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Att: Executive Director: Resource Assessments Department of  
Planning and Environment.  
GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW

**This is a submission to the Berrima Rail Project EIS SSD7171**

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

From the EIS and the DA lodged by Hume Coal it suggests that there will be 4 daily coal trains from the Hume Coal Mine with 4 daily returns. If we are to believe this prediction it will likely be more.

Since moving here 4 years ago the increase of traffic in the region has been very noticeable occasioned by the huge increase in housing development which just seems to be non stop.

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Some of my concerns are as follows:

- The train movements we have now are mostly acceptable in their frequency but any more and there will be problems of traffic movement around the shire which will become a burden for those who live here and those passing through.
- I believe there will be close to 30% increase in the total time rail crossings are closed each day 24/7 which would be unacceptable as it would impact emergency vehicles such as police, fire fighting, ambulances and other critical services
- What guarantee is there that the coal wagons will be covered so as not to evenly distribute coal dust over the shire and that the covers will do the job?

***I ask the Government to reject this project.***

Signed



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