

IPC Public Hearing – Hume Coal and Berrima Rail Projects (SSD 7172 & 7171)

My name is John Christopher Henry Mallet.

I am a resident of Berrima.

I am totally opposed to the Hume Coal Project 7172 & 7171.

The proposed Hume Coal/ Posco Coal mine with its toxic tailings would contaminate and destroy our Internationally significant world class aquifer for ever when it seeps into our local river system .

Hume Coal have no social licence to destroy our precious life sustaining pristine water resource and our environment .

This water flows through the Wingecarribee river and is the main feeder river for the Sydney water catchment and the Warragamba Dam supplying 2.5 million residents.

The mine would lower the groundwater level and dry over 118 vital bores including our own.

The coal mine will affect the mental and physical health of the community.

The toxic micropore coal dust from the industrial site, coal loader and 8 storey high coal stack, would blow on the prevailing sw wind over our property, contaminating our only rainwater drinking supply and blow over the surrounding villages of Berrima , New Berrima, Burradoo and the towns of Mossvale, Bowral and Mittagong all the way up to Sydney.

This will threaten the communities health and wellbeing along with the abundant wildlife including our documented local endangered Koalas.

The Hume Coal project would not be consistent with the precautionary principle.

So please reject the mine for once and for all and pay back the mining leases.

Its time the Government said a final no to any future coal mining in the Sydney water catchment and in particular the Hume Coal project .

Thank you.

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