



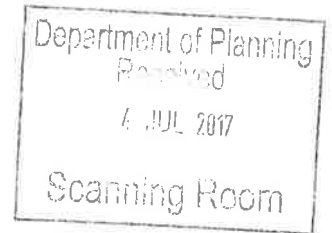
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**Re: Submission Hume Coal Project EIS SSD 15\_7172**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I object to the proposed new Hume Coal mine in the Southern Highlands because:

- We value our clean water supply here in the Southern Highlands. But already our rivers and creeks are under threat. Toxic mine waste water is a pollution risk to our river system which is part of the Sydney drinking water catchment. Risks to groundwater are too great: the project will seriously affect at least 93 bores owned by 71 landowners, with some drawn down by up to 80 metres.

An April 2017 Galaxy Research poll found support for the coal mine among Wingecarribee Shire residents is just 18%. We know very few residents who support mining here. There are a few retired miners around who have made their living in a mine but some have changed their support.

- Dangerous coal dust and diesel emissions from coal trains pose a threat to human health. The examples of other locations, Hunter in particular, are already proof of this.

- Hume Coal's trains will add an extra 24 minutes of closures at rail level crossings every day. This creates unacceptable delays on emergency service response times. We live right alongside the main track and trains go past all the time, night and day.

- The parent company, POSCO, has an appalling international track record for corruption, environmental destruction and human rights abuse documented in India, Uzbekistan, South Korea, Vietnam and West Papua. Don't let them do it to us here, please.

- We have a lovely area here, but since Hume Coal started buying up land property values for farmland has just dropped by a third. Rich heritage areas and farmland will be destroyed.

- The uncertainty caused by the prospect of a coal mine in the district has caused anxiety, depression and ill-health in the community. My friends who own a property off Golden Vale Road have had serious health and relationship issues. We know of others too.

- A new report by The Australia Institute found that Hume Coal's mine could damage the economy of the Southern Highlands.

We urge the Government to reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for a sustainable and coal-free future for this region. The reality is that votes to the Liberal Party dropped last election in this electorate. I have only ever voted conservatively, but this matter is very serious and I will change my vote in future if nothing is done to stop this mine.

Yours sincerely,

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