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This is a submission to the Hume Coal Project EIS. SSD 7172

I object to this project and believe it should be rejected for the projects impact on the following.

DAMAGE TO THE EXISTING HIGHLANDS ECONOMY

The Southern Highlands local government, industry and community have a long term plan for the region's economy which takes advantage of its environment, location and people and maintains its natural environment and heritage. **Coal is not part of that plan.** It threatens groundwater that the region depends upon, and the regions "clean and green" image. Investment in the region will be suppressed as long as there is a possibility that the mine will be built. (For Hume the Bell Tolls – Australia Institute 2017-page 5)

Threatens Tourism. Threatens future habitation areas for people moving (fleeing) Sydney; desirable living areas to be mined.

VERY POOR ECONOMIC RETURN TO NSW

The proposal as developed by Hume Coal represents a poor economic return with incremental (economic) benefit for NSW in NPV 2016 dollars (7% discount rate) for the 19 years of operation of only \$295m which includes \$114m in royalty payments to the NSW Government (EIS Appendix Q page 40)

The incremental economic benefit ignores the loss of agricultural production by the projects impact on 93 bores on 71 properties.

NOISE, DUST, AIR QUALITY AND LIGHT-SPILL FROM MINE SITE

Limited mention is made in the EIS of noise impacts on the Berrima Village Precinct located 1300m boundary to boundary to the north east of the mine and rail infrastructure. Noise readings taken in New Berrima of 75dB, close to the existing Boral Cement works and do not reflect the actual noise impacts there will be for the villages of Medway 1100m and Berrima 1300m. (ES4.5)

Potential coal dust from trains, coal handling equipment and stockpiles and diesel emissions, have the capacity to be detrimental to air quality and health for the residents of Berrima (1300m), New Berrima (1300m) and Medway Villages (1100m), as well as Bowral, Burradoo and Moss Vale (considering prevailing westerly wind conditions).

of residents of the area. + the health (respiratory)

This is a flawed proposal and I urge the Government to reject this project

Signed, [REDACTED]

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