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I am not sure whether I can attend the IPC hearing on the Hume Coal Project in the NSW Southern Highlands so I am writing to register my complete disapproval of the project on social, health, safety, environmental and economic grounds.

I am concerned about the idea of future banking for this area's next generations.

I moved back to the area after 26 years in Sydney to look after an ageing parent, and it horrifies me to think that this beautiful region's reputation for clean air, water, food and lifestyles could be negatively impacted by this project. There are plenty of jobs in the local industries (agriculture, agritourism, hospitality, retail, healthcare) that will be adversely affected if this area's healthy reputation is damaged in any way by this project. Accidents happen, and will happen. Titanic, anyone?

Water is vital and I am worried this project may be a "Trojan horse" for the next step in coal extraction - coal seam gas. Follow the money. Then stop and think - about being fair and responsible about the future of our children and grandchildren. There are new paradigms that are moving away from reliance on the coal fuel economy. We are a big country, why mine in an area that is so obviously loved by all ages as a great place to live? Why threaten our water catchments? I believe in communities before coal. If there is no environment, there is no economy. More future responsible industries please.

Thank you for your time.