

Berrima Rail Project EIS. SSD 7171

We object to this project believing it should be rejected for the following reasons.

Terminal

In order to move coal there needs to be a terminal with stockpiling of coal and workshop. The impact to those closest such as residents at New Berrima is an unacceptable impost. Quite clearly there will be noise, extra light, dust, fumes and diesel smells. These are totally inconsistent with the clean air currently experienced. A 24 hour a day operation is absolutely unacceptable.

Traffic

Along the route of the proposed line there will be adverse impact on both pedestrian and road traffic. Robertson Primary School is located very close to the rail line and there is a very real concern in relation to coal dust and noise impacting on and posing a health risk to both students and staff not to mention the wider community in the area.

With the extra movement of trains there will be an impact on road movement at Robertson and Sheepwash Roads. This will not only affect day to day commuter movement but also on commercial and tourists wishing to move from place to place without being stuck in "traffic".

To have critical emergency services delayed at crucial intersections while long carriage trains roll by is of great concern as we realise that minutes can mean the difference between life and death. We should bear in mind that this is indeed a reality which cannot be easily dismissed.

Conclusion

This rail project should not go ahead based on the impact it will have on pollution, noise and traffic movement. Indeed, with the rejection of the Hume Coal project this naturally follows on as a non-occurrence.