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Dear Sirs,

we write in respect to the Independent Planning Commission meeting scheduled to be held in relation to the proposed Hume Coal Project in Berrima. We would like our objections and sentiments noted for the upcoming IPC Meeting.

We are very privileged to enjoy and reside in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales, in particular the unique and historic village of Berrima, and, we were devastated when we first learnt of the proposed coal mining project to be undertaken by Hume Coal in association with a Korean steel making entity. We completely oppose the project on the grounds the mine will impact as following, just a few kilometres from the historic village of Berrima.

- The environmental impact on the surrounding native fauna and flora by drilling and use of mining equipment/ machinery
- The risk to the valuable aquifer in the region, and, the use, by Hume Coal, of the limited water supply to the area.
- The impact on the land of local farming and rural entities in the vicinity of the mine
- Noise and air pollution, directly affecting residents, caused by coal trains, mine waste and mining machinery
- Visual pollution associated with 24 hour a day coal trains grinding through the area, and mine site infrastructure
- Constant movement of mining vehicles, trucks and traffic through otherwise, quiet country roads
- The negative social impact of a mining community on a country village and its permanent residents
- Berrima is a unique and very popular tourist destination attracting many people for its historic buildings, shopping, restaurants and cold climate experiences. This will be completely compromised by mining traffic, miners, noise, dust and disruption.
- Local businesses, established to provide tourists with village and country escape experience will be impacted by social and visual changes
- Residential real estate values in the area will be affected by lower property values due to the location and activity of a coal mine

Berrima is the oldest Georgian village in Australia, we love it and we feel it should be preserved for current and future generations and not be completely spoilt by a coal mine.

Yours sincerely,

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