



STRATFORD EXTENSION PROJECT E.I.S.

The above application seeks to return the Stratford Coal Mine to a 24 hour mining operation.

I submit that this must be refused on the following grounds –

1. The proposal has been rejected by -
 - A large public meeting
 - The Gloucester Shire Council
 - The Stratford Coalmine Consultative Committee.
2. The intolerable health burden imposed on the people of Stratford and adjoining areas by 24 hour mining.
3. Consents for 24 hour mining at Bowen's Road North and Roseville West Pits were refused due to the intolerable health burden that would have been imposed on the people of Stratford and adjoining areas.
4. The health problems caused by coal mining are well documented and already visible in the Stratford Community. The NSW Government is well aware of this and needs to put community health ahead of demands of foreign mine owners.

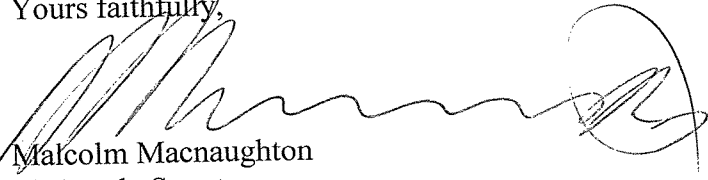
The new owners of this mine Yancoal (majority owned by the Chinese Govt.) are showing a disregard for the local community. They purport to be good corporate citizens supporting the local community. Yet they have supposedly threatened to close the mine should consent to this application not be forthcoming.

The Chinese Government's attitude of ignoring the needs of its own people is well documented and we do not want it introduced to the Gloucester Valley.

The local community have overwhelmingly rejected this application and it rests in the hands of the NSW Government to protect and support the people of this valley.

The proposal must be declined.

Yours faithfully,


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