

The Director-General  
Department of Planning & Infrastructure  
23/33 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir

**Re: Rocky Hill Mine Project**

My wife and I are writing to you to strongly oppose any consideration you may have towards approving the Rocky Hill open cut coal mine. There are a number of reasons for our stance on this matter.

*1. Asthma*

We moved to the Gloucester area to help combat this problem.

*2. Proximity*

Our property will be in the zone of affectation, that is to say, one (1) kilometre from mine workings.

*3. Dust/Noise*

This will be a major problem because of the height of the unsuitable material which will be stockpiled at various locations within the mine area.

*4. Environment*

The amount of overburden extracted will be of significant proportions, such that the Avon River, which forms part of the Upper Manning catchment, could be severely impacted upon with silt and sludge. The slope ratio would have to be in the vicinity of 1:2 otherwise the high volume of material being removed will be in the Avon River. A slope of this magnitude will allow rills to form and deleterious material to become airborne. Vegetation normally used to help control the dust and runoff will be unsustainable. Any airborne dust particles will become a serious health issue.

To reiterate our position, we are totally opposed to the mine. Our position is supported by the community at large at a recently held public meeting. 100% of residents rejected the Rocky Hill open cut coal mine.

If this mine is given approval we will be seeking a buyout and/or compensation. We fail to see why our lifestyle and property should be destroyed to satisfy greedy mine owners.

Yours faithfully,

Colin and Beryl Franklin