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This is a submission to the Hume Coal Project EIS. SSD 7172

I object to this project and believe it should be rejected for the projects impact on WATER - ground and surface.

- 93 Bores on 71 properties will be affected by water drawdown. The impact on bores will remain for between 36 to 65 years, after mining ceases. (ES4.1.2)
- It is expected that some bores affected may never fully recover.
- Treatment and release into Oldbury Creek of surplus onsite mining water in years when above average rain falls. (ES4.1.1)
- Again if there is any discharge into the surface or ground water systems in the Sydney water Catchment, then the applicant must demonstrate that the development has either a neutral or beneficial impact on water quality".
- Water used to wash coal and residual "spoil", which will be pumped back underground into mine voids, which has the potential to impact groundwater systems. ES4.1.1.1
- The potential impacts of the Hume Coal proposal on water and the Sydney Water Catchment must be considered within the context of the widely accepted 'Precautionary Principle" which is a fundamental principle of ecologically sustainable development and which is a benchmark used in the assessment of planning in NSW.

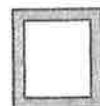
I urge the Government to reject this project

Signed,

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