

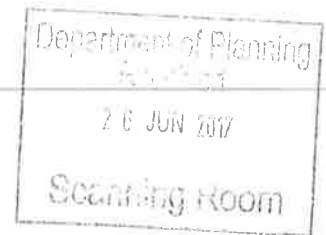


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Dear Sir,

Re: Coal Mine at Sutton Forest, Exeter & Berrima

This letter of protest concerns the proposed longwall mining in the Southern Highlands of NSW by a foreign company, namely POSCO of South Korea, applying under the name Hume Coal locally!

This mining company will destroy a particularly beautiful part of the Southern Highlands, part of which is in an environmental heritage protection zone (Sutton Forest & Exeter). A foreign company will export the coal and the monetary profits to South Korea, with no benefit to us, the residents or the country.

We may lose our aquifer, we may experience subsidence. We shall suffer coal dust, extra truck traffic, noise and, most probably, Korean workers, despite the company assuring us of many jobs for the locals (probably truck drivers).

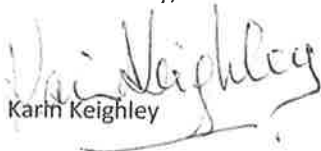
Another point to make is our seemingly increasing temperatures and lack of rain, which will mean droughts in the future. We shall require the water from the aquifers. I am aware that Hume Coal has done everything to endear itself to the community, but if you would care to drive to our district, you will note anti-coal signs on many, many properties. We definitely do not want a coal mine in this historic area. Sutton Forest has the most nineteenth century historic buildings. It would be a pity if they suffer from subsidence.

Hume Coal has bought several large properties in the Sutton Forest area under false pretentions, i.e. under an agricultural company name to fool the owners. That was blatant dishonesty.

I am a former resident of Sutton Forest, where my husband and I gifted the property 'Golden Vale' to the National Trust for it to be preserved for future generations. It is also under a Heritage Preservation Order.

PLEASE DO NOT PERMIT THIS MINE APPLICATION TO GO AHEAD. After all, the country is going from coal to wind/solar energy.

Yours faithfully,


Karin Keighley