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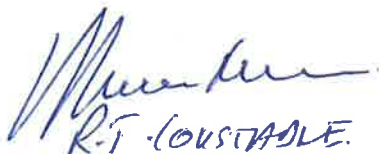
This is a submission to the Berrima Rail Project EIS. SSD 7171

I object to this project and believe it should be rejected for its impact on community safety which will be put significantly at risk by the project and its impact on road traffic in the Highlands.

- The EIS and DA lodged by Hume Coal in respect of the Berrima Rail Project shows that there will be additional traffic delays at level crossings. (ES3.3)
- The rail route of the 4 daily coal trains from the Hume Coal mine and 4 back to the mine will involve 17 level crossings in the Southern Highlands and down the escarpment on the route to Port Kembla.
- The addition of the Hume Coal trains will add an extra 24 minutes of closures at rail level crossings each and every day
- This will result in daily closures at rail crossings rising from 69 minutes every day to 93 minutes or more than one and a half hours daily.
- Major rail crossings to be impacted include those at Robertson and on Sheepwash Road
- The nearly 30% increase in the total time rail crossings are closed each day as a result of the Hume Coal proposal will present unacceptable impacts on emergency vehicles including fire brigades, ambulances, police and other critical community services.

I urge the Government to reject this project

Signed,


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