

We are supporting the Project

### **Princess Pastoral Company and Hume Coal**

Our Company currently licences the Hume Coal properties for agricultural pursuits. This has been an arrangement for the past two years and has another 3 years to run. We expect that this arrangement will run in perpetuity as long as we perform to Hume's expectation.

As Directors we live on site and will house our 5 children within 1 km of the train line and 2km of the stockpile.

We employ four people earning in excess of \$80k per annum each

We turn off \$9 million worth of livestock per annum purchased primarily in the local area.

### **Hume Coal as a company**

We have found Hume coal to be at all times honourable in their promises.

Staff are professional and focused

The have been open with their goals and have been available to discuss any concerns

Hume coal have been diligent in their communication with the community

### **Farming within the mine area**

We will continue to run a highly productive grazing farm within bounds of an operating mine.

As directors of our company we have carefully carried out due diligence on the impacts of water, dust ,noise, traffic and fully believe that the EIS satisfies our concerns and has more than adequately mitigated the risks.

We will bear the brunt if there any adverse impacts from the mine and we are comfortable that any issues would be addressed and mitigated in a timely and effective manner as outlined in the EIS.

### **Local social and economic implications**

300 direct jobs are greatly required in the local area. Our discussions with other local businesses paint an extremely positive picture of the impacts and a great deal of support positions will be required.

The area is requiring jobs in the school leaver to 45 years bracket. This project will supply these jobs and subsequent spin off jobs.

The Highlands lacks industrial employment.

The opportunity of taking the licence over the Hume Coal properties has not only moved our family back to the area. In turn our business has been supporting local business by using local businesses for our repairs, cattle purchasing, transport etc.

Hume Coal has been active in the community sponsoring a number of junior and senior sporting teams.

There is great support from the working demographic in the Wingecarribee area.

### **Summation**

We see this project as delivering

- 300 high paid jobs
- A productive farm and mine operating in co- existence

- Minimal disturbance to local area

We are confident in the mine design which will co-exist with our farming enterprise.