



HUME COAL PROJECT EIS SSD 15-7172.

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I set out below a few of my objections to this above project.

- 1) Should this coal mine ~~is to~~ go ahead, how is our miraculous ecosystem going to adjust to the inevitable, interference & destruction. There are many fine agricultural properties surround^{ing} the proposed coal mine site — these properties all have bores, inevitably these bores will suffer 'water loss', some, if not all, may never recover. Water is our most valuable asset & must be treated accordingly.
- 2) Towards the South of the proposed coal mine, no more than 2 or 2½ kls away, is an extensive pristine bushland through which the Wingecarribee River flows & which is home to many native animals, Birds such as Lyre birds & many other song birds, & of course all native flora. Some species of which are endangered eg the Eucalyptus Apitlatate. This precious area must not be disturbed, however its close proximity to the mine site could be disastrous. Any pollution from the coal stockpiles ~~or~~ will affect the entire bushland, the river, the animals & birds. THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN.

- 3) I understand Hume Coal intend replacing back into the mine potentially ~~toxic~~ mine waste including the chemicals used during the coal washing procedure. Potentially this will pollute any groundwater aquifer above the mine

An outrageous prospect. Another example of destroying the ecosystem.

- 4) Berrima Village contains some of the most valuable colonial assets including the Berrima Township itself. Every weekend, public holidays & school holidays Berrima is packed with tourists. There are many Cafes & Restaurants all busy most of the time.

Being so close to the coal mine site the village will be subject to dangerous coal dust polluting the air, the general inviting atmosphere of the day will change, thus detracting the ever welcome tourists & detrimentally affecting the economy which is so valuable to the whole region.

- 5) I can't think of one good thing to say about this project - 80% to 90% percent local or nearby residents don't want it. What it offers is destruction, air & water pollution, sickness, destroys the ecosystem & is a health hazard for all.

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I understand it makes no economic sense, in fact it will harm our local economy which at present is running well.

I would like to ask any person actively involved with this decision making task - Would they like to purchase a property or live in the Berrima or any nearby region if the Coal mine goes ahead? I would like to hear their answers.

PLEASE STOP THIS COAL MINE IN BERRIMA.
The entire Southern Highlands - all wonderful agricultural country must be left alone

