

To



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Director,

Mining Projects Development Assessment

Department of Planning & Infrastructure

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Sydney NSW 2001



Submission on proposed Rocky Hill Coal Mine

Submission relating to The Rocky Hill Coal Mine EIS

AS a resident of Gloucester I make this Submission setting out

The following objections to any approval of the said coal mine .

The destructive nature of coal mining, particularly open-cut mining, is totally inappropriate at the proposed location because:

1. It is to be located on agricultural land ,needed for food production which will be required for future populations, both local and for the world at large.
2. This land cannot and will not ever be restored to its present state, and productive potential
3. The presence of this mine will render adjacent rural properties unsaleable.
4. Residential properties, many of a superior quality and very close to The mine site, will be greatly degraded both in living amenity and resale value.
5. The living amenity, presently of scenic beauty, peace, quiet and, one most attractive to those seeking to move away from Sydney and The Central Coast, will be destroyed by noise, light, dust, and consequent health problems, both physical and psychological. All of these consequences will, because of the close proximity of the mine to the town, will impact, not only on the outer residential estates, but upon the entire population, particularly the young and elderly.
6. The viability of the mine as currently proposed is doubtful in the size proposed, which clearly suggests future expansion would be the logical progression, which would only impinge more drastically upon the town, to the point of disaster for its future as we know it.
7. Vehicular traffic generated by the mining activity, will impact heavily on councils infrastructure of roads and bridges, and will also exacerbate the existing dangerous traffic conditions on the district road system.

7 Proposed compensation for the deleterious effects upon residents of mining operations ,clearly acknowledge that living amenity will be degraded, but compensation for loss of clean healthy lifestyle can never restore what is lost and can never be restored.

This mine must not go ahead.

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