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Department of Planning and Infrastructure  
GPO Box 39, SYDNEY 2001



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**Project Name: Rocky Hill Coal Project**  
**Project No.: SSD 5156**

Dear Sir/Madam

I support the Rocky Hill Coal Project going ahead because it will:

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Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am taking this opportunity as a resident of the Gloucester community in order to inform you that I totally support the Rocky Hill open-cut coal mining project.

In doing so, I wish to also inform you that I do not have any financial interest in this project nor that of any established mining operations.

The reason for supporting this particular project is two-fold. Economically, Gloucester has suffered in the past owing to the total closure of its timber industry coupled as well to a massive decline in the dairying industry. The result of this has led to the vast majority of our young people to leave and who ultimately will never return. This has resulted in an ageing population.

The only saving grace to this town so far has been the limited beef cattle industry and that of the open-cut coal mine located near the tiny hamlet of Stratford owned by Yancoal.

Having examined in detail the methodology in the extraction process for mining the coal which is being offered by the Rocky Hill project, it is in my opinion symbolic of a very well designed proposal which has taken into consideration all the required safeguards as well as the rehabilitation of the landform to minimise any impact on the scenic value of the surrounding area.

It is also noteworthy to mention that the general area that is to be mined by the Rocky Hill project is some of the poorest agricultural country within the Gloucester valley.

Coupled to this will be the incremental increase in local employment that will retard the exodus of people from the district but will inevitably boost the local economy together with other indirect benefits.

There has been a concerted effort by a hard core Green minority whose predominant aim is to hinder any further development whether it is open-cut mining or even that of the proposed AGL's CSG operations in the Gloucester area.

It is my belief that the vast content of objectors to the Rocky Hill Coal Project have been and predictably influenced by a hard core "greenie" element such as Gloucester Residents in Partnership ( GRIP ), " Lock the Gate", and the Barrington, Gloucester, Stroud Preservation Alliance ( BGSPA ) and who are supported by a number of our local Councillors.

Having observed the economic damage caused by the Green movement in Tasmania, then one hopes that such a thing should never befall the State of New South Wales.

It is therefore my hope that as the proposed Rocky Hill project has exceeded many of the required regulations, its responsible environmental management that it be permitted to start its operations as soon as possible.

Such a favourable decision toward the Rocky Hill Project will also finally eclipse the exaggerated claims, misinformation that is associated with the local anti-mining activists.

Yours sincerely,