

## Matthew DiMaggio - Submission Opposing the Rocky Hill Coal Project - SSD5156

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My NAME is: Gai Anderson

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Dear Sir, I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Mine Project.

Proximity – The mine boundary will be situated 900metres from Forbesdale Residential Estate of 35 families. Those families will experience unacceptable levels of noise, dust, and traffic.

No one wants to live next door to an open-cut coal mine. The only way they can sell their homes is to the mining company, GRL and they don't want them.

Noise – It is a known fact that noise is the number one complaint from residents who live near coal mines.

No amount of monitoring or measuring will stop the noise impact for the residents of Gloucester.

Health – negative health impacts, which can result in serious illnesses, from the dust from open cut coal mines are well known. Most of Gloucester township (including the hospital and schools) falls within the acknowledged 5km health impact zone of the Rocky Hill mine – thus placing a large proportion of the population at risk.

Impact on Tourism – Visitors come to Gloucester to experience the peaceful, country lifestyle. Tourism is currently worth over \$30M to the Gloucester economy. It will be impacted with a resultant loss of jobs and income generated in the township.

Employment – Mining is good for employment if you want to work in a mine. It is not good for people who want to work in other industries in a mining town.

Water – The location of the proposed Rocky Hill mine is on the Avon River floodplain, and in the water catchment area of the Manning River which supplies drinking water to over 80,000 people. The Avon River has flooded 5 times in 4 years, with 2 floods occurring in February this year. There is real potential for contamination of the water in the catchment.

Cumulative Impacts – To not consider the cumulative impacts of this mining is reckless and irresponsible.

Climate change is the BIGGEST problem the world faces and we need to Move Australia Beyond Coal. We should be investing in getting ahead of the game on renewable energy and being a food bowl for all of the South Pacifica and South East Asia...at the very least. The country needs to ride on the back of a renewable, not extractive, resource....like the days of “riding on the sheeps back”. Just because the mining companies are big and have clout is NO REASON to risk our very water and

food supplies!

WAKE up and grow some ...proverbial "balls"...the people are asking for their elected MPs to stand up to big business AND to provide encouragement for innovative and sustainable industry. Coal must wind DOWN, not up. Otherwise we aren't doing the right thing by the rest of the world, too.

I have not made a reportable political donation.

Yours sincerely, Gai Anderson New South Wales 2450, Australia