculture →

I ask the Government to reject this project

Signed,



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tourism, service industry & light industry. These are evident conflicts with those existing industries & the proposed Home Coal mine.

In the long term we would also have concerns about the site post mining. It does not take long to find many old mining sites where rehabilitation deposits have been inadequate & the company no longer have the funds to adequately complete the rehabilitation of the site.

When considering a realistic cost/benefit analysis we would suggest there is more cost & little benefit to the Southern Highlands. These industries come into local areas outlining inflated benefits to local industry which do not reflect the actual outcomes. Costs to the local residents & environment will be listed below.

Additionally some consideration of the long term future for coal & climate change must be included. Demand for coal will change substantially in the future & the local area & community will be left with a unwanted mine site & its consequences.

To go ahead with this mine would be short sighted & bloody minded in view of the concerns of the Southern Highlands local residents.

List of particular concerns are

- ① Affect on draw down of local underground water.
- ② Pollution of underground water from toxic products used in coal washing water.
- ③ Air pollution with coal dust down wind from mine processing wash area.
- ④ Air pollution with coal dust along rail route to coast.
- ⑤ Increased traffic disruption at local rail crossings from increased number of transit trips from coal mine. This will be significant with increased ~~population~~ population and into the future. This is not an exhaustive list.