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Subject: FW: IPC Public Hearing - Hume Coal and Berrima Rail Projects (SSD 7172 & SSD 7171)

From: Luke Fox <zanzifox@gmail.com>

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To: Nina Harrison <Nina.Harrison@ipcn.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Re: IPC Public Hearing - Hume Coal and Berrima Rail Projects (SSD 7172 & SSD 7171)

Nina, I wish to add a detraction to my earlier comments.

I cannot confirm the veracity of my comments in respect to Hume Coal's charity.

Please use the below if sharing.

Regards,

Luke

Hello, my name is Luke Fox. I'm talking to you today as a resident of Moss Vale and as a father to two children. I would like to thank the panel for their time and I appreciate your efforts to arrive at a facts based conclusion.

I have sent visual references to the panel separately along with a written copy of my comments here today but will not share these publicly.

There are many contributors and concerned locals who have made a compelling case for the negative environmental consequences of the proposed Hume Coal mine. My contribution will focus more specifically on Hume Coal as a company, its role as a part of our local community and its attitude to those who have opposed their project ambitions. I have closely followed Hume Coal's actions in relation to their very real need to generate a social licence for the project. In my view, it reveals their true regard for the community and teaches us what to expect should they be successful in their application. 300 full time employees is a lot of influence.

Since February of 2016, Hume Coal has used Facebook as a means of community engagement. In so doing, from the earliest they have divided the community into 'supporters' and 'activists'. They equate activists with 'outside' influence and the Greens party. Two petitions with over ten thousand signatures each have been dismissed as not representing the views of the community. It is worth noting Hume Coal has itself never mounted a public petition.

Hume Coal controls the message and debate on their page, Hume Coal-negative comments are often deleted and those of supporters, some of them quite abusive, are not moderated, sometimes even 'liked' by Hume Coal. I was banned from their page in 2016. They publicly stated that it was due to my use of 'foul language'. I will let you be the judge of the veracity of this claim, but whilst I have never required the use of expletives to make my point on their page, I did ask a lot of questions which

they clearly did not like. Removing me also removed all my comments and questions. With their posts and comments they have encouraged divisive debate.

(YouTube link to promotional video: shorturl.at/qPTU2).

The advertised version of Hume Coal is out of step with their face-to-face persona, in particular in their dealings with land owners who have refused to accede to their demands for access, it is out of step with their willingness to silence dissent and their efforts to divide the community for their own benefit.

Can this community trust Hume Coal?

However compelling their assurances, should we not look at their past actions to best judge their future behaviour? We do not need a well funded, selfish and inconsistent new member of the community with the stated aim of taking what they can and then leaving. We do not need a company with a revenue of eighty billion dollars seeking to use community division to satisfy their own profit motives.

The area needs jobs and economic activity but it is my view that we do not need Hume Coal, therefore I ask that the commission reject the application.

Thank you.

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Nina, hopefully my last email. I do apologise for all this.

I am, to be honest, afraid of Hume Coal's actions in retaliation but I do wish to share a link to the financial statement for their charity which I believe shows they gave away no money.

Thanks again,

Luke

<https://www.acnc.gov.au/charity/256d593b549b9ebcb47732556df220c5#ais-245dd5fa35c16803eef2d3c66fd66e52>