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Dear Sir/Madam

## RE: Application No SSD 5156 - Rocky Hill Coal Project

We wish to advise you of our objection to the Rocky Hill Coal Project situated at Gloucester NSW.

We believe that the property value of our home will be substantially reduced should the Rocky Hill Coal Project be approved and become operational. We have spent considerable time and energy in establishing our home and it's surroundings to suit our lifestyle. If the coal mine is to proceed, we feel that all our hard work will have been in vain, as any re-sale value will be significantly reduced.

The Specialist Consultant Studies Compendium have acknowledged that we will be impaired by noise. We refer to Section 6.4.4 Rail Load-Out Facility, page 1-112 "noise levels are predicted to exceed criteria at three additional privately-owned receptors- (163B, 183 and 184B), where the maximum predicted exceedance would be 3-5dBA".

The Compendium did not acknowledge that dust would be a factor at our home. However, as the majority of our breeze comes from an Easterly direction, we fail to see how we cannot be impacted. Firstly, we have small school-age children to consider, who will be inhaling dust particles whilst outside playing. All of their play items outside will have a film of coal dust on it, further enhancing their probability of inhaling the fine dust particles. We should not have to live as prisoners of our home with no windows open to capture a breeze, and no outside play for our children.

Our children are all healthy individuals at this present time. We do not wish to subject them unduly to asthmatic conditions or other health conditions simply because a Company choose to mine coal near where we

live. This would not be upholding our duty of care to our children and their future.

Secondly, we note that at Stratford Coal mine no water is collected from any buildings to be used for human consumption, not even flushing of toilets. We suspect that as a result of the dust impact at our home in the future our solar energy panels will not be as effective due to the coal dust coating them from the Rocky Hill Coal Project, and the roof of our home and shed will become coated with coal dust particles, thereby rendering any run-off water unusable by us.

We are not anti-mining, we just believe that a coal mine in such close proximity to a township should not be warranted simply due to the increased health concerns for the residents, not to mention the noise and traffic impacts that will also be experienced.

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Yours sincerely

Greg and Tonia Channon