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I am an 80 old resident of the Southern Highlands. Never thought I would have the opportunity to comment on this project thank you for the opportunity.

I am passionate about the mine not being allowed to go forward. I was a member of the Knitting Nanas for several years and care about this project not being able to going forward.

The Southern Highlands is a very special historic area very scenic sitting quietly On a huge aquifer of water which is the reserve for both Sydney and Goulburn. This reserve is more valuable than gold global warming is heating up our world and in the next few years the need for more water will be critical. The mine plans have not delivered a feasible way to mine without the risk of spilling or polluting a major part of this water storage.

A further concern I have is about the transport of the coal to the coast for shipping. The train track runs through some of the most scenic farm lands in New South Wales . This line was never built to handle large shipments of coal
The track runs right through the middle of Moss Vale and across a large housing Area feet from the tracks. At present there is a considerable amount of traffic on this line which already disturbs the daily lives of many people. The old crossings on this track require major upgrading having no gates only bells and whistles which in the middle of the night are very noisy.

Your committee has a huge responsibility to try and assess this project. The days of mining coal are drawing to a close rapidly all around the world. Global warming is looming as one of the biggest problems the world has ever faced. It would be a tragedy if the mine goes forward in any shape or form.

Thank you for allowing me to state my concerns about the project please consider my thoughts and concerns..

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