

## Matthew DiMaggio - Submission opposing the Rocky Hill Coal Project - SSD5156

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Dear Sir,

I wish to express my opposition to the Rocky Hill coal project on the following grounds:

- Proximity to residential areas of Gloucester .

The mine proposed only is 1.5km from my home in the residential area where I live on the Avon River Estate situated along Jack's Road. Where the vehicles to this mine will come along to enter the entrance to the mine itself.. The residents in this area will carry an unacceptable burden and will be impacted by dust, noise especially if we have a southerly wind blowing, it will mean I cannot open my doors & windows or even put my washing out. Plus sit out side and enjoying the view etc., I have now. Health is a big issue it is not just one persons health we are talking about it is the whole of Gloucester at risk to their health and also loss of property value no one will want to buy any houses near the Coal Mine so hence Please Think Again Allowing This Rocky Hill Coal Mine Project To Go Ahead. I want to live in this peaceful valley as it was, not what it is going to be if The Mine Is Allowed To Go Ahead. I choose to live here & was not told of this mine Rocky Hill, when we brought our house in its beautiful are. My health is not the best & I suffer from Anxiety so hence with all the noise which will come with this Mine etc I think my health will suffer. There is no assurance that if approved Rocky Hill mine would not advance closer to residential areas – with greater impacts, which will spoil our fantastic area, shared by many other people other than local residents, people who come to Gloucester for the peace & quite & clean air & clean running rivers & not a place that will be spoilt by YET ANOTHER COAL MINE.

- Impacts on Health

Health impacts from open cut coal mines are well known. Most of Gloucester township (including the hospital and schools) falls within the acknowledged 5km health impact zone of the Rocky Hill mine – thus placing a large proportion of the population at risk. Those most affected by the health impacts are our children, the old and the sick.

- Impact on other industries in the Gloucester Valley

An open cut coal mine within 5km of Gloucester and within sight of the Bucketts Way will have a major adverse impact on the visual amenity of the area. Tourism is currently worth over \$30M to the Gloucester economy. It will be impacted with a resultant loss of jobs and income generated in the township.

Additionally, the Rocky Hill project is already adversely impacting on Gloucester's agriculture having led to the loss of food-producing land, loss of employment and incomes and loss of business for those companies supporting agriculture.

- Environment

The location of the proposed Rocky Hill mine is on the Avon River floodplain, and in the water

catchment area of the Manning River which supplies drinking water to over 80,000 people. The Avon River has flooded 5 times in 4 years, with 2 floods occurring in February this year. There is real potential for contamination of the water in the catchment.

- Cumulative Impacts

If approved, the Rocky Hill coal mine won't be operating in isolation in the Gloucester Valley. Yancoal has requested expansion of its mine at Stratford and AGL is planning on 330 CSG wells in the Valley – many of AGL's wells are to be placed within the Rocky Hill mine and the Stratford mine area. No other area in NSW has coal and CSG companies fighting over the same piece of land. To not consider the cumulative impacts of this mining is reckless and irresponsible.

I have not made a reportable political donation.

Yours sincerely, Carol Tate New South Wales 2422, Australia