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This is a submission to the Berrima Rail Project EIS SSD7171

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

I retired to the Historic village of Berrima 3 years ago, to get away from the noise, traffic and pollution of Sydney.

The EIS and DA lodged by Hume Coal shows that there will be 4 daily coal trains from the Hume Coal Mine and 4 daily returns.

My concerns are:

- Dust and continuous noise. Hume Coal cannot give assurance that there will be no dust from these trains, even if covered and we have all heard the deafening screeching of the wheels on tracks in the area. Along these tracks live many people, and especially worrying is the fact that the Robertson School is meters from the track. Are you prepared to put children's health and wellbeing whilst at school in jeopardy?
- Traffic hold ups at rail crossings. With the increasing popularity of the Southern Highlands as a place to live and as a Tourist destination, how are you going to guarantee that the coal trains are not going to place a burden on the movement of traffic in the area?
- How are you planning to facilitate the unimpeded progress at rail crossings of the various emergency vehicles including Fire Brigades, Ambulance, Police and other critical community services? If it is not by the tracks either going over or under the road it is not acceptable. There is an increasing aging population in the region and rail crossings impeding these services could be life threatening not just for them but for all.

I ask the Government to reject this project.

Signed

