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**This is a submission to the Hume Coal Project EIS. SSD7172**

I object to this project and recommend that it be rejected.

I am writing this submission in total shock that a coal mine could even be considered in this pristine and beautiful area of the Southern Highlands. We moved to the village of Berrima to retire some years ago. ONE of the reasons we chose this area was for the CLEAR CLEAN AIR associated with this region. I am an ASTHMATIC and so I am very aware that if coal is being extracted from the earth, this will have an impact on health problems. With stockpiles of coal ground in close proximity to our village, and prevailing winds, the spread of coal dust will have a huge impact on our health, as well as our daily lives. BERRIMA is a beautiful, untouched 1830's village with great tourist appeal for NSW. This will be SPOILT. Who is the arbitrator in this situation? With poor economic return for NSW there is no reason to consider this project. I ask the Government to reject this project.

Signed,

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