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Dear Sir

OBJECTION TO ROCKY HILL COAL PROJECT – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SSD-5156

I write to lodge my objection to this project.

I have lived here in Gloucester for many years and have travelled through areas where there are open cut coal mines and seen the damage caused to the surrounding environment and particularly the rivers.

I am most concerned about the impact that the Rocky Hill Coal project would have on the soil and the water table. Coal mining uses chemicals and the water becomes contaminated. The water runoff has disastrous impacts for our water table and river systems.

Our property goes down to the local river. We pump water from the river for our domestic use. I am scared that this water will be contaminated.

I feel enormous empathy for residents in Waukivory and Forbesdale who would be so close to the mine. Nobody should have a coal mine located so close to them. There should be no coal or coal gas seam mining on agricultural land, particularly when so close to residents and a town.

I have not supported any candidate or political party with financial, or other, donations.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Pat Slater