

## **Submission against the proposed Hume Coal Project and Associated rail extension**

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Dear Commissioner,

This submission is in addition to an earlier submission I made under my name Carl McGann. However following a meeting with residents along Medway Road with your representatives (Clay Preshaw and Paul Freeman) my wife and our family felt compelled to add to the earlier submission sent in on 1 June 2017.

We have owned our property for over 10 years having purchased it as a retirement plan for ourselves and somewhere for our extended family to gather for family catch ups and events such as Christmas and school holidays. Since purchasing the property we have invested a considerable amount into improving the land and the property. Now with the proposal and in particular the change to handling and transport plans this threatens to substantially impact both our economic assets but more importantly our quality of life both now and during our entire retirement.

The coal "mountain" will be 5 stories high with conveyor belts running either side and will be both visible and audible from our property. It will be less than a kilometre away. This coal mountain will be an eye soar that will blight the country side and bring with it noise and dust pollution which will ruin our once pristine environment and that of the entire Medway community that will be most heavily impacted by the proposed project. Further the proposal is for a 24 by 7 hour operation which clearly shows no regard whatsoever for any community members impacted.

We have invested and planned for our long term retirement at our "Wembley" property and this proposed project will turn our dreams into a nightmare and one which is already causing us considerable anxiety and will likely result in longer term anxiety and stress given we will be trapped. Emotional and physical health damage will be compounded by financial damage that will ensure that our once beautiful country property is ruined and left worthless.

Our community has been deeply impacted by the proposal and the more recent changes that occurred with the storage and handling. Many livelihoods are being profoundly impacted and will be devastated should the proposal be approved. There are many technical, environmental and economic reasons that this proposal should be declined (and these will be articulated in great detail by the broader community and action groups that oppose any coal mining in such a unique and culturally important area) however this submission focuses on the social and emotional damage that is already occurring the community members most directly impacted including my family. I appreciated the opportunity to meet with your representatives as I feel it has helped them truly understand the impact this proposal is having and will have on many peoples lives and futures were it to proceed.

Kind regards,

Carl, Caroline, Cassidy and Hugo