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Dear Sir

SUBMISSION: ROCKY HILL COAL MINE PROJECT – APPLICATION No. SSD-5156

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

- Cumulative impacts on health, through coal dust and contaminated water in rivers from expansion of Yancoal's Stratford open cut mine which if approved, will continue to expand north towards Gloucester township
- Cumulative impacts on rural residential areas, especially Forbesdale, from AGL's Gloucester Coal Seam Gas Project, consisting of a total of 110 gas wells and an 80km pipeline to Hexham in Stage I, 110 gas wells in Stage II and 110 gas wells in Stage III
- Noise and visual impact on this scenic area so close to town
- Coal mining robs NSW of valuable food producing land
- Decline in tourism as Gloucester loses its appeal
- Excessive movement of trucks and heavy mining equipment along The Bucketts Way and Jack's Road, passing Thunderbolts and Avon River Estates
- Difficulty attracting new residents. Gloucester has in the past years, been a haven for 'tree changers'
- Impact on many small businesses, which already have suffered from apprentices leaving to work in Stratford and Duralie mines for higher wages
- Short term nature of coal mining – after 16 years (life of mine) this mining company will move on, but the damage remains. Who will be responsible for the rehabilitation of the mine area?

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- This area is the home of some soldiers I had the privilege to be with in Viet Nam. They chose this area for the quiet and peaceful retirement that they are entitled to after defending their country. I feel a really hard look should be taken at the mines proposal before any decisions are made. **Money is not everything in this world.**

I have not made any reportable donation.

Yours faithfully


(Signature)

☐ I do not wish to have my name published on Dept of Planning's website