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**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Hume Coal Project and Berrima Rail Project (SSD 7172 & SSD 7171) Second Referral - Additional Documents  
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Property Name: Medway,  
[REDACTED]  
Sutton Forest

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to make a submission on this new additional material regarding the Hume Coal Project and Berrima Rail Project.

Regarding the Berrima Branch Line - the proposed extension; this line as indicated on the map will cause extreme disruption for the families living on Medway as the Old Hume Highway is used to take children to Berrima School and for access to Moss Vale and Bowral schools as well as for farm deliveries. This Highway is already under heavy traffic with B-doubles and Concrete trucks and cattle semi trailers as well as cars making constant movements from the towns and villages accessing the Hume Motorway south. Therefore as the map drawings show two level crossings, this will cause severe disruption and time delays for that traffic not to mention added safety concerns. Also the five level crossings enroute between Berrima and Robertson at peak hours is an impact of high significance for school and workers driving in the Southern Highlands.

Predictions for impact on the Aquifer - it's obvious that the groundwater will be severely impacted. Quote: "This is a major factor in the predicted high levels of groundwater drawdown"

Our privately-owned registered house and stock water bore would fail. In droughts as we know from over 100 years of records this would exacerbate the loss of flow to the reticulated supply throughout the trough system and all the dams completely dry up. Medway Rivulet is our south/west boundary and this source would also not be available and our farming business will fail.

Even if we still have available water, I cannot see how the mine can 'make good' this loss. It seems obvious to me that there cannot be any comparison between the Tahmoor coal mine situation and Hume Coal projections!

In consideration of the loss of water due to the mine going ahead the other extreme impact is that of water contamination. With regard to agriculture and food production, The Medway Basin may not be seen now as a relatively small loss but will surely impact on future needs for vegetable and farm produce in the future. Especially relative to uncontaminated water supply both for local and Sydney needs. To think otherwise is shortsighted considering only the present situation.

Yours faithfully,  
Penny Galbraith

On Mon, 2 Aug 2021 at 12:05, IPCN Enquiries Mailbox <[ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au)> wrote:

| Dear Sir/Madam,

You are receiving this email because our records show that you have previously expressed an interest in the Hume Coal Project and Berrima Rail Project (SSD 7172 & SSD 7171) - second referral, either to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (**Department**) or the Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**).

In accordance with the Commission's '[Additional Material](#)' policy, the Panel considers that it would be assisted by public comment on the following new material provided to the Commission:

- the [Department's Response to the Commission's Letter Regarding Questions on Notice](#), dated 22 July 2021 (including Attachment A – Voluntary Planning Agreement details).

**Submissions may be made on this new material only and must be received via email to [ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au) between the release of this statement on 2 August 2021 and 5.00pm AEST on 9 August 2021. This deadline will be strictly enforced, and late submissions will not be considered by the Panel nor uploaded to the Commission's website.**

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Submissions must specifically relate to the new material only. All relevant submissions received by the Commission will be published as soon as practicable after the deadline has passed.

Kind regards,

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