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Dear Sir/Madam

I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project - **Application No SSD-5156**  
~~Stratford Coal Extension Project - Application No SSD 4966 MOD1~~  
As a regular visitor to Gloucester I cannot see how an open-cut coal mine can co-exist with other industries in the area. Tourism is a major industry, bringing in thousands of people and dollars each year. With an unsightly coal mine in the valley on the way into town I think people will be reluctant to stay in Gloucester. I certainly will reconsider visiting an area that has turned into a landscape like a lot of the Hunter Valley.

The beautiful environment is what my family and I most love about this place. We don't want to go to Gloucester to see orange dust exploding into the air and to hear the drone of mining operations.

Coal mines create dust and noise, not to mention heavy vehicles. Gloucester roads are not suitable for constant heavy traffic, particularly if they have to share the roads with holidaymakers. It's spells disaster. The Bucketts Way is not built for such large vehicles. It will be dangerous if you are towing a caravan.

The mine is just a short distance from homes and families. How can this be approved? The health impacts will be paramount for those residents. I'm sure most of those people chose to live in Gloucester for the clean air, water and rural lifestyle. They must be so depressed knowing that a mine is on their doorstep.

From what I know of other mining companies they are all foreign owned. That means that most of the profits will go overseas. The residents there suffer so people living elsewhere get rich. It's not ethical.

**I strongly advise that the NSW Government does not approve this mine.**

Yours sincerely



I have not made a reportable political donation  
I am happy for my name to be published

I have just read on coalwire.org that ~~366,000~~ <sup>366,000</sup> people in India, died of coal dust related illnesses in 2015.  
Coal dust is lethal - and health care costs our economy.  
It is false economy to support short term <sup>mining</sup> benefits when the →

Gloucester  
A valley structure will concentrate the <sup>dust</sup> hazard and  
cost the community in loss of lives in the long term.

As a resident of the Manning Valley I am also appalled  
to find out that the E.I.S. for the coal development  
admits that there is a 20% chance of an environmental  
incident/accident(?) ~~in the~~ involving the Manning River.  
Clean water is a scarce and essential commodity  
for everyone - do not let it be compromised in  
this way - please!! *Ben*.