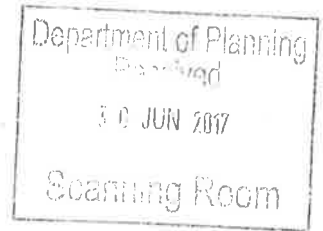


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The Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001



Re: Application SSD 7172 – Hume Coal (Posco) Project

OBJECTION

I most strongly OBJECT to this proposed Hume Coal Project for many reasons including the announcement of ex NSW Premier Baird who, in 2015, said that this project was to boost trade relationship with the Asian Region, I say 'TO THE DETRIMENT OF A PRIME AGRICULTURE AND TOURIST AREA TO SUPPLY FOSSIL FUEL TO OVERSEAS (KOREA) WHILST WE GO WITHOUT AND ENDURE INCREASING ELECTRICITY FUEL COSTS AND DECLINING INDUSTRY'

The quality and the quantity of the Sydney – Nepean ground water resource is NOT GUARANTEED BY HUME COAL.

LOCAL LAND SERVICES SOUTH EAST - Local Landholders have been advised by letter (20/4/17) that the above service, together with Water NSW are aiming to protect and improve water quality around this catchment area – A CONTRADICTION TO THIS PROPOSED MINING PROJECT.

Hume Coal States:

'A total of about 93 bores owned by 71 landlords (i.e. 76%) are predicted to require compensation, deepening or replacement'

Some may be so impacted that the private land owner may have to request the foreign owned company to 'acquire' their property.

That means, that for a generation, landholders will have no security of tenure or line of succession.

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION? I THINK NOT?

LOCAL HOUSING MARKET

Homes at 'New Berrima' will be impacted if this proposed coal mine is approved – due to property devaluation, risk of coal dust pollution and possible lowering of the water quality and quantity.

If, (according to Hume Coal) the proposed work force is to be sourced from within a 45 minute radius, why then is there an onsite accommodation village proposal for 'hundreds of employees' and how is water and sewerage to be managed.

Is this proposed for foreign workers?

RAIL

Traditional and functional paddocks will be dissected with the proposed extension of this Berrima railway line to connect with the Public owned main southern railway.

No doubt at times there will be considerable noise pollution with the long and slow moving freight trains over 24 hour periods.

CONCLUSION

Despite the glossy brochures, staged/stacked meetings and a general over-representation of Hume Coal (Posco) spokespeople, I am convinced that this project lacks integrity & economic rationale particularly when these 'estimates' are projected over some twenty years hence.

At best – the royalty payments of \$114,000,000 over 20 years equal only \$109,615 per week to the NSW Government.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Carol Durkin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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