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The Hume Coal Project EIS SSD 15_7172

I strongly object to the above project.

1. WATER

Water is a scarce resource and the aquifers above the coal seams would be damaged. As Berrima berry farmer and retired geologist, Bruce Robertson says,

“If they mine underneath it [the aquifer] it will be destroyed, no question about that”

To put at risk these aquifers is a highly irresponsible act. Aquifers have been lost in the past and we should be looking at protecting the ones we know we still have.

To risk these water holdings in order to mine what is now described as a much smaller deposit of thermal coal for it is apparently an only 46% deposit. It does not make monetary sense for royalties to the NSW government will be only small.

2.POLLUTION

There is no water treatment plant so highly toxic waste water may at times flow into Oldbury Creek and then into the Wingecarribee River and then the Sydney Water Catchment..

3. COAL DUST.

This can be dangerous and dust may be blown from the trucks carrying the coal, Also the long transporting trip from the rail head at Berrima, through the Highlands to Robertson then down to Port Kembla and back by four huge long trains four times a day would allow dust to be blown in many places.

The trains would also have to be driven slowly over the level crossings as the weight of the load would probably damage the road crossings if driven quickly. Traffic would be held up while the trains passed. Annoyance for car drivers waiting in the queues to pass. Why put the public through all this for so little return.

Posco has a bad reputation and the Hume Project EIS left many unanswered questions according to those who understand these technical matters better than I do.

I am an old lady but I can see the obvious risks in this project.

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE SUCH A RISKY VENTURE WHEN WE CAN

LOSE SO MUCH