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Attn: Executive Director, Resource Assessments Department of Planning and Environment

## Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

Re: Submission Berrima Rail Project EIS SSD 7172

Dear Sir or Madam,

I object to this project because:

• Dangerous coal dust and diesel emissions from coal trains pose a threat to human health. The examples of other locations, Hunter in particular, are already proof of this.

• Hume Coal's trains will add an extra 24 minutes of closures at rail level crossings every day. This creates unacceptable delays on emergency service response times. The Illawarra Highway is an important road and has no alternate routes for emergency vehicles should the crossing be blocked.

• A new report by The Australia Institute found that Hume Coal's mine could damage the economy of the Southern Highlands.

We urge the Government to reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for a sustainable and coal-free future for this region. The reality is that votes to the Liberal Party dropped last election in this electorate. I have only ever voted conservatively, but this matter is very serious and I will change my vote in future if nothing is done to stop this mining venture and increased rail usage down the Illawarra Escarpment.

Yours sincerely,

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