



20th January 2019

Attn: Professor Chris Fell A.M.  
Independent Planning Commission NSW  
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street  
SYDNEY 2000

Dear Sir,

**Hume Coal Project SSD 7172**

I object to the above project and attach my submission herewith.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



## Hume Coal Berrima Project SSD 7172

Following the recommendation by the Department of Planning & Environment that Hume Coal project not be approved I would like to add my own submission in objection to the project.

- \* in the current climate of the reduction of the burning of fossil fuels with all its attendant risks and damage it seems nonsensical that this project should be allowed to proceed causing so much environmental damage for the relative modest return of \$300 + million particularly when there seems to be so many potential problems in extracting the coal.
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- \* Given that this proposed mine is within the Sydney Water Catchment the amount of reported possible damage to aquifers and groundwater cannot be dismissed. Surely water and the guaranteed supply of it must take precedence over extracting a fossil fuel.
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- \* The comprehensive report by the Australian Institute (June 2016) shows a multitude of reasons why this project should not go ahead for reasons of:
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  - \* Environment
  - \* Economic cost to community
  - \* Air quality
  - \* Traffic impacts on community
  - \* Damage to Southern Highlands reputation as a tourist destination should approval be given and whether the project is proceeded with or not.
  - \* Air quality and noise impacts
  - \* Damage to the heritage value of the locality

I believe that this project is wholly unsuitable for this area and permission to proceed with it should be refused.