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Att; Executive Director

Resource Assessments Department of Planning and Environment

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RE SUBMISSION TO THE BERRIMA RAIL PROJECT EIS. 7171

I have just acquired a property at 3511 Old Hume Highway, Berrima in January this year. I am shocked to discover that the Berrima Rail Project, in conjunction with the Hume Coal Project is under any consideration at all.

What benefit to such a community and economy as the Southern Highlands, let alone Berrima, a heritage listed village, could this be? The negative impact will be enormous and threaten the beauty and serenity of such a beautiful environment. This proposed rail link alone would cause significant traffic delays and noise pollution in the area.

The Southern Highlands is a breath of fresh air compared to Sydney. It is a holiday destination away from an overcrowded and congested city. Also it is an independent rural community committed to a clean and green environment, which is the reason I invested in this heritage area and its thriving tourist industry.

Please don't allow the economy and amenities of the area to be destroyed by a mining project that will not survive but will damage the environment forever.

I would therefore ask that this project be rejected.

Yours sincerely,



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