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Subject: Re: Hume Coal Project and Berrima Rail Project (SSD 7172 & SSD 7171) Second Referral - Additional Documents
Date: Monday, 9 August 2021 9:41:31 AM
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Dear Mr Barry,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to read Mr O'Donoghue's letter of 22/7/21 ref. IRF21/2957 providing the commission with additional information related to the Hume Coal Project and Berrima Rail Project.

Mr O'Donoghue's rightfully describes the Southern Highlands shire as an area where:

1. "historical coal mining in the Berrima region was generally small scale with the Berrima Colliery now in closure stage"

And

2. "The region is now more widely known for its rural land uses, small-scale agriculture, scenic landscapes and tourism".

Based on the above, I urge the Independent Planning Commission of NSW to look further than a short term mining project which will perhaps bring 300 temporary jobs in the area (if their numbers are correct) but will also jeopardise the creation of long term jobs in the agriculture, the food and wine, the hospitality and tourism industries. These sectors are arguably the fastest growing in the area and have a large potential of growth particularly since the closure of Australian borders during the Covid pandemic has given millions of Australians the healthy habit of visiting and enjoying their own backyard.

The Southern Highlands have seen the highest number of tourists during the past year, it would be a real setback for the whole tourism industry if the Hume Coal Project was to go ahead as it would tarnish the reputation of the highlands as an area of rural land uses, small-scale agriculture and scenic landscapes. Who would respond well to the area marketing itself to potential visitors as "the home of a new coal mining project"?

I do believe that the opening of a new coal mine is in direct conflict with the interest of the food and wine and the hospitality and tourism industries and since the later do not have the same uncertainty, short life prediction and negative side effects on the local environment and the people living in the

area, I urge the Independent Planning Commission of NSW to reject the mining project.

Lastly, isn't it time that governmental planning commissions take at heart their responsibility to reduce Australia's contribution to global warming and promote industries that are sustainable on both an environmental and economic development points of view?

Recommending against the Hume Coal project would be a great step forward in that direction.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Best regards,

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From: Joscelyn Chan <Joscelyn.Chan@ipcn.nsw.gov.au> on behalf of IPCN Enquiries Mailbox <ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au>

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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 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.

The Panel will only consider submissions received directly from the person making the

submission. Campaign emails, petitions or form letters will not be considered nor uploaded to the Commission's website.

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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