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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

I am 66 years old and live with my husband on our property on the NE corner of the Hume and Illawarra Highways.

# LONG TERM IMPACT

I am led to believe that HUME Coal want to take out about 3 million tonne of coal per annum. If this is the case there will be a lot more than 3 million tonne of material taken from the ground and this must have an impact on the ground and landscape. They say they are going to fill the holes with discarded materials I guess in a liquid form. What happens in 5 years when the liquid leaches out, what about 10 years? What about 100 years? A 1000 years? You cannot tell me that this will have no impact - that is absolute rubbish!

# **CLEAN UP**

Hume Coal will be required to clean up after they have finished mining. I don't care how many boxes they tick off in some bureaucratic world they will never be able to clean the site up properly. It will always be a mining site or where the mine used to be. Totally unsatisfactorily.

## **BELANGALO**

The amount of drilling and movement of men and machinery around this forest is terrible. After all the tragedy that has occurred in this area it should probably be declared a sacred site. No human being would like any trampling over the areas where any loved one had met such macabre and tragedy. The Government has shown total disrespect for allowing such activity and Hume Coal could not care less.

### COAL

What is the point in mining coal? Listen to the debates globally, it is a worthless product and has the potential to destroy a magic part of the world here locally and the planet by way of pollution when burnt. What a total waste of time and energy.

#### **SUMMARY**

I am totally over the greed and disrespect that HUME Coal and Government have shown us. This mine could destroy our water, landscape, way of life and employment for my children in this area we call home.