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RE: Hume Coal Project EIS SSD 15_7172

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed mine, and my strong objection. The basis of my concern is the potential harmful effect on water reserves.

The mine is in the Sydney water catchment area, and is therefore a threat to drinking water and agriculture for the Sydney metropolitan basin and beyond.

I am a primary producer in the Southern Highlands. As farming land on the city fringe is being developed for housing there is an increased reliance on outlying areas like the Highlands to provide clean, fresh food for the Sydney market as well as to our own area. In the long term it is critical that water quality and supply can be guaranteed, for the provision of fresh food and as a matter of basic health. Hume Coal cannot provide that guarantee.

There are many other environmental, social and economic impacts to the Highlands – water is the primary one for me.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,
Elisabeth Crawford
Brillig Farm.