

Planning Services

Department of Planning & Environment

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Rocky Hill Coal Project - Application No SSD-5156

Dear Sir/Madam,

I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project

I recently had the opportunity to visit Gloucester on the mid north coast of NSW. I visited "**The Hillview Herb Farm**" located at **Forbesdale**, 5km south of **Gloucester**. I was dismayed to learn that **Forbesdale** is the location for the proposed **ROCKY HILL** open cut coal mine, for which approval is currently being sought.

The proposed mine is located in an environmental and scenic protection zone. It is opposed by 80% of the residents and was opposed unanimously by the previous Gloucester Shire Council. The mine will be located less than 2km from the herb farm and 900m from the rural residential estate, surrounding the herb farm. Over 30 residences will be affected.

The valley view from the Herb Farm is stunning, the produce is grown in clean country air using clean rainwater. If the mine is approved, this family run agriculture and tourist business will be critically affected, as will be the health and amenity of all the residents who surround the Herb Farm at Forbesdale.

Gloucester is a vibrant town, which has successfully operated since its establishment more than 150 years ago. It is a significant tourist destination as the gateway to the heritage listed **Barrington Tops National Park**, as well as having a strong agricultural base.

I would ask, therefore, that you do all in your power to ensure that the **ROCKY HILL MINE** is not approved and the town's next evolution is not the destruction of a magnificent valley, destruction of the lifestyle of the people who live there and the eventual destruction of a wonderful country town. It is the scenery and sense of community, which attracts a visitor like me.

Yours faithfully,

I have not made a reportable political donation