

Mr Barry O'Farrell. MP
PREMIER of NSW
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Dear Premier,

I recently had the opportunity to visit **Gloucester** on the mid north coast of NSW. As part of a tour I visited "**Hillview Herb Farm**" located at **Forbesdale**, 5km south of **Gloucester**.

I was dismayed to learn that **Forbesdale** is the location of the proposed **ROCKY HILL** open cut coal mine, for which approval is currently being sought.

If the mine is approved it will be located within 900m of a rural residential estate, affecting over 30 homes. It will also be located in an environmental and scenic protection zone; therefore it is opposed by Gloucester residents and the Gloucester Shire Council.

The view from the Herb Farm is stunning. This small, family run agriculture and tourist business will be critically affected, as will those households in the surrounding area.

Gloucester is a significant tourist destination, the gateway to the world heritage listed **Barrington Tops National Park**. Food production is also a major industry in the district.

I fully understand the need for mining in Australia and the royalties received by the NSW government are significant. However I do not understand the need to approve mining in any and every location with little regard for the impact that it has on the land and the people who live there.

I would ask that you do all in your power to ensure that the **ROCKY HILL MINE** is not approved to avoid the destruction of a magnificent valley and a wonderful country town. It is the scenery and sense of community which attracts visitor like me.

Yours respectfully,

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