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This is a submission to the Hume Coal Project SSD 7172

I object to this project and recommend that it be rejected.

I moved to the Southern Highlands because of its beautiful landscape, pure air, farming focus & National Park not to mention tourist attractions.

To think that a coal mine may be developed in this landscape just doesn't fit!

There is irrefutable evidence that the aquifer will be negatively affected & under NSW Rules state that "any developments in the Sydney Water Catchment must have a neutral or beneficial effect on water quality." On this fact alone that the coal mine development would fail & must be rejected.

Berrima is the most delightful Highlands town, which attracts tourists every weekend & during holidays. The livelihood of all the tourism operators (& there are many more

I ask the Government to reject this project

Signed,

G. Downie

than is stated in the EIS) would be in danger or gone. The

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population of many of the Highlands towns are employed in these industries that cater to tourists from Sydney, Canberra & overseas. Many small business operators have relocated from larger urban centres to open tourism operations in our area. These industries are much more sustainable than mining & will not destroy our landscape, water or air.

I have not made any reportable political donations to any party in the last 2 years.

I urge you to reject this Project.

G. Dawne