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Hi there, I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Mine Project.

We neighbour Gloucester Shire and drink the water from the catchment area there. Additionally, we are a part of the community, participating in farmers markets at Gloucester since the markets began operation years ago.

It is a stunningly beautiful town, ringed by vast amounts of natural beauty. It is unimaginable that short term mining operations would be put ahead of people, the amenity of the town, tourism, farming, health and long term impacts that might not even be foreseen now but will be detrimental to Gloucester for generations.

At the Gloucester Farmers Markets I have had to comfort people who have been impacted by the mining sectors approach in the area. Regular families who are so worried about their health and the properties they thought they would enjoy for many years. Worse...some of these families left the Hunter Valley to escape effects such as asthma, only to find out that mining is following them...and once they've finished with Gloucester – where next???

I doubt I will risk my own children's health and take them to Gloucester Farmers Market – as I have done for years – if the mine expansion is to go ahead. This would mean a loss to the economy, tourism & positive media potential and sense of community.

The masses of farming land now owned by mining in Gloucester seems at odds with the long term need to provide clean water and good food for Australia's population.

I am incredibly concerned that short-term profits are being put so far ahead of long term benefits. How could any person with a moral compass stand by and let this happen? Where is the innovation in renewable energy? Where is the commitment to humanity's long term future? Where is the commitment to the people and neighbouring regions of Gloucester? Or is the commitment to foreign-owned companies and quick profits for a few?

I have not made a donation to any political party, but would appreciate all political leaders opening their minds and hearts, and standing up for once and doing the right thing for all.

Thank you.