

The Hume Coal Project

- What guarantee can Hume Coal give that their methods of exploration will not have **any** effect on **any** of our water supply?
- If there were to be overflows, contamination or faults in the mining process what procedures do Hume Coal have in place to reverse these immediately? What guarantees do you have in place that these procedures will be followed?
- Hume Coal states that the noise and dust levels are all within acceptable levels.

No increase in noise, dust or other pollutants in my view is acceptable-that is why we chose to live here.

- Physical and mental health problems have already had an effect on a Southern Highlands community because of this coal mine proposal.
An individual's health and wellbeing is greatly determined on the control one has over their environment.
How does Hume Coal propose to protect and manage the health and well being of the effected Southern Highland communities considering firstly the changing of the status quo of the community and secondly the lack of **trust** in Hume Coal because of the unenviable track record of POSCO?
How will Hume Coal compensate individuals / communities already suffering from the effects of this proposal?
How will Hume Coal compensate individuals/ communities who will suffer if this proposal was to go ahead?
- The majority of businesses in the village are associated with catering to the needs our visitors.
Visitors come to wine and dine, visit historic buildings, camp, swim in the river, walk, take a break from noisy and polluted cities and to enjoy the other delights the Sothern Highlands has to offer.
Many will spend a number of nights in the area in one of the many B& B's, the motel, guest houses or the camping ground.
A mine on the edge of the village would have a detrimental effect on these services and businesses. The ambiance the village provides would change. How does Hume Coal propose to ensure that our village will remain a place that will be able to welcome visitors?

As a resident of Berrima who lives (in a house of historical interest) and is employed in the village I request that our state government reject this project.