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Re Hume Coal Project EIS 15_7172

As a local resident my concerns reflect historical information where non-Australian company's apply for a license to engage in our economy. Principally of course it's for their benefit not ours, but that aside we abide by the rules of engagement attached to a license, foreign companies don't. By the time EPA exercise their legal options, Hume Coal will have delayed their responses by which time they will have achieved their objective and we will be left with the mess to clear up.

Another issue is we've lived under the stress of this application for over six years and in all probability it will fail. But Hume Coal won't give up and we can expect another application almost immediately in a different format to achieve the same result. I would strongly suggest if their application is rejected they be unable to re-submit for at least 5 years. Hopefully this would dissuade them from continuing in Australia.

1.7 million people visit the Southern Highland each year in response to many years work in promotion and building up tourist attractions. These are supported by cafes, restaurants, guesthouses and clubs. Hume Coal's plan would not contribute in any way to our society and would have a negative impact on the attractions we presently offer.

I also support the other objections for 'Water not Coal'. Apart from anything else NSW Planning and Environment would be complicit in contributing to carbon emissions, when this coal is eventually burned, in direct contradiction to the Paris Agreement to which Australia and just about every other country is a signatory.

Yours faithfully

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