

**Independent Planning Commission  
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth St  
Sydney 2000**

**REGARDING: SSD 7172 and SSD 7171 – Second referral  
THE HUME COAL PROJECT & BERRIMA RAIL PROJECT**

Dear Commissioners,

I object to The Hume Coal Project (SSD 7172 and SSD 7171) for the following reasons.

The proposed mine represents a real threat to the environment, residents of the Southern Highlands, and the drinking water catchment of Sydney.

The project continues to fail on a number of critical fronts.

- **POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER IMPACTS**
- **118 PRIVATE BORES AFFECTED BY DRAWDOWN**
- **PROPOSED 'MAKE GOOD' ARRANGEMENTS ARE UNWORKABLE**
- **RISK OF MINE WATER OVERFLOWING INTO SYDNEY'S DRINKING WATER CATCHMENT**
- **'PINE FEATHER' MINE DESIGN – WORKER SAFETY RISKS**
- **RISKS OF DAMAGING SUBSIDENCE**
- **RISK OF CATASTROPIC DAMAGE TO HUME HWY, GAS PIPELINE & COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE**
- **LACK OF SOCIAL LICENSE – OVERWHELMING COMMUNITY OPPOSITION**

The Southern Highlands and broader community are seriously concerned about the potential environmental, economic, agricultural and tourism impacts of The Hume Coal Project.

Community opposition to this project will not go away and the community remains very strongly opposed.

Whilst there are many additional reasons why this project is not in the public interest and should not be approved, the above points, I believe, provide enough concern to the IPC to rule this project out entirely.