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2 Hume Coal Project
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3 I **object** to the project

4 **Reasons** for my objection:

a. **NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS**

As a frequent visitor to the Southern Highlands, I admire the pristine, rural beauty of this part of NSW. The introduction of a coal mine to the area would impact on this beauty in much the same way as mines have impacted on areas such as the Wollongong hinterland and the Hunter Valley.

b. **NEED TO RESIST ANY POSSIBLE THREAT TO THE WATER SUPPLY OF THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS**

I am not convinced that the water table of the area would not be affected by the proposed project. Water is a major resource in every area of Australia and any possible threat to this resource in the , as yet, still unaffected Southern Highlands should sensibly be resisted.

c. **EFFECT ON TOURISM IN THE AREA**

Like myself many people, particularly from the cities, are frequent visitors to this naturally beautiful area of NSW. Almost, certainly the introduction of a coal mine to the Southern Highlands would have a detrimental effect to the local, business community.

d. **INFERIOR WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN**

It would appear that Hume Coal intends to remove its waste by back filling the mine. This seems to me to be a highly dangerous plan, particularly in regard to the effect that such waste might have on the water table of the area.

e. WORLD WIDE TREND TO MOVE AWAY FROM COAL

Given the environmental crisis of global warming facing the world, many countries are deescalating their dependence on coal and turning to renewable energy. In alignment with this trend, this project to extract even more coal from Australia should be resisted.

5.I declare that I have **not** made any reportable political donation in the past two years.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Robert V Matthews". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' at the end.

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