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Re: Hume Coal and Berrima Rail Projects (SSD 7172 and SSD 7171)

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to support the proposed Hume Coal and Berrima Rail projects. The main reasons are as follows:

1) People want to live in the local area but can't find employment

- a. I have been unable to find local employment for a number of years in the Local Government Area (LGA - Wingecaribee Shire). I have found that there are very few jobs in general and that when jobs are advertised they are contested very competitively. As a result of not being able to find local employment, I lease out my home and land in the LGA for short term holiday accommodation and my family and I rent and work in Sydney. If the proposed project goes ahead, I feel that both myself and a number of people in similar situations will have a much greater probability of finding local work and this would enable us to move back to and invest in the local community.

2) People live in the LGA but travel long distances to their employment

- a. There are approximately 23% or 4,731 people who live in the LGA but travel to outside areas for work (see attached table). This is in part due to the lack of local jobs. As an example, 663 people commute 15 hrs per week to Sydney and 92 people travel over 17hrs per week to the ACT. Of the 23% of local residents who work outside the LGA, the average travel time is approximately 12hrs per week or 2.4hrs per day. Lengthy commuting exacts a toll, physically and emotionally, on individuals. For example, people with longer journeys to and from work display higher levels of bodily stress and strain, report emotional ill-effects such as irritability, anxiety and negative moods, and have less time to spend at home socialising and engaging in leisure activities¹. By providing more local jobs, more people have the opportunity to work closer to home and therefore improve their quality of life and productivity at work.

Yours Sincerely,

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¹ The Australia Institute "Off to Work – Commuting in Australia"
http://www.tai.org.au/sites/default/files/DP78_8.pdf

LGA	Number	%	One Way Commute (Mins)	Return Commute (Mins)	Return Commute (Hrs)	Total Weekly Commute (Hrs)	Column B x G (Hrs)
Wingecarribee (A)	14,538	70.6					
No Fixed Address (NSW)	1,326	6.4					
Sydney (C)	663	3.2	91	182	3.0	15.2	10056
Campbelltown (C) (NSW)	525	2.5	52	104	1.7	8.7	4550
Wollondilly (A)	498	2.4	69	138	2.3	11.5	5727
Wollongong (C)	375	1.8	65	130	2.2	10.8	4063
Camden (A)	307	1.5	57	114	1.9	9.5	2917
Goulburn Mulwaree (A)	296	1.4	48	96	1.6	8.0	2368
Liverpool (C)	275	1.3	66	132	2.2	11.0	3025
Canterbury-Bankstown (A)	156	0.8	77	154	2.6	12.8	2002
Botany Bay (C)	132	0.6		0	0.0	0.0	0
Blacktown (C)	108	0.5	78	156	2.6	13.0	1404
Fairfield (C)	103	0.5	77	154	2.6	12.8	1322
Parramatta (C)	103	0.5	83	166	2.8	13.8	1425
Unincorporated ACT	92	0.4	107	214	3.6	17.8	1641
Shellharbour (C)	88	0.4	65	130	2.2	10.8	953
Shoalhaven (C)	88	0.4	95	190	3.2	15.8	1393
Cumberland (A)	86	0.4	77	154	2.6	12.8	1104
North Sydney (A)	84	0.4	96	192	3.2	16.0	1344
Penrith (C)	62	0.3	85	170	2.8	14.2	878
Sutherland Shire (A)	61	0.3	97	194	3.2	16.2	986
Ryde (C)	59	0.3	89	178	3.0	14.8	875
Inner West (A)	54	0.3	93	186	3.1	15.5	837
Georges River (A)	42	0.2	81	162	2.7	13.5	567
Strathfield (A)	35	0.2	81	162	2.7	13.5	473
Willoughby (C)	33	0.2	93	186	3.1	15.5	512
Randwick (C)	30	0.1	89	178	3.0	14.8	445
Rockdale (C)	28	0.1	80	160	2.7	13.3	373
Northern Beaches (A)	28	0.1	113	226	3.8	18.8	527
Kiama (A)	26	0.1	69	138	2.3	11.5	299
Canada Bay (A)	26	0.1	89	178	3.0	14.8	386
The Hills Shire (A)	25	0.1	104	208	3.5	17.3	433
Woollahra (A)	24	0.1	92	184	3.1	15.3	368
Ku-ring-gai (A)	19	0.1	99	198	3.3	16.5	314
Waverley (A)	15	0.1	94	188	3.1	15.7	235
Hornsby (A)	14	0.1	101	202	3.4	16.8	236
Upper Lachlan Shire (A)	13	0	87	174	2.9	14.5	189

Workers living in the LGA but working in other LGAs = 4573

Average weekly commute time for workers working outside of LGA = ((sum BxG)/4573) = 11.9hrs