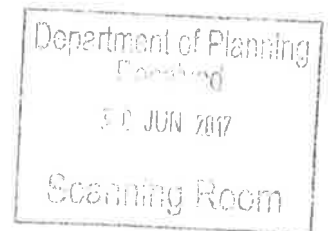




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Attention:  
Executive Director Resource Assessments  
Department of Planning and Environment  
GPO Box 39  
Sydney NSW 2001



Re: Hume Coal Project EIS.SSD 7172

Dear Sir,

As a relatively new resident of Bundanoon, I'm amazed that your department is apparently seriously considering approval of a coal mine in Sutton Forest.

We moved to the Southern Highlands in the expectation that we would be residing in an environmentally sensitive area protected by an environmentally responsible community.

Apparently your department is unable or unwilling to listen to the valid concerns of that community in relation to the proposed coal mine.

The risks of this proposed venture to the Southern Highlands water supply, environment and amenity are undeniable.

Therefore I respectfully request that your department considers:  
a) the mine application, especially its Environmental Impact Studies, and  
b) the counter information provided by the concerned local community, transparently and in strict accordance with relevant legislation and departmental policy.

Having worked in the DPI for many years, including during the tenure of former minister Ian McDonald, I've seen first hand how facts and policy can be ignored or manipulated in order to achieve particular outcomes.

Yours sincerely

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