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Subject: Re: Hume Coal Project and Berrima Project (SSD7172 & SSD7171 Second Referral-Additional Documents)
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Having studied the additional information and being a rate paying resident of The Southern Highlands

I wish to express my concerns regarding the following

1. The information concerning projected, increased rail movements as outlined in the documents

I believe the focus should be on the SAFETY and INCONVENIENCE to the residents especially the movements that take place at or around School times. The new information speaks to 'CAPACITY' which for residence is not the issue.

The volume of delays due to rail crossings is unacceptable on the current projections and is only likely to increase in future

2. Potential for employment vs Tourism

I note the estimated impact on employment in the mining and tourism sectors. It is clear the latter is seriously underestimated as the calculations based solely on the immediate Berrima area. The Southern Highlands are a collection of many popular tourist attractions and facilities. Any negative impact in Berrima would negatively impact all of the Highlands thus causing damage to employment, tourism and revenue far more serious than the meek estimate provided

There is no doubt that the potential for growth in tourism and residential accommodation over the long term would bring greater benefits than the expansion of a 'sunset' industry, which can only deliver negative impacts for the region going forward.

3. The environment and Aquifers

Generally the new information seems to have ignored the cumulative impact on the environment. While this is of great concern to the writer the modest estimates of the impact on aquifers (based on past records) is of even greater concern.

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