



Attn: Executive Director, Resource Assessments Department of
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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 for several reasons.

1/ We came to the Southern Highlands in 1991 leaving family and friends behind in the Metropolitan pollution belt. It was for health reasons as I have multiple allergies and the clean air and pristine environment helped to get relief from the chronic bronchitis and sinusitis I have had for some years. We would have preferred the warmer climate of the Hunter area, but did not want to risk to living in a mining district. I have been free of the allergic reactions.

2/ For over six years we have tried to find out what type of dust control equipment does Hume Coal (POSCO) proposes to install at various stages of the mining.
I was told that, the appropriate measures will be taken and I did not accept this as a satisfactory answer. I went to information meetings and spoke to Hume Coal's representatives asking for more detail than "appropriate measure" and was dismissed with well-rehearsed platitudes. My husband is a mechanical engineer (retired), who specialised in air pollution control. He had spent 35 years in consulting and designing air pollution control equipment as well as overseeing construction and installation. I was his secretary for 20 years and have seen many projects.

3/ The claim of job creation is not valid, as when the mine would become operational it will be most likely fully automated and staff kept to a minimum.

4/ Job losses in the thriving tourist industry in the Highlands are very likely if the mine is allowed to go ahead. I am not aware of any feasibility study of the number of jobs that are likely to be created versus the ones that will be almost certain to be lost.

5/ We are also very concerned about the depletion of the aquifers, likely pollutions of creeks, the Wingecarribee River and the re-injection of toxic waste to fill the void created by the extraction of the coal.

6/ This mine if allowed to go ahead, will have huge negative impact on the district socially, ecologically, effect real estate values, freight trains will disrupt traffic on main roads etc.

7/ Mining companies are not known to carry out the remedial work agreed upon when they depleted the site. They just leave the devastation behind.

PLEASE LET US CONTINUE TO ENJOY OUR LIFE AS WE ARE USED TO IT AND
FURTHER IMPROVE AND BEAUTIFY OUR DISTRICT RATHER THAN BLACKEN IT.

We urge the government to reject approval for this project.

