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5. Hume Coal quote the jobs they will bring to the community, but existing sustainable jobs in agriculture are threatened by lack of water to produce food, then there's the almost certain impacts on retail and tourism jobs. These sorts of jobs are in the thousands, approximately 8,000 I believe - many more than the 300 Hume Coal promises." Australia has very little good farming land, we should protect what we have, not destroy it.
  6. They will need experienced miners which most locals aren't so will have to bring in people from outside. Will that end in house prices, and rents, escalating so that people who now live there won't be able to afford to when the mine is in operation, as has happened in WA.
  7. What happens when the mine finishes will we be left with the cleaning up of the environment as has happened in so many other mines in this country which the tax payer has to fund or they are just left in their devastated state. These companies promise all but when they are gone we don't seem to chase them for the money to fix up the problems.
  8. I don't think the money we are supposed to get from this project is in any way to our states betterment. I think that you should not allow this project to take place. I'm sure we would not be allowed to do this in most other countries. Money isn't everything
  9. This is Hume Coals own EIS statement. What an inditement, that they admit this, and we are going to allow it, where is our government to protect us. The fact that they have prepared for an explosion, so face the openings to the mine away from the road, why allow the entrance to be anywhere near a major road connecting our Capital to Sydney and Melbourne. What if the wind is blowing towards the road that day it will impact on traffic and could cause accidents and maybe loss of life. Also what effect would an explosion have on the aquifer and the toxic rejects that have been pumped back underground. Once they get into the aquifer, the impact on farming would permanently

## **Some facts from Hume Coal's EIS**

reliminary examination of the EIS has revealed:

**93 bores on 71 properties** will be directly impacted

On average a bore will only achieve **75% recovery** after 36 years

Some bores will continue to be affected for **65 years**

Mine openings have been deliberately orientated away from the main Sydney - Canberra - Melbourne road corridor to manage the possible risk of a **coal dust explosion** on the site and **shockwave impacting the highway and traffic**

render the use of bore water impossible as toxic chemicals would get into the food chain, let alone Sydney's water. But it's only Australians, are we expendable?

Yours truly  
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