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Attn: Executive Director, Resource Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment
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Sydney NSW 2001

This is a submission to the Hume Coal Project SSD 7172

I object to this project and recommend that it be rejected.

I have lived in Berrima for 16 years - and am on a number of committees which have the aim of preserving the towns, the historic houses and the heritage. For the past 12 years, my wife and myself have run a large tourist based business in Berrima called "The Hand Stirred Jam Shop" sold last year when we retired.

There are a number of reasons why I object to this project & would ask that it be rejected.

Firstly, the air quality at Berrima will be affected by the several stockpiles of coal and mine rejects. During the months of September, October and November, we can

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Signed,

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experience quite fierce winds from the south-west (where the mine is proposed), felling 50 metre trees in our street. These winds will blow coal dust and waste, depositing on Berrima, only a few kms. away. As I am an asthmatic, I find this of great concern.

Secondly, all 41 businesses in Berrima will be affected (not 3 as mentioned in the EIS). Businesses here rely on the tourist trade - in an average week, our Jam Shop would enjoy 1,500 to 2,000 people visiting, during school holidays and long weekends, this could increase to 2,500 visitors. The family component is very high a lot is on offer for young visitors to the town. These visitors are the life blood of this town, adverse publicity on the harmful effects of mine operation would, in my opinion, decimate these numbers.

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The Southern Highlands, particularly Bomina, is an area where the residents are very aware of bushfires, having had several over the past few years, fortunately prevented from reaching the town by the Rural Fire Service. I believe the coal stacks and stored explosives will raise risk levels during the summer months.

Other concerns which I am sure will be raised include

- effect on groundwater & loss of bores - we have a bore
- water pollution occurring on the pristine Wigerarrabee River, flowing thru to the Sydney Water Catchment. This is a common occurrence with mines, partic. coal.
- proposed rail movements of uncovered trucks - noise and pollution issues.
- a few extra jobs in a coal mine (highly mechanised) will lead to less tourist jobs in the Highlands.

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Berrima is a unique historical village, some say the most original on the Australian mainland. The old houses, gaol, Court House, stone churches, village green and the green belt around the town contributes to this unique character - a huge polluting coal mine on the outskirts would put all this at risk.

A second generation coal-miner from the now closed Medway Coal Mine (nearby) said that Hume Coal would be mining "rubbish" and the mine would cause huge water problems, as experienced at Medway Mine.

Thank you for reading my submission.

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