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Department of Planning and Environment

Attention: Executive Director – Resource Assessments & Business Systems,

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Sydney NSW 2001

Re: Hume Coal Project (SSD 7172) and associated Berrima Rail Project (SSD 7171)

Dear Sir/Madam,

This Branch is vitally concerned with the management of horse health and welfare in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales. The Branch is also in close and regular contact with many of the large numbers of other people in this region who are similarly concerned.

The technical material which purports to deal with the impact of this proposed underground mine upon the ground and other water essential to horse health and welfare raises the great risk that this mine poses to existing water quality and availability.

The main purpose of this submission is to make clear to the proposed operators of the mine, the consent authority and the Government generally that if after the mine commences operation horses and land in the vicinity of the mine are adversely affected by alteration of water conditions a class action will be commenced to recover damages flowing from that alteration and for orders to halt further operations which could adversely affect water conditions.

The material of which the Branch is aware leads to a conclusion that the application should be refused on the grounds of potential adverse affectation of water conditions. The science in this field is so imprecise that there are no conditions of consent which can deal with the risk involved.

Even if it were (wrongly) thought the water material is not positive grounds for outright refusal the precautionary principle dictates refusal in the light of the known risk.

Would you kindly acknowledge receipt and consideration of this submission.

Regards

Secretary
Australian Stock Horse Society – Moss Vale Branch