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Attention Ms Nina Harrison

Dear Madam,

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

**OBJECTION**

I own the property 'Glenraig', Lot 1 of DP 633319, which is 6 km east of Robertson, and have been coming to the area for 35 years.

I object to the extra heavy rail traffic proposed on the line that passes right through the centre of Robertson village.

My commute time to Sydney will be adversely impacted by two level crossings being closed for an additional 8 times per day – one on the Illawarra Hwy at Robertson and the second on Kangaloon Rd, being the secondary road one takes to get to the Hume Hwy by the shortest route to Sydney. These closures will be significantly longer than current closures if the coal mine project is approved, with the trains being long and carrying heavy loads.

Secondly, the village of Robertson has recently enjoyed an upswing in tourist activity, with many local food and arts businesses becoming tourist destinations in their own right for day trippers. The attendant car traffic this brings will also be impacted by level crossing closures causing delays.

In addition, the noise and pollution from coal dust and diesel fuel emissions that come with heavy freight movements, will severely impact the amenity of the residents and businesses in Robertson, with the rail line so close to urban development. The existing rail line, located through an established scenic built up area, is not suitable for increased freight movements.

Our concerns relating to the Rail Project are for the whole area which is inherently beautiful due to a balanced combination of environmental and scenic amenity. The proposed Berrima train line loop, and the extra heavy traffic on the existing line, would have significant detrimental impacts on a very extensive area from Berrima to the coast, which we find unacceptable.

The State Government has a responsibility to protect this area. The rail project is as flawed as the mine, and should be refused, even if the mine were to be approved

Yours sincerely



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