

*New South Wales Government
Independent Planning Commission*

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

*We are writing this submission to the Department to **object** to the Hume Coal and Berrima Rail Projects as above.*

We purchased our property on Golden Vale Road Sutton Forest in 1984. Our water bore was registered in March 1989.

We enjoy the rural surrounds of our property and the local area with cattle, sheep and horses grazing in the lush pastures.

Our reasons for our objections are:

- 1. The water from our bore will reduce in quantity if not lost altogether.*
- 2. The reinjection of underground water will be polluted with toxic waste and chemical in the coal washing process.*
- 3. Local creeks such as Oldbury Creek will be polluted when Hume Coal pump waste water into the creeks.*
- 4. Tourism and agriculture will suffer from the impact from coal mining in this area. Very little royalties will benefit the NSW government.*
- 5. The pollution from coal dust will be spread throughout all of the local areas.*
- 6. All property values have dropped in the area and should properties lose bores water the values of properties will drop even further with some properties unable to be sold from not having water for paddocks or stock.*
- 7. The heritage areas affected by Hume Coal will suffer because of the visual site of the coal mining.*
- 8. The train movements from the mine day and night through Medway, Moss Vale and Robertson will create dust, noise and traffic disruption.*

*Kind regards
David & Lin Ridley*