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This submission to the IPC for the Hume Coal & Rail Projects SSD 7172 & 7171

Attention: Professor Chris Fell
George Gates
Geoff Sharrock
Annelise Tuor

As residents of Medway Road, we implore the IPC Commissioners to carefully consider the findings of the Department of Planning and Environment and recommend against the approval of the project.

We attended the two day hearing in Moss Vale on February 26 & 27.

Our property & family will be severely impacted by noise, visual, smell, social & economic issues. We share two common boundaries, South and West, with Evandale, historic agricultural land now owned by Posco. Hume Coal.

We have met on two occasions with the Department of Planning representatives and their Noise Expert Mr Renzo Tonin. They showed great concern for our issues and have reflected that in their decision.

We rely on rain water, we are not on town water. We are extremely concerned about our water supply being contaminated by the prevailing winds blowing coal dust directly across our property.

We have a bore that is used for stock and domestic situations. This water belongs to everyone and therefore is worth the highest protection.

To see it disappear or be irreparably damaged is not what we stand for, as we believe the land should be improved to pass onto future generations.

The towering coal stockpile will be seen from our kitchen/living room window at a distance of 750 metres.

Day and night. We are one kilometre from the main mine infrastructure & rail loop.

This project will adversely effect our lives twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

In 1998 we purchased a bare 5 acre block, since then we have built and established a home and garden. We grow our own vegetables, fruit and flowers. We have a large chook, duck, geese & bird run. We have a beautiful place to live that we are very proud of, surrounded by good neighbours, friends and family.

Our family building company has operated for 20 years.

It employs 5 full time tradesmen and always an apprentice.

Another 10 are employed as main contractors.

All local, all with wives & partners who work locally, most with children attending local schools.

Our 20+suppliers operate local businesses.

For the last 8 years we have lived with the pressure and stress of planning and decision making without certainty.

Our response to this constant reminder that our lives have changed forever has always been ***measured and reasonable but if*** this proposed coal mine goes ahead, we will not be able to continue to live at our home and would have to question our future here in the Highlands.

The outcome of this, the ripple affect, is extensive.

We can only put forward our own experience and try to relay our value in the community.

We work under an unknown future with all our plans put on hold.

We question any outlay of capital as our property will not return what we have put in if there is a coal mine next door as do all our surrounding neighbours. We are all in the same situation.

It has been made clear to us by local real estate agents that
"If the coal mine goes ahead our property will be unsaleable".

This is our reality.

We have waited for years for our future to be decided by others.
The effect that this has had on us cannot be understated.

We hope that Medway & Liebman's roads have been looked at carefully as the impact of this project will be severe. Noise and Visual being two major issues.

We hope that the correct decision will be made for us, our families & friends, our neighbours and most importantly - our community, NOT approve this project in any way or form.

We also request that this circle be closed - that the leases be purchased by the government so this project and others like it cannot be revisited in the future.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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