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This is a submission to the Hume Coal Project SSD7172.

I object to this project and recommend that it be rejected for the following reasons.

1. The Southern Highlands region is a vital sustainable Tourism centre to the community. Our domestic visitors spend around \$350 million covering day and night visits, the international visitors spend approximately \$7.3 million. Visitors expenditure supports almost 2500 jobs. These visitors enjoy the vista of our pristine country side. Tourism is certainly at risk as visitors certainly would not want to see coal mine and the destruction this would cause to the environment. Our image as a clean green environment would be shattered.
 2. Water is Australia's most important resource in our dry continent. Our region has a great underground water aquifer. It helps provide some unique farming ventures. As our region is the water catchment of Sydney water and my understanding is that NSW rules require that developments in the Sydney drinking water catchment must have a neutral or beneficial on water quality. I cannot believe Hume Coal can meet this requirement due to potential polluted water. I do believe the drawdown of bores in region will have a devastating impact on quantity and quality of water in area.
 3. Air quality with the coal dust in heaps and on rail will certainly effect all residents in the region considering prevailing wind conditions.
 4. Noise with the increased numbers of trains moving coal will also effect residents of region day and night.
 5. Delays in getting around region will effect residents due to the number of rail crossings and the size of trains moving coal.
- I have not made any reportable political donation in the previous 2 years.
- Please keep my personal information private.

Yours faithfully
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