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This is a submission to the Hume Coal Project EIS. SSD 7172

I object to this project and believe it should be rejected for the projects impact on WATER - ground and surface.

- 93 Bores on 71 properties will be affected by water drawdown. The impact on bores will remain for between 36 to 65 years, after mining ceases. (ES4.1.2)
- It is expected that some bores affected may never fully recover.
- Treatment and release into Oldbury Creek of surplus onsite mining water in years when above average rain falls. (ES4.1.1)
- Again if there is any discharge into the surface or ground water systems in the Sydney water Catchment, then the applicant must demonstrate that the development has either "a neutral or beneficial impact on water quality".
- Water used to wash coal and residual "spoil", which will be pumped back underground into mine voids, which has the potential to impact groundwater systems. ES4.1.1.1
- The potential impacts of the Hume Coal proposal on water and the Sydney Water Catchment must be considered within the context of the widely accepted "Precautionary Principle" which is a fundamental principle of ecologically sustainable development and which is a benchmark used in the assessment of planning in NSW.

I urge the Government to reject this project

Signed,

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