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Dear Sir/Madam

Before you disregard this letter as yet another letter of complaint against the open cut coal mine proposal in Gloucester, I would like you to take a moment to reflect not on the financial gain but **on what will be lost.**

In case you are unaware Gloucester is an area of green hills, farm land, national parks and pristine water ways, it is within easy travelling distance from Sydney, Newcastle and Taree and many people come for weekends and holidays to enjoy its peace, tranquillity, fresh air and outdoor pursuits. I feel an open cut mine with its scar on the landscape (no matter what they say they will do to try and hide it, therefore admitting that it is unsightly) and the billowing of coal dust into the air and rivers is going to greatly distract from the enjoyment of these holiday maker, future generations of Australians and certainly from the health and enjoyment of the residents of Gloucester, who have without doubt moved there for its natural beauty and clean healthy environment.

My land which is 900 metres from the proposed mining site, was brought with my retirement in mind, some where I could have a modest house and enjoy the country side with my animals and at times my god children. I have spent the last few years working in an oncology unit with the risk of breathing in harmful chemicals in the hope of curing or extending the lives of people with cancer. I am now fifty five years old and in my retirement I would like to relax and breathe fresh air, not coal dust.

As an asthmatic, if the open cut mine goes ahead my dreams of building on my land and moving to Gloucester will be ended.

Is the carbon tax just for revenue raising and putting on a façade for the rest of the world, or is the government really concerned about carbon emission? If so, stop selling off part of Australia to overseas companies to mine for coal one of the world major pollutants.

I feel that if the open cut coal mine should go ahead so close to my land, the company should buy the land off me for its current value, enabling me to purchase land in a less polluted area.

Yours sincerely

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