

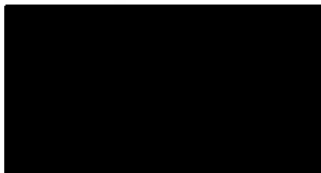
**NEW SOUTH WALES**

**INDEPENDENT PLANNING COMMISSION**

**HUME COAL PROJECT AND BERRIMA RAIL PROJECT**

**PRESENTATION 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

**CHRIS AND SALLY HARVEY**



**STRUCTURE OF PRESENTATION**

**1 FOOD AND WINE TOURISM IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS**

**2 WATER**

**1 FOOD AND WINE TOURISM**

**MY WIFE AND I OWN A 100 ACRE PROPERTY 4 KM EAST OF MOSS VALE PURCHASED IN 1999**

- **WE ESTABLISHED A VINEYARD IN 1999 FOLLOWED BY CELLAR DOOR AND RESTAURANT /CAFÉ IN 2006**
- **I WAS THE EARLY CHAIRMAN OF SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS FOOD AND WINE AND HELPED SET UP THE FOOD AND WINE TRAIL**
- **WE ATTRACT LOCALS, SYDNEY ,CANBERRA AND WOOLLONGONG OVERSEAS AND INTERSTATE VISITORS**
- **WE ARE A MAJOR PARTICIPANT IN SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS TOURISM AND HAVE SEEN EXPONENTIAL GROWTH IN TOURISM OVER THAT TIME .**

**THERE ARE AT THE CURRENT TIME 32 VINEYARDS AND 16 CELLAR DOORS ALL OF THESE RELY ON UNDERGROUND WATER FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES**

**SOME OF THESE CAN HANDLE OVER 200 FOR AN EVENT SUCH AS WEDDINGS OR IN THE CASE OF CENTENNIAL UP TO 10000 FOR A SPECIAL EVENT**

**WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD OUR PROPERTY REZONED FOR TOURISM ONE OF ONLY 6 IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS**

**WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO TOWN WATER SO WILL NEED TO RELY ON RAIN WATER AND OUR BORE FOR ALL OUR NEEDS**

### **TOURISM PROVIDES**

- **EMPLOYMENT ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF BOTH GENDERS**
- **IT BRINGS VISITORS AND MONEY INTO THE REGION WHICH BENEFITS ALL BUSINESSES**
- **IT SUPPORTS IMPROVEMENTS TO ALL INFRASTRUCTURE**
- **IT DOES NOT POLLUTE**

**THE IMPACT FROM A COAL MINE AND WASHERY IN THE BERRIMA AREA WOULD UNDOUBTABLY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON OUR BUSINES AND THE WHOLE TOURISM INDUSTRY IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.**

### **OTHER FACTORS**

#### **WATER**

**WE CANNOT PUT AT RISK THE AQUIFER UPON WHICH WE RELY**

**WE HAVE A BORE DRAWING FROM AROUND 150 METRES AT A FLOW RATE OF 1000 LITRES PER SECOND WE USE THIS TO KEEP THE DAMS FULL AND FOR THE VINEYARD IRRIGATION WHEN NEEDED**

**OUR PROPERTY IS ADJACENT TO AND PROVIDES ADJUSTMENT OF CATTLE TO ONE OF THE LARGEST DAIRY FARMS IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WHICH HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR WELL OVER 60 YEARS.**

**IT IS THE MOST WESTERLY AND THEREFORE CLOSEST DAIRY FARM TO THE PROPOSED MINE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIES ON THE AQUIFER FOR ITS WATER TO MAINTAIN FEED FOR ITS DAIRY HERD.IT IS ONE OF ONLY 7 REMAINING DAIRIES IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.**

**ANY DAMAGE TO THE AQUIFER WOULD PUT THIS DAIRY FARM OUT OF BUSINESS .**

**IT WOULD ALSO PUT US AND ALL THE OTHER VINEYARDS IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS AT GREAT RISK OF HAVING TO CLOSE**

**WITH OUR DEPENDENCE ON UNDERGROUND WATER**