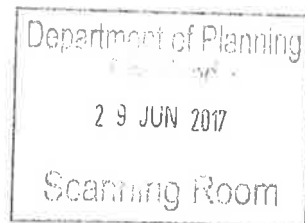




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NSW. Dept. of Planning & Environment
Hume Coal Project
320 Pitt St.



Dear Sir,

As a concerned resident of the Southern Highlands of NSW, I'd like to make the following comments re. the Hume Coal project development.

Firstly it is a fertile pristine valley devoted to farming which could not possibly sustain even shallow mining.

Secondly, having spoken to some of the expert scientists involved, I know the groundwater system would become polluted.

The idea that the State Government could condone the development of a coal mine which will add little or no money or jobs to the local people, as well as drain the underground water into a shallow mine and cause pollution for decades, is quite appalling.

A senseless concept and one that should be stopped as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

