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This is a submission to the

The BERRIMA RAIL PROJECT EIS. **SSD** and the HUME COAL PROJECT EIS **SSD 15 7172**

These two submissions depend on each other and I recommend that they both be **rejected** because they are contrary to the following three important principles and will have long-lasting detrimental effects on the Wingecarribee Shire and its people. All this for the benefit of a foreign-owned company.

1. SYDNEY WATER. *Developments in the Sydney drinking water catchment must have a **neutral or beneficial** effect on water **quality and quantity**.*
2. PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE. *Where there are threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation.*
3. INTERGENERATIONAL EQUITY. *Humans hold the natural and cultural environment of the Earth in common with other members of the present generation and with others past and present.*

The proposals **SSD 7171** and **SSD 7172**

HAVE ALREADY

- Caused land and property prices to fall in affected areas.
- Caused illness and lack of confidence by casting a shadow over the future environmental well-being of the Shire and of its people.

WILL

- Risk the supply and quality of water in the Sydney Catchment Area.
- Reduce and pollute local ground water.
- Pollute water used by the mine and by run-off from stock-piles.
- Cause additional traffic delays at level crossings.
- Reduce natural habitats by clearing and development.
- Increase noise pollution from mining and transport.
- Increase dust pollution from mining and transport.
- Increase light pollution.

