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Attn: Executive Director, Resource Assessments
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This is a submission to the Hume Coal Project SSD 7172

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

After hearing both sides of the arguments for and against the Hume Coal Mine, I have based my opinions on the following: I live in Moss Vale in the Southern Highlands of N.S.W. having moved here from South Western Sydney. My husband and I were attracted to the area because of the clean air and decided it was the place we would like to bring up our family. I have however, concerns about the coal mine proposed by Hume Coal. My concerns are the underground aquifers in the area. When you speak to any of the old timers of the area they will tell you that there are springs all over the place. This underground water supply is what makes the Highlands what it is - prime grazingland, agriculture, olive groves and wineries, along with rolling countryside and to put a coal mine smack in the middle of it would be disastrous.

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I ask the Government to reject this project

Signed,

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② My other great concern is our water ways. When I attended a presentation by Hume Coal, I asked a representative about the water in the creeks around the area and was told "don't worry they will be O.K., some only have a trickle of water in them" ??? Well at the time of writing to you, Blackbob's Creek has the most water I have seen in it for a long time. Then there's Oldbury Creek - in the 27 years we have lived in Moss Vale, we have gone for numerous drives along Oldbury Road and at no stage have we been able to cross the Causeway because of water flowing over it. At the time of writing to you we went for another drive along Oldbury Road and at the causeway both sides of the road there are "ROAD CLOSED" signs and again the road is under water. The wildlife in that creek is unique eg. water rats, and frog life and that's just in that one spot. You would see pictures on the T.V. of scenes like that and say what a beautiful idealic spot but the thought that Hume Coal will pump mine water into the creek on occasion is quite distressing to me.

③ My other concern is the dust emanating from the coal. We are across country from the proposed mine and when we get strong Westerly winds (which we often get) it is my worry that we will cop the dust over our house. I have seen the effects of mine dust in my grandfather and I do not want that to happen to me or my family.

④ The Southern Highlands is a magnet

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for visitors and tourists that bring a lot of money into the area. A lot of businesses would not survive if not for our visitors but how are they going to feel seeing three large stockpiles around in the region of our historical villages, I certainly would be put off visiting an area if I saw that.

In closing I would like to say: We have a beautiful area please do not let a Multi National Overseas Company who really couldn't give a 'hoot' as long as they get their coal wreck the beautiful place - So I ask you to Stop it.

Thankyou.