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### **BERRIMA RAIL PROJECT EIS SSD 15\_7171**

I totally object to the Berrima Rail Project proposed by Hume Coal in the Southern Highlands of NSW for the following reasons.

#### **1. Impact on Village of Berrima and New Berrima**

The proposed Berrima Rail Project will have a huge impact on the historic town of Berrima because it is so close to the town. Businesses in Berrima totally rely on tourism, and with the coal dust issue, noise and unsightly rail facility close by it is very likely tourists will prefer to go elsewhere and hundreds of businesses will be adversely affected or ruined.

The proposed railway extension will cross the Old Hume Hwy just south of Berrima village and very close to New Berrima village. Here a rail maintenance facility is also proposed, including sidings and provisioning facilities, for refuelling, maintenance and storage. This facility will operate day and night, every day, which will be extremely disruptive and noisy for local residents. Dust from the trains will also be significantly worse for these local residents and cause many health issues.

#### **2. Impact on the Residents of Medway Road**

The people living on properties along Medway Road will be severely impacted by the proposed railway extension, provisioning facilities and the mine site operations centre itself. They will be severely affected by noise, dust, odours, extra traffic and unsightly mine and railway works.

It is totally unfair that the residents of Medway Road should have their lives and properties destroyed by the proposed Berrima Rail Project and the Hume Coal Project.

#### **3. Visual Impact on the Area**

The proposed rail crossing of the Old Hume Hwy is at the southern end of the historical Remembrance Drive section, which is a popular scenic drive for visitors to the area. The natural topography here is relatively flat, and the large embankments each side of the bridge across the highway will appear overbearing, completely out of place and extremely unsightly. We cannot allow a popular tourist drive and historical site to be desecrated like this.

In addition, the rail provisioning facilities will also be located at this site, which will further make the area unsightly.

#### **Summary**

I therefore totally object to the proposed Berrima Rail Project and ask the government to reject this proposal.

I have not made a reportable political donation in the last 2 years.

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