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ROCKY HILL COAL PROJECT - GLOUCESTER NSW
Application No. SSD 5156

I oppose this development.

This mine won't be viable. Coal reserves are being developed elsewhere in the world including enormous reserves in Mongolia. The price of semi-hard coking coal, which GRL is seeking, has dropped considerably since early 2012 when GRL decided to proceed with this proposal, and will almost certainly continue to fall.

The mine, if it is approved and work begins, will soon become just another big hole in the ground. Productive farming land will be destroyed and the eyesore will be abandoned because GRL will be losing money, not making a profit. The State Government will have received peanuts in royalties and for what benefit?

Gloucester has had three separate population surveys recently regarding this mine proposal and in every survey over 80% of respondents opposed the mine. Of the concerns raised human health was consistently mentioned. GRL has admitted there will be health consequences but says it will be "negligible or acceptable". Acceptable to whom? It won't be acceptable to Gloucester residents.

I believe all governments have a DUTY OF CARE for our future generations and an approval of this proposal would be a breach of that duty.

I ask that the Planning Department on behalf of the State Govt refuse the application by Gloucester Resources Limited.

Signature

