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SUBMISSION – STRATFORD COAL EXTENSION PROJECT

We are writing to object the Stratford Coal Extension Project. We own, operate and reside at 'Glenrowan', a 210ha dairy farm at Forbesdale which overlooks Stratford Coal. We have young children and a view of the mine from most areas on the property. Our objection is based on the following;

a. Decreased Property Value

If the size of Stratford coal mine grows and moves closer we will be subject to more noise, more dust and more stress. We will be impacted visually far more also. There is a trig station on one of Glenrowan's high ridges where we planned to build a new home. As the view of Stratford Coal mine becomes far more obvious and if mining activity impacts the property more this site holds less value to us, as it would to any potential purchaser.

b. Decreased Health

1. **Dust** - We currently hear mining activity and see the dust created from blasting. We also breathe dust particles created from mining activity. If the mine moves closer and extends operation to 24 hours a day, prolonged exposure to dust will impact us and our children even more. We're concerned for our children, our neighbors and the Gloucester community as this project puts additional pressure on our already inadequate health services. Currently the community desperately requires air quality monitors capable of measuring PM 2.5 particles for use in the area. Please act to have a monitoring network established as soon as possible. Data collected will inform residents of dust levels affecting them and will assist decisions to relocate.
2. **Sleepless Nights** - As parents of young children and owners of a dairy farm we work hard and our days are long. We value our sleep; it maintains physical and mental strength. We have experienced 24 hour gas exploration on a neighboring property a few years ago to know that a 24 hour mining operation at Stratford Coal will reduce our ability to sleep. We will be affected by both the noise and lights. Barking dogs and crowing roosters affected by night time operations will limit our ability to sleep also.
3. **Stress** - Raised stress levels will result as impacts from mining activity surrounding our home, investment and place of work increase. Due to point a., b.1. and b.2. we feel less settled and worry more about our finances, our children's health and our future at Glenrowan, the property has been in the family for 5 generations.

Please don't allow the approval of Stratford Coal Extension or the proposed 24 hours of operation.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael & Wendy Fraser.

