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Dear Sir

**Re: ROCKY HILL COAL PROJECT Application No. SSD 5156**

**I oppose this proposal**

I have been a visitor to beautiful Gloucester and the Barrington Tops area and I am appalled at the prospect of a new coal mine in the valley to the south of Gloucester. If it goes ahead it will destroy the beautiful vista looking across the Avon Valley and to the Mograni Range. Gloucester being the gateway to the magnificent rainforests of Barrington Tops National Park should be protected.

Information I received explained the National park forms part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia's World Heritage Area. Carved out of ancient volcanic flows, the park rises from near sea level to over 1500m and protects one of the largest temperate rainforests in mainland Australia, along with a host of diverse habitats and wide range of birds and animals. It is essential this is protected.

If the mine proceeds then I will not want to visit this area again, and the reduced amenity of the area may impact the tourism operators, the farmers, the people and businesses of Gloucester. I'm told some surveys showed that well over 80% of Gloucester people don't want this mine and I support their opposition to it. Surely the people of Gloucester should have a say!

I am worried too about the safety travelling along the Bucketts Way if the mine should go ahead. It is a single-lane road, in parts narrow and in poor condition, and with absolutely no overtaking lanes. More vehicles, trucks and tankers travelling along it will put users in extreme danger.

I have made no reportable political donations.

Yours faithfully

  
(Eugenia Berjitsky)

