



# COMMUNITY

## BULLETIN

### GET THE FACTS ABOUT THE HUME COAL PROJECT

**Hume Coal recently submitted the Preliminary Environmental Assessment to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, which is the first step in the development proposal for the underground mine.**

The preliminary environmental assessment provides key details of the project including a description of the underground mining method, plans showing the proposed location of the surface infrastructure and underground parts of the mine, the results of preliminary environmental studies, and the proposed assessment approach during the environmental impact assessment.

Hume Coal is committed to engaging with the community by providing information about the Project as it progresses. As part of this process, Hume Coal will engage with the community by holding a series of Community Engagement Sessions throughout the month of August. Dates and times for these sessions are outlined here. We encourage anyone who is interested in finding out more to come along to a session and get the facts.

Our priority is to ensure the project is undertaken in the most environmentally sensitive way possible. It will provide long-term careers for locals, while preserving and protecting the things that make this area special. Information about the community sessions is also on our website [www.humecoal.com.au](http://www.humecoal.com.au)

For more information, please contact the Hume Coal office on (02) 4869 8200 or email [info@humecoal.com.au](mailto:info@humecoal.com.au)

<b>New Berrima</b> Blue Circle Sport & Recreational Hall, Taylor Ave <b>6 August 2015 at 4pm</b>	<b>Moss Vale</b> Services Club Cnr. Argyle & Yarrawa Street <b>11 August 2015 at 4pm</b>
<b>East Bowral</b> Scottish Arms 71 Boardman Road <b>12 August 2015 at 4pm</b>	<b>Robertson</b> Community Centre Caalong Street <b>19 August 2015 at 4pm</b>
<b>Exeter</b> Community Hall Exeter Road <b>20 August 2015 at 4pm</b>	<b>Sutton Forest</b> Community Hall, Illawarra Highway <b>25 August 2015 at 3pm</b>

### Luke Edminson Manager, Environmental Planning



**What is your job at Hume Coal?**

My role with Hume Coal is Manager Environmental Planning. My role is to manage our team of staff and consultants to ensure that operations are undertaken in an environmentally responsible way by following our strict environmental conditions. This role is also responsible for preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which will be submitted around July 2016.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?**

I get the opportunity to meet and work with a wide range of people including Landholders, farmers, Geologists, and the Government, there is not a day that goes by whereby I haven't been challenged or faced with a complex issue. I work with a great team and every day brings new exciting opportunities.

**How did you get into it?**

I studied Environmental Science at University and have worked in a number of large industries through both consulting and in management roles. I really enjoy working with diverse teams and ensuring that effective environmental management is incorporated at every stage of the project.

**Why is this project, in your opinion, important for the region?**

I think this project will be great for young families and for the entire region. With an aging population, many people have forgotten what is needed for a community of young families. This mine will allow the family to stay here in the Highlands with both Mum, Dad and Grandparents providing a lifestyle for

generations to come. This project will provide a unique design, taking in to consideration the environment, community and innovation. I am proud to be on this project.

**As a local, what do you love most about this region?**

As a local I love the climate and the natural environment. I spend a lot of my time bush walking and exploring the many national parks in the Southern Highlands.

I also love food and wine and I think this is one of the reasons why I really enjoy my days off scouring the local market and cooking up a storm. Local produce and great restaurants make this place special to me.