



Submission in Support of The Hume Coal Project (7172) & The Berrima Rail Project (7171)

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I would like to add my support to the Hume Coal project in Berrima. My support comes from 3 different points.

Firstly, I am Welsh and very proud of our coal mining background. The industry produces men of great character, team spirit and family values. The community spirit from huge projects like this can't be replicated in other industries.

Secondly, as a wingecarribee resident for many years, I have witnessed a steady decline in core industries, and a change in culture to flexible, casual working arrangements. This means that half a generation of young, mainly, men, can't see a guaranteed future that includes home ownership.

Thirdly, in my current position as a representative of the longest surviving recruitment and labour hire business in the Southern Highlands, we have to travel 45 minutes north or south or further to create regular, substantial vacancies and therefore income. It's time the local community and authorities showed their support for the blue collar workers.