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We wish to **maintain our privacy in this submission** and request our name be withheld from the list of submitters and that any personal information in our submission and attachments not be published.

We have not made a reportable political donation.

ATTN: Executive Director, Resource Assessments, NSW Department of Planning and Environment

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RE: BERRIMA RAIL PROJECT — Submission to the EIS. SSD 7171

We have been residents of McArthurs Crossing, between Berrima and Medway, for 25 years on our property *Billarimba*. We own land on both sides of the Wingecarribee River, west of Berrima — a property unique for its mix of native flora and fauna, including many endangered species. We are senior citizens and part of an interconnected number of small villages and towns and rely on that connectedness in our daily lives to get to shops, medical appointments, picking children up from schools.

We object to this proposal and believe it should be rejected on the grounds that it will have a dangerous and divisive impact on the health of the local COMMUNITY.

Health of Community Compromised

- The EIS and DA lodged by Hume Coal in respect of the Berrima Rail Project shows that there will be additional traffic delays at level crossings. (ES3.3)
- The addition of Hume Coal trains will add an extra 24 minutes of road closures at level crossings each and every day.
- The disruption of the rail proposal to our and other local residents' daily lives would be significant — most of us need to go backwards and forwards several times a day and increased delays would have significant negative impact.
- The nearly 30% increase in total time rail crossings are closed each day as a result of the proposed Hume Coal rail traffic will present unacceptable impacts on emergency vehicles including fire brigades, ambulances, police and other critical community services.
 - For us, and others, this could mean the difference between life and death in a health emergency or bushfire.
 - This is an area known for the Eastern Brown snake, whose bite is deadly, especially if antivenin is not administered promptly.
 - We are going to be affected by noise and light pollution from the rail link, as will Berrima residents, because the proposed location is too close to where people live.

We urge the government to reject this project.

Signed,

Mark Alexander and Wendy Alexander

