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Major Projects NSW

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Berrima Rail Project EIS SSD 15_7171 Objection

We refer to the EIS regarding the proposed Berrima Rail Project by Hume Coal.

We own the property 'Dochairn' which is 140 acres - Lot 2 of DP 1213201 and have been coming to the area for 40 years. Our property is within the Hume Coal lease area but not directly within the area proposed for mining. We are approximately 5 km to the south east of the mine site and commencement point of the rail line.

While this EIS is only about the proposed train line, it is obviously only happening due the proposed mine which we have also objected to and is going to have significant adverse impacts of its own in addition to those of the mine.

We strongly object to the proposed railway project on the main following grounds:

An eyesore!

This is an extremely major project which will have significant visual impact in an scenically beautiful area. In particular the route from the mine to Moss Vale. The impacts will extend to the wider area of Moss Vale, Robertson and the Illawarra region.

Traffic disruption

The proposal will have significant impact on the 17 affected level crossings which we understand will add 24 minutes of closures per day.

Air Pollution

Coal dust and diesel engine emissions can carry a long way in windy conditions and dust from both the mining operations and trains could be a threat to health.

Noise Pollution

The extra 8 daily trains between the mine site and Port Kembla will be long and heavy necessitating hard working and noisy diesel engines and affect many residents in the area

Conclusion

Our concerns relating to the Rail Project are for the whole area which is inherently beautiful due to a balanced combination of environmental and scenic amenity. The train line will have obvious detrimental impacts on a very extensive area from Berrima to the coast which we contend are not acceptable.

The State Government has a responsibility to protect this area and should not permit the proposal.

Yours sincerely

Anna and Richard Turner