

## SUBMISSION

### 180-182 BELANGLO ROAD, SUTTON FOREST

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Subject Hume Coal project SSD 15\_7172  
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1. I am speaking on behalf of my husband and our family.
2. We have 350 acres on Belanglo Road, Sutton Forest which directly adjoins the Hume Coal project. We have 4 boundaries to the property:
  - a. Belanglo Road
  - b. Belanglo State Forest
  - c. Medway Rivulet
  - d. And most importantly the Hume Coal owned property – Evandale. The site of the proposed mine.
3. **Not only that – the mine is proposed to run right UNDER our property and we have the longest boundary to the mine site of any other properties.**
4. A written objection has already been submitted on our behalf by Colin Biggers and Paisley that contained several expert reports on noise, water, agronomy and town planning – which the IPC should consider in its deliberations.
5. My concerns are regarding the amenity impacts of the project that were not previously covered in our previous submission. Particularly the significant impacts on our way of life, our farm's future viability and the impact of the mine on the value of our property.
6. Our home is a place that our children and grandchildren come to regularly, an escape and a place to spend school holidays. A very important spot where we can all get together as a family.
7. With our land sharing a long boundary with the proposed mine our home will be within hundreds of metres of a significant mining infrastructure.
8. Because of the proximity of the Minehead and where the coal pile will be stored and because of the often strong winds, there are enormous concerns about the dust that will certainly be blowing over our property and home. As it will towards Berrima. Experience from others is that Hume's dust suppression method doesn't work.
9. As Larry Cook has already presented to you, our groundwater will be impacted – and this is critical to the operation of our Red Angus Cattle Stud, pasture production and operation of our 3 bores. This is a prize winning stud and our water will be jeopardized by the mining.

10. Regarding the mining process – we are of the understanding that the Resources Regulator noted that the mining method is untested and has concerns about mine worker safety. Also we don't have any assurances that there won't be subsidence or settlement that would affect our property, pastures and infrastructure. It is believed that 'the targeted coal resource is located in a shallow seam that is inherently difficult to extract without causing adverse environmental impacts and disturbing existing land uses.'
11. We are also concerned about the noise and their suggestions of operating hours. As this is not an industrial area it will affect our rural living area – no matter what time of day.
12. In conclusion, because of the impact of this mine on our family's way of life, the value of the property and our Red Angus Stud the Hume Coal application should never be approved. The location proposed for this mine is in a completely unacceptable location for the entire community.