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Submission Hume Coal Project EIS SSD 15_7172 and the Berrima Rail Project SSD 15_7171

Attn: Executive Director, Resource Assessments and Business Systems

Planning Services

Department of Planning and Environment

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I object to the Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Rail Project (SSD 15_7171) and believe both should be rejected because I am a farmer in Sutton Forest. I am the fourth generation to farm our land and I am extremely concerned of the impact the mine will have on our water and farming business.

We are very worried about what the coal mine will mean for our water supply especially when the EIS notes that 93 bores on 71 properties will be affected by water drawdown and this impact will remain for between 36 – 65 years after mining is finished. This creates a very uncertain future for many, many years to come.

It also states that it is expected that some bores affected may never fully recover. What does that mean for our farming enterprise? Will we be forced to sell and relocate and start again?

I object to this proposal and recommend that it be rejected due to the many significant impacts this project would have on water, noise, air quality, the local native habitat, the local economy, and the health and well being of the local community. To summarise:

- Toxic mine waste water is a pollution risk to the local river system which is part of the Sydney drinking water catchment. The EIS states that surplus onsite mining water will be released into Oldbury Creek in years with above average rainfalls. What will this mean for downstream stock using the creek?
- Dangerous coal dust and diesel emissions from coal trains pose a threat to human health. Hume Coal have admitted in its EIS that residents will experience increased noise and air pollution. As any long time local can tell you it can get very windy in the Southern Highlands so there is the potential for that coal dust to spread far and wide potentially affecting the health of many residents.
- Hume Coal's trains will add an extra 24 minutes of closures at rail level crossings every day. This creates unacceptable delays on emergency service response times.
- The uncertainty caused by the prospect of a coal mine in the district has caused anxiety, depression and ill-health in the community. I can attest to this. We have poured our savings into our farming business and if it were to become un-viable due to the mine it would have a devastating impact on our family. While ever the prospect of the coal mine looms we have an uncertain future!

I urge the Government to reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for a sustainable and coal-free future for this region.

Yours sincerely,

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Recently Wollongong Coal in the Illawarra region of NSW has closed mines leaving behind damage to the aquifers in this region. The company has treated its workers poorly.

Why would we allow another dubious foreign company endanger our agriculture & our water supply? These foreign companies are "playing us for suckers".

Therefore, I object to the Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Rail Project (SSD 15_7171) and believe both should be rejected because:

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- Risks to groundwater are too great: the project will seriously affect at least 93 bores owned by 71 landowners, with some drawn down by up to 80 metres.
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To start, you will clearly notice that I do not live in the area.

However, I object to the Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Rail Project (SSD 15_7171)

In terms of the 'big picture', these projects should not go ahead

Coal mining and the coal industry as an investment is in downward spiral, heading towards being dead assets, and short term jobs and profits are not going to stop this or solve the problem of global warming.

The positive legacy of your government will inevitably be assessed on the reject plans like these.

Other issues that need to be taken into account include:

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I strongly object for any coalmine proposal in this prime agricultural environment.

Sincerely Lucy McDonald

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Hume Coal Project .

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I live in Mittagong on the western edge of town, less than 15kms from the proposed Hume Coal site in Berrima in the NSW Southern Highlands and I object to the Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Rail Project for the following reasons:

I work at a large independent Catholic high school in Burradoo near Bowral. The school was established in 1946 and currently has 1100 enrolled students and approx. 150 staff members. I have worked in the education sector for over 20 years in administrative support roles and, as such, I am keenly aware of the importance of keeping communities together and working to develop opportunities for our young people so they can stay and find employment in a rural region such as the Southern Highlands.

I am also the mother of two young adult sons, both of whom have been gainfully employed in the robust hospitality industry in the Southern Highlands during the past 12 years. We moved from Sydney to the Southern Highlands in 1999 and during this time my husband and I have raised our family, run three businesses and served our community through education, entertainment, sporting and commercial enterprises.

I and my family are concerned that the proposed Hume Coal Project EIS SSD 7172 and the Berrima Rail Project EIS SSD 7171 will impact negatively on the enterprises, health and prosperity of our community and the food and beverage production of the Southern Highlands – one of the fastest growing regions in Australia for education, hospitality, wine, food, tourism, agriculture, viticulture, beef, lamb, horse studs and paddock to plate culture.

I have watched the steady growth of the region since moving here in 1999, with 1000s more people making a 'tree change' move to the NSW Southern Highlands – and raising their families in one of the many large urban housing developments that have sprung up here over the past 20 years. Education is a major industry in the region with 1000s of primary, secondary and TAFE students studying in private and public schools across the region.

One of our sons currently studies sports exercise science at UOW. Once qualified, he plans to reside in the Southern Highlands and build his career as a personal trainer to local professionals and sportspeople, whilst continuing to support himself as an employee of the very popular Bendooley Estate – one of the Highland's premier wedding venues, restaurants and bookstores, located in Berrima.

Our other son also works in the personal health industry and at a retail store and a café in Bowral, while building his own practice as a holistic lifestyle coach. He has worked as a cook and landscape / permaculture gardener since the age of 15 for local establishments and for private customers, while studying at school and higher education courses since 2009.

Together with my husband and older son, we also run a family business (Heart Spring Pty Ltd) bottling and delivering spring water to more than 140 customers across the Southern Highlands and greater Sydney, including schools, holiday rental properties, cafes, restaurants, gyms, health food stores, businesses and

homes. We also represent and distribute for two other local producers – Highlands Beverages (bottled mineral water from Burrawang) and Pomologist Cider (organic, biodynamic apple cider from Robertson).

As well, we distribute a range of eco-friendly (non-plastic) plant-based food and beverage packaging products for events, caterers, cafes and domestic applications.

The entire premise of our business is as an eco-friendly, environmentally aware company, following best practice with our own products and the products we represent. The ethos and mission statement we follow reaches like-minded customers who expect the highest level of environmental stewardship from our business.

With sales revenue in excess of \$100,000 for the past 12 months, Heart Spring currently employs two casual staff and, as business owner, my husband works full time in the business. We have both worked very hard to build our brand and customer base on the reputation of the Southern Highlands as a destination for clean, healthy living, and as a reliable, unpolluted source of the pure spring water that we bottle from an ever-flowing true spring in the region.

This spring is the core resource for our entire business model. Our family connection to this spring and the farm that we lease the water from dates back to 1850, with our Irish ancestors who were some of the first settlers in the district.

Heart Spring Pty Ltd has grown at a rate of 16% per month since we bought it as a small going concern in June 2015. It was established by the previous owners in 2003. We are passionate about what we do and are committed to the future prosperity of the Southern Highlands for our family, our sons, our future grandchildren and for our wider community.

Risks to health from coal dust:

We are terribly concerned that the precious water resource we depend upon entirely for our business will be negatively impacted by the proposed mining activity of the Hume Coal Project.

We are also very concerned about the coal dust particulates from the coal stack at the proposed Berrima mine site and from transportation via railway of coal across our region – rolling through the landscape where 1000s of children will be exposed to the pollution. Dangerous coal dust can carry a long way in windy conditions that typically occur at certain times of the year in the Southern Highlands. Schools across the Highlands are dotted along the entire corridor of the train line, from Berrima to Port Kembla. Farms, produce and live stock will all be exposed to the pollution from this movement of coal too.

My own family's health is of serious concern to me as, until moving to the clean air of the Southern Highlands, we all suffered respiratory conditions, including asthma. These conditions have abated for us all since moving to this location.

The Southern Highlands is also home to 1000s of retirees and elderly citizens who have made their lives here, away from polluted cities, for a healthier, cleaner lifestyle – to see out their days in the peace and quiet enjoyment of the fresh country air, taking exercise along the many walking trails, on the golf courses, gardening and experiencing the natural environment of our beautiful region. They are able to live near to and be supported by their wider families – children and grandchildren who live and work in the region. It is vital for every community that their seniors are respected and supported.

Award Winning Tourist Destination:

The Southern Highlands is a proven award-winning tourist and lifestyle destination with a reputation built upon fine wines, cider, boutique beers and dining, local produce, orchard fruits, berries, herbs, mushrooms, the healthy environment and the hard work of the passionate agriculturists, viticulturists, chefs / hospitality teams, producers and farmers across the region. It is one of the state's top wedding and paddock-to-plate destinations – with an established 'food trail' through the popular Food Clusters – whose members attract 100s of visitors to venues, hotels, cafes, restaurants, markets, open farms and garden events across the region, weekly. How does a huge coal mine and multi-story coal stack feature in this picture?

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Wingecarribee Council and the local business community have a plan for the ongoing economic development of the shire that capitalises on its existing attributes and the charm of the area. Coal Mining is not part of that plan and never will be.

The Hume Coal Project and Berrima Rail EIS highlight the very real weaknesses and risks in Hume's proposal and these projects. The negative impacts of the mine and the rail extension will have significant and long lasting detrimental effects on the whole of the Highlands. The EIS is a sales document and maximises the benefits and minimises the negative impacts of the project whilst attempting to comply with the Department of Planning and Environment requirements.

I urge the Government to reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for a sustainable and coal-free future for this region.

Yours sincerely,

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I make this objection as a private citizen, but am also a director of Southern Highlands Botanic Garden Limited, Australia's newest Botanic Garden being developed in Bowral. I am a community representative on the Economic Development and Tourism Committee (ED&T) of the Wingecarribee Shire Council. I am a business owner operating a Boutique hotel/resort at Canyonleigh. It has been operating for the past 12 years.

Currently we employ 2 permanent and 4 casual staff. We have had over 600 guests visit and stay in the past 6 months. These guests come from Sydney, Canberra and Wollongong to visit the Southern Highlands for its serenity, clean environment and beauty.

The business has doubled in turnover in the past 12 months. We are passionate about what we do and are committed to the future prosperity of the Southern Highlands.

The long term benefit of sustainable economic growth through tourism, agri-tourism and food production - all projects that are currently underway with the support of the ED&T Committee far out way the short term life of a coal mine in this area.

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- Toxic mine waste water is a pollution risk to the local river system which is part of the Sydney drinking water catchment. Where will Sydney get its water from when this happens?
- Risks to groundwater are too great: water is best used for food production - Sydney now relies on areas outside its boundaries for the majority of its food supplies. Damage the water table - and quality - and food will have to come from further afield which will increase its cost.
- An April 2017 Galaxy Research poll found support for the coal mine among Wingecarribee Shire residents is just 18%.
- Dangerous coal dust and diesel emissions from coal trains pose a threat to human health.
- Rich heritage areas and farmland will be destroyed. Our society cannot afford this to happen. Southern Highlands was once considered a food bowl for Sydney and with the work the community is doing through creating food clusters it will be again.

Jobs growth is far greater, and sustainable, for food production and tourism than a mine that has a limited life. Food is forever - coal is not.

- A new report by The Australia Institute found that Hume Coal's mine could damage the economy of the Southern Highlands. We, who live here, know that it WILL damage the economy.

Is it not the function of Government to protect its people and the environment it which they live? Allowing a mine to proceed is diametrically opposed to both these.

I urge the decision makers in this process to reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for a sustainable and coal-free future for this region.

Yours sincerely,

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- We have a spring fed creek and in fact the spring is on our property. This creek has NEVER run dry over the past 200 years of European Settlement and we are very concerned about loosing the aquifer or having it contaminated.
- Toxic mine waste water is a pollution risk to the local river system which is part of the Sydney drinking water catchment.
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primarily I have worked so hard to grow the pie in the Southern Highlands in the Tourism, hospitality and ag tourism all the 2578 jobs are under threat that I have helped create through the SH Food and wine Clusters. other reasons are as follows:

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I am a local resident with a particular interest in making sure our local community continues to thrive. The above Projects will impact in many ways.

The major industry in the area is Tourism which employs MANY people and a great variety of industries. It covers a wide area of the Shire, particularly close to the proposed mine area. Noise, pollution and visual amenity will badly impact this industry putting many people out of work. A new report by The Australia Institute found that Hume Coal's mine could damage the total economy of the Southern Highlands as it is so dependent on Tourism which would be seriously impacted.

With modern mining techniques, other than in the set up stage, the mine will NOT provide the area with many new jobs. Most mining these days is automated and if the proposal is not to do so the viability will be decreased. The promise of increased employment is a complete furphy.

The local population do NOT support the mine development. In fact a recent survey indicated that only 18% do support it's development. The other 82% are strongly against the proposal.

The Highlands area is part of the Sydney drinking water catchment and the risk of toxic mine waste polluting this is too critical to be ignored. It is a risk we cannot afford to take, neither for ourselves nor for future generations. I understand that there are close to 100 water bores which will also be seriously affected if the ground water aquifer is fractured in any way. The fact that POSCO has offered to truck in water if this happens suggests that they are not totally sure that it wont happen. Many of our residents run feed animals requiring a reliable water supply and this would be in jeopardy. We cannot take the risk.

We are also very concerned by the health risks of dangerous coal dust and diesel emissions from the huge number of trains daily. With a high proportion of elderly in the area this pollution will pose an even greater health risk, resulting in a lower quality of life for many people, many of whom have lived in the area for many years. This will destroy rich heritage and farmland areas.

Hume Coal's trains will add an extra 24 minutes of closures at rail level crossings every day. This creates unacceptable delays on emergency service response times, quite apart from the total inconvenience to local people. The road development in the Highlands is such that there is often no alternative road route once the crossings are closed to rail traffic. Overpasses or underpasses would be a solution but prohibitively expensive to the Rail Project.

Most importantly though is the fact that we should NOT be mining unsustainable fossil fuels, let alone opening a new mine. The detrimental impacts of burning coal over the short and long term have demonstrated health, climate and economic risks. 30 years ago I attended a lecture by the eminent British scientist David Stern, who even then warned of the huge problems facing the world over climate change and the impacting problems on the environment of people and governments not doing enough to abate the problem. I am totally opposed to the environmental pollution this coal will cause at home, let alone coal exported to Korea and Vietnam. I believe that only the Mining Industry Council is in favour of opening new mines in Australia. ALL other miners and related industries, as well as banks, suggest that new coal mines may shortly become stranded assets and that expansion of the industry is ultimately unviable.

There is no question that the cheapest form of electricity is renewables. Electricity prices have risen most in fossil fuel dominated States in Australia. Gas is expensive given the high prices locked in for the foreseeable future, while coal and gas are both polluting. Integrating wind and solar into the grid can be easily managed and renewable power and storage can provide secure electricity. Carbon capture and storage is still a pipe dream worldwide, even after 10 year of research.

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I have observed a notable decline in Sydney's drinking water over the last 5 years.

I run my own business and work in Sydney, Leura and Laggan. I am deeply concerned of the contamination risks and blatant disregard for clean up and rehabilitation, which is in itself, impossible.

I would also like to raise the following concerns:

- Toxic mine waste water is a pollution risk to the local river system which is part of the Sydney drinking water catchment.
- Risks to groundwater are too great: the project will seriously affect at least 93 bores owned by 71 landowners, with some drawn down by up to 80 metres.
- An April 2017 Galaxy Research poll found support for the coal mine among Wingecarribee Shire residents is just 18%.
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- A new report by The Australia Institute found that Hume Coal's mine could damage the economy of the Southern Highlands.

I urge the Government to reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for a sustainable and coal-free future for this region.

Yours sincerely,

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26.14

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Submission Hume Coal Project EIS SSD 15_7172 and the Berrima Rail Project SSD 15_7171

Attn: Executive Director, Resource Assessments and Business Systems

Planning Services

Department of Planning and Environment

GPO Box 39

Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

I object wholeheartedly to the coal project for many of the quoted reasons, that cross the boundaries of heritage significance, social and economic significance, and importantly environmental significance, but most especially in the way the whole process is carried out.

Without any warning or notification, we suddenly find a foreign company can come in, register a local company using a name having no visible bearing to the parent company, and be allowed to buy up properties as it likes, seemingly with government approval and without any concern for the people, and then seek government approval to destroy the area. The power and influence of these companies is very evident, because before any approval was sort, they even had the hide to plant mass screening along the site boundaries.

No doubt there must be a lot of money to be made to line government coffers. but at what cost to the people.

Do members of governments ever really listen to the people, after all they are supposed to represent them. But alas, the people are only people and do not really seem to matter, except when it comes to elections. When the elections do come, people will remember and will settle their scores.

I know this is going through a so-called democratic and procedural process asking for objections, I only hope, trust, and pray that reason, honesty, and truth will prevail and those who make decisions understand and can take full responsibility for their actions, not for themselves but for the people they represent.

I add my voice to the following.

I object to the Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Rail Project (SSD 15_7171) and believe both should be rejected because:

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Yours sincerely,

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Just leave it in the ground. This land will be a valuable natural resource for ever, you're just going for a short term hit to balance your books.

Get with the 21st century, invest in renewables, then we can stop sending money to the Saudi's who use it to promote Wahabbism across the globe.

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Dear Sir/Madam

I have to say that I find it is unbelievable to even think of this project could be accepted by a Liberal Government. I have to have faith that it won't, no matter how much money is at stake. . I have been a Liberal voter all my life, aged 72, and my parents before me. Once a project like this is accepted, it changes the country forever.

Our daughter lives 2 kilometres from the proposed mine. We are previous owners and have been going to Berrima for 30 years. My brother previously owned the property, then my husband and myself and now our daughter.

My husband and I spend at least 3 - 4 months staying at Berrima,. Berrima is an historic town (with one of the oldest hotel) in the country. On an average weekend the town is full of tourists!

The coal dust that would be stirred up by the incredible winds, that occurs in the Southern Highlands would blow for kilometres. No matter what is proposed to be done - watered down etc this would not stop the dust. The beauty of the countryside and what it is proposed is simply unbelievable. A six storey stack in Medway Road is really quite incredible that anyone could suggest such a project.

Berrima is approx 1 1/2 hours from Sydney. What is it going to do to the water supply to Sydney. How can any company guarantee that for the next, however, many years that would not be effected. once the damage is done it would be irreversible.

You as politicians, may not be around to see the inevitable damage (as I probably won't) that this mine would incur. It is about our children and future generations.

I have genuine concerns that evidence clearly shows that harm will be done from mining activity. Cracking local creek beds is well documented and is irreversible.

I object to the Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Rail Project (SSD 15_7171) and believe both should be rejected because:

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- The parent company, POSCO, has an appalling international track record for corruption, environmental destruction and human rights abuse documented in India, Uzbekistan, South Korea, Vietnam and West Papua.

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- A new report by The Australia Institute found that Hume Coal's mine could damage the economy of the Southern Highlands.

I urge the Government to reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for a sustainable and coal-free future for this region.

Yours sincerely,

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The Government will be culpable for the long term affects, not only to Sydney's drinking water catchment but to the health and viability of the local community and its precious natural resources - clean land and water.

The historical value of Berrima should be recognised and preserved, not put at risk by a dirty and dangerous industry that is not wanted or required.

This Government's lack political will to transition to renewables, at the expense of community and country, is again clearly evident should they approve this proposal.

The unprecedented expansion of coal mining in the precious Southern Highlands region, brought on by this flawed proposal, is unacceptable. I object to the Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Rail Project (SSD 15_7171) and believe both should be rejected because:

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Yours sincerely,

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- Risks to groundwater are too great: the project will seriously affect at least 93 bores owned by 71 landowners, with some drawn down by up to 80 metres.
- I protest to this Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Roil Project simply because, how dare people just come along and disturb other peoples lives just to make money - go out to where people are NOT and find your coal, it maybe more expensive and you have got to get approval but how dare you walk in and ruin this community
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Submission re SSD 7172: Hume Coal Project

I object to SSD 7172, the Hume Coal Project.

It's in a water catchment area. That should be enough reason by itself to reject the mine.

Then there are the water bores on private farms, which Hume Coal have not made adequate plans to address.
(Which is probably because the issue can't be adequately addressed.)

And of course there are the health concerns from coal dust et al.

And apparently it doesn't even make economic sense for the district.

(Does anyone know what is supposed to happen to the 22% of coal (11 million tonnes over 23 years) which is considered unsaleable? [<http://yoursay.humecoal.com.au/project-overview>] My guess is that that's a big problem, too.)

Yours faithfully,

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I urge the Government to reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for a sustainable and coal-free future for this region.

Yours sincerely,

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I object to the Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Rail Project (SSD 15_7171) and believe both should be rejected because:

We need to be spending our resources on alternative sources of energy and businesses.

We need to protect our farmland above all else. Food security must be our number one concern. This means water and farming.

It's a disgrace that these aren't our first considerations in future planning for Australia.

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Yours sincerely,

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Clean water is central to our survival. Damaging a water catchment is irresponsible and unacceptable. To risk such damage in order to continue production of a polluting and outdated energy source is shortsighted and foolish.

Coal mining cannot be allowed in areas of water supply. I urge the Government to reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for a sustainable and coal-free future for this region.

Yours sincerely,

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Submission: Southern Highlands - Hume Coal Project EIS SSD 15_7172 and the Berrima Rail Project SSD 15_7171

Attn: Executive Director, Resource Assessments and Business Systems

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I object to the Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Rail Project (SSD 15_7171) because coal mining and the associated infrastructure causes negative impacts to: human health; farmland and food production; cohesion of rural communities and existing businesses; risks to drinking water quality from pollution; water tables from depletion; natural ecosystems vital to the health of our environment; global warming and the national imperative to reduce emissions and climate change impacts from burning fossil fuels.

I believe both should be rejected because:

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Please reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for rural regeneration and a coal-free future for this region.

Yours sincerely,

Meredith Stanton

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I object to the Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Rail Project (SSD 15_7171) and believe both should be rejected because:

- the potential long term impacts on the underground water

the risk of major impacts on the Medway Rivulet

noise and dust

the stupidity of developing new coal mining in the face of long term climate change from the burning of fossil fuels

I urge the Government to reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for a sustainable and coal-free future for this region.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Silink

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I object strongly to the proposed new Coal mine in the Berrimah region by Hume Coal. There are many alternatives to fossil fuels that we should be considering in order to decrease carbon emissions. Furthermore, in this area this development would have disastrous impacts on the underground water basic and may have catastrophic impacts on ground water including the Medway rivulet.

I urge the Government to reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for a sustainable and coal-free future for this region.

Yours sincerely,

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This toxic fossil fuel venture has no licence or credibility in our modern society when there are so many safe alternatives that can be utilised that do not destroy people's rights to clean air water food and livelihoods.

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It just seems inconceivable to me that the proposed Hume Coal mine could possibly be given permission to go ahead. There is not one aspect that makes sense.

The Southern Highlands is a thriving go ahead area, that deserves to be protected and encouraged to continue to develop in the direction it is heading.

We moved to Berrima in 2012, whilst the end of the world economic crisis was still being felt. But since then its whole enonomy has really taken off and it is flourishing, hundreds of new houses have been built, hundreds of new buisnesses have taken off, New shops, cafes, restaurants, b&b's, holiday lets have sprung up and many of the WSC facilities have been improved or added too.

Tourism must be at an all time high because during peak periods you can't move because there are so many people. Personally, I liked it when it was quieter, But every time I see the streets full of parked cars, I am happy for the shopkeepers as it means money in tills and wealth for the community.

Of course the biggest issue is the WATER. GOOD CLEAN DRINKING WATER IS A FINITE RESOURCE and we are rapidly approaching a time when it will be almost unobtainable. It needs to be protected for us and our children and their children.

The ENVIRONMENT also needs to be protected for GENERATIONS TO COME. We should be determined to leave this earth, our home, in better condition than we have found it

I urge the Government to reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for a sustainable and coal-free future for this region.

Yours sincerely,

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I object to the Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Rail Project (SSD 15_7171) and believe both should be rejected because:

. There should be no new coal mines if we are to reduce emissions sufficiently to stop dangerous climate change

- Toxic mine waste water is a pollution risk to the local river system which is part of the Sydney drinking water catchment.
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Yours sincerely,

Jenny Goldie

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I write to object to the Hume Coal Project and the Berrima Rail Project (SSD 15_7171) and believe both should be rejected because:

- The risks to the groundwater are irrefutably considerable. The project will seriously affect at least 93 bores owned by 71 landowners, with some drawn down by up to 80 metres. Water is the critical resource for the future - why on earth would be inviting risk into the Sydney back-up drinking water supply?
- The future of the Southern Highlands both from an employment and prosperity point of view cannot possibly lie in a polluting, increasingly obsolete and potentially dangerous industry. Surely the future is about tourism, agriculture and quality of life issues. All seriously threatened if the proposal goes ahead.
- The mining technique is either "new" and therefore untested or a simple derivation of long wall mining which is known to cause subsidence and a range of other potential problems. This is a heritage area of the state with many heritage properties. Is this an acceptable risk? Sutton Forest is a major repository of NSW's 19th century history.

I urge the Government to act for the benefit of this and future generations and reject this project and protect the Southern Highlands, by supporting a vision for a sustainable and coal-free future for this region.

Yours sincerely,

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I have paddled a kayak around the world and dragged it through the area near the proposed mine. I want my grandchildren to live a full life. This mine is incompatible with that as it would be another contributor to greenhouse gases.

The science is now clear. If my grandchildren are to be OK there must be no new coal mines.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Posselt

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