

To whom it may concern
Hume Coal Project + Rail
(SSD 7172 + SSD 7171)

72 Objecting to
the proposal

Kind Regards

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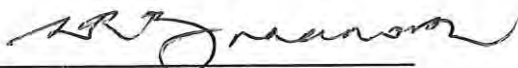
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