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This is a submission to the Berrima Rail Project EIS. SSD 7171

I object to this project and believe it should be rejected for the following reasons.

1/ The SCOPE of the EIS is inadequate as the Hume Coal Project significantly impacts the Berrima branch line AND the Unanderra to Port Kembla Branch line. Now the Tahmoor mine will operate into the future the extra traffic from Hume will double the amount of coal train traffic on the Unanderra line.

2/ Whilst a GRADE SEPARATION is proposed for the Old Hume Highway, Suttor Road in Moss Vale, Sheepwash Road and Illawarra Highway crossings are completely ignored. These last two crossings experience high levels of traffic in morning, afternoons and weekends. Many of the road users are tourists unfamiliar with the local area and rail level crossings. The Suttor Road crossing is used by both Moss Vale local residents and industrial area traffic. With the increase in heavy rail traffic these crossings pose an unacceptable risk to public safety and to rail staff.

3/ PEDESTRIAN traffic including school children are seriously at risk in Moss Vale and Robertson. Robertson in particular has a number pedestrian crossings and road crossing that are inadequate and poorly fenced.

4/ The rail line runs approx. 30 metres behind the 160 STUDENT Robertson Primary School. The children play and spend time on the oval area that runs beside the rail line. Coal dust and noise pose an unacceptable health risk to school children and School staff. "There may be no safe threshold for fine particulate matter and the effects are linearly related to concentration." (World Health Organisation & Australian National Pollution Inventory)

I urge the Government to reject this project as it proposes an unreasonable risk to public health and safety.

Signed,



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