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Department of Planning and Environment
Attn: Executive Director, Resource Assessments

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is a submission in relation to the irreversible impact and risk of the proposed mine on neighbouring properties, the Historic Village of Berrima, the welfare of livestock and agri-businesses and the most valued of natural resources that been AIR quality and WATER.

To many unanswered questions:

- During the life of the mine, what parameters dictate the location of ventilation shafts in respect to safe distances from residential and built-up communities?
- Given the unique geological structure of the Hawkesbury Sandstone in the coal seam, how can the mine proceed safely, without impacts on land owners in areas that have not had exploratory bores drilled? Even though these areas are within mine's exploration licence.

Expansion of Coal Mining into the Southern Highlands:

- Dangerous coal dust and diesel emissions from coal trains pose a threat to the welfare of humans and livestock;
- The science is so imprecise that there are no conditions of consent which can deal with the risk;
- Rich heritage area, including the Georgian Architecture of Berrima and surrounding farmland destroyed;
- Destruction of endangered Flora and Fauna;
- Damage the existing economy of the Southern Highlands;
- Ruin Sydney Water aquifer, ground water and local bores;
- Damage to property values

I encouraged the Minister for Planning and the Environment to refuse the Hume Coal Project.
Regards

Stephen Simpson
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