

CLIVE WEST SPEAKING NOTES  
FOR IPC TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

1. I am appearing as the representative of the Berrima Residents Association, a non-profit incorporated association dedicated to the protection of Berrima's heritage significance.

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[ESTABLISHED  
35 YEARS AGO  
WITH 70  
MEMBERS, OUT OF  
A VILLAGE  
POPULATION OF  
660]

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USING  
THE COLLEEN  
MORRIS  
165 PAGE  
HERITAGE  
STUDY OF  
BERRIMA/  
SUTTON FOREST  
CULTURAL  
LANDSCAPE  
- AFTER THE  
STATE LISTING  
OF BERRIMA  
WE WILL  
PROCEED WITH  
THE STATE  
LISTING OF  
THE SUTTON  
FOREST  
LANDSCAPE  
- THE MINEHEAD  
WILL BE ON  
THE STATE  
LISTED SUTTON  
FOREST  
LANDSCAPE

2. We are just in the process of finalizing the Nomination of Berrima and its Rural Surrounds for listing on the NSW State Heritage Register. It has become apparent to us that Berrima is not only of State Significance, but also of National Significance, coming into existence when the entire non-indigenous population of Australia was approximately 50,000. It represents the early foundation of our society. It is the only government-planned town from the convict period intended to be a major city (the County capital of Camden), which never grew beyond a small village and remains a functioning small village. In the 1841 census Berrima recorded 249 persons in the village, which hasn't grown much (it now still only has 660). 70% of the recorded adults in the 1841 census arrived in Australia as convicts. It was very much a convict settlement. The use of convict labour to quarry and build the impressive sandstone Courthouse and Gaol, as well as to build the Great Southern Road, testifies to the UNESCO labeled "Period of Convictism". The civic buildings (Gaol and Courthouse, circa 1838) were on a scale that

reflected the vision for the village as a capital city (capital of the County of Camden). The village has the highest number of State listed items in NSW (16), and is remarkable for its intact town plan, and convict period major buildings, inns and houses. The noise, pollution from dust and the visual impact of the mine-head and rail project will detract considerably from this very rare Colonial Georgian village.

[PREVAILING WINDS WILL CAUSE DUST TO RISE OVER THE VILLAGE]

2. As mentioned, the undeveloped rural surrounds of Berrima are also to be State listed, and this includes the land on which Hume Coal's Rail Project will be centered. It is within the important sightline both from the freeway and the Old Hume Highway to the South of the village. This land also contains the Remembrance Driveway, which will be in the path of the rail project. Hume Coal will destroy this heritage landscape and create an industrialized image at complete variance to the present undeveloped rural landscape that surrounds the village.

3. Hume Coal claims to be conscious of the rural environment and to be good land managers. They have produced a video that shows their farm management as the ideal (the video can be found at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=75&v=1qfoYEF2sDk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=75&v=1qfoYEF2sDk)). The reality is far

different, as evidenced by the photos taken last week. Their land has been grossly overstocked and has resulted in a barren wasteland. They are clearly not consistent in what they say and what they do. We do not have any confidence in their environmental assurances.

4. I am a community representative on the "Colliery Closure Working Group", established by Boral at the behest of the EPA. At last week's meeting of the Working Group, Boral explained what they will be doing in an attempt to stop the seriously polluted water flowing from the Medway colliery into the Wingecarribee River. They propose building 7 massive bulkheads in several of the old shafts, with very wide water-proofing all around the rim of the bulkheads. We were informed by Boral, however, that this is unlikely to be successful. This is because of the fissured nature of the geology that will allow the heavily polluted water to seep around the bulkheads. The geology of the whole area is heavily fissured, including the area to be mined by Hume Coal. Hume's proposal to use bulkheads in the hundreds of "feather" shafts to prevent polluted seepage is, therefore, flawed.

5. STEEL MAKING IN THE FUTURE WILL NOT NEED METALLURGICAL COAL - "ELECTROLYSIS" IS A NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT USES HYDROGEN FOR THE REDUCTION PROCESS (SWEDEN IS ABOUT TO BUILD ITS FIRST STEEL MILL USING ELECTROLYSIS) - PRODUCES PURER STEEL, WITH WATER AS A BYPRODUCT.



