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Attn: Executive Director
Resource Assessments Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY 2001

Re: Submission to the Hume Coal Project (EIS SSD 7172) and Berrima Rail Project (EIS SSD 7171)

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to make my personal objection to the proposed Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Rail Project and believe that both proposals should be rejected.

In this day and age with our increased awareness of the environment and the serious damage we have caused it over past decades, I feel we should urgently look to alternative power sources rather than mining for fossil fuels. The use of solar and wind power has recently increased enormously and should continue to be encouraged rather than permitting multi-national corporations to leech our resources.

Water is a precious commodity in Australia and the risks to groundwater are too great with the potential of toxic mine waste affecting the aquifer above the mine as well as the mine water being pumped into Oldbury Creek.

Hume Coal trains will add to the use of rail lines with level crossings causing significant delays to residents and emergency services. These trains will also potentially affect the health of residents, especially the elderly and children, with dangerous coal dust and diesel emissions.

I moved to the Southern Highlands from Sydney 30 years ago to enjoy the clean air and rural lifestyle, not to be subjected to increased traffic, polluted waterways and destroyed ecosystems. Surely there are better, safer, cleaner options to providing energy? Let's explore them!

I urge the Government to reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands.

Yours faithfully

Carol Franklin

