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To Whom It May Concern,

We are residents of Berrima and we write in support of a submission to the Independent Planning Commission of NSW dated 22 July 2021 by Mr. O'Donoghue, (Director of Resource Assessments). His letter made several good points.

Firstly he noted the additional burden of Hume Coal would place on the rail line does not take into account the increasing industrialisation of the Enterprise Corridor, through which the Berrima Cement branch line runs. The Berrima Branch Line has a practical operating capacity of 40 train movements per day (20 in each direction). Hume Coal's assessment assumes 26 train movements per day on the line, but this does NOT include other imminent burdens being placed on rail travel by businesses who are planning to move to the area. For example, the Austral brickworks will soon be opening in the Enterprise Corridor (adjacent to their shale quarry). Also the DA for their large Masonry Plant was approved in 2019 and it will soon be constructed nearby. These Austral factories will operate around the clock and require huge amounts of materials to be transported to and from their facilities. This will inevitably require further use of the rail line in ways that have not been included in Hume Coal's submissions.

Mr O'Donoghue also noted that there are currently proposals to build a new plastics recycling factory, and an electric vehicle factory in the Enterprise Corridor. These together with Austral and other future heavy industry will already place a very large burden on the rail line. Further demands from Hume Coal would surely be untenable without compromising these other companies and/or the rail link itself.

The proposed Hume Coal project will also have significant adverse impacts on the local tourism industry, which is increasingly the region's largest employer. It would also negatively impact the groundwater as we have flagged in our previous correspondence.

Given these, and other, problems with the Hume Coal project it is hardly surprising that the local community remains so strongly opposed to it. We trust that the objections of all these citizens will be taken on board as you consider this project and we thank you for taking the time to consider our submission.

Yours sincerely

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Sent from my iPhone