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Attention:
Executive Director Resource Assessments
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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: **Hume Coal Project EIS SSD 15 7172 - OBJECTION**

I refer to EIS SSD 15_ 7172 regarding the proposed coal mine in Sutton Forest.

My family owns the property 'Dochairn' on 140 acres being Lot 2 of DP 121320. We have Primary Producer status and engage a manager to oversee the operations. It is important that the property remains a viable business and that the heritage of the region is preserved.

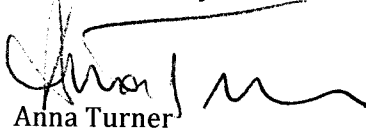
I object to the proposed mine on the following grounds:

1. **Water:** Hume Coal admits that its activities will significantly affect water bores in the area –Water Impact Assessment –Appendix E Section E55. The impact will be for 22 years approximately. Increased pumping costs will be incurred. For cattle and other agricultural industries to remain sustainable, the supply and quality of water in the region cannot be compromised.
2. **Heritage:** Sutton Forest and Berrima are unique heritage areas in the region with Berrima attracting over 200,000 visitors per year. This is important to the economy of the region. A coal mine will significantly impact on the attractiveness for tourism and heritage related activities.
3. **Wildlife:** The Wingecarribee Shire Council website states, "The Southern Highlands is a bird watchers paradise". Birdlife Australia reports that 260 species of birds can be seen in the Southern Highlands region and highlights several of the best places to view the birds. It says, "Flowing through the historic town of Berrima, the Wingecarribee River is a good spot to observe the Yellow-faced Honeyeaters.... Platypuses may be seen" and further, "Wetlands and a floodplain alongside the Wingecarribee River.. is on the Ramsar list of internationally important wetlands." All wildlife is readily affected by chemical and physical impacts on their ecosystems. There is no doubt that the scale of coal mining activities proposed by Hume Coal will pose unquantifiable and irreversible detrimental risks on the habitat of wildlife in the region.
4. **Local Industry:** Hume Coal's economic model ignores serious impact on other local industries. Employment opportunities supported by mining activities will potentially cancel any net gain to employment in the region.
5. **Trainline:** While this is the subject of a separate EIS, the proposed new train

line depends on the mine proceeding. The proposed new train line however will have significant adverse impacts of its own in addition to those of the mine - traffic, noise and dust plus the unattractive visual aspects in a scenically beautiful area. These impacts will extend to the wider area of Moss Vale, Robertson and the Illawarra region with the 17 affected level crossings.

The NSW State Government has a responsibility to protect the Southern Highlands region and should reject the Hume Coal Project.

Yours sincerely

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Anna Turner