

To whom it may Concern,

I would like to offer my support for the amended Rocky Hill Coal project. The project had my support in its original form, but the improvements make it economically more viable and very attractive to the Gloucester area.

The increased employment, 75% local, for those directly employed by the mine, and the natural flow on of indirectly employed (supporting) of approximately 18 more within the community, will greatly enhance the town, and its financial future, which is currently economically bleak and at times depressing. The jobs on offer will greatly assist the town to address ever increasing exodus of working age people from its population.

The traineeship and apprenticeship qualifications for our young people are a precious opportunity, and would be life changing. The opportunity to be able to send staff members from businesses like mine to the training centre provided by the mine will be a considerable benefit for my company rather than having to send my staff to the Hunter or Taree for safety training, the management of Rocky hill have offered include outside staff members within their courses.

I also would like to mention the Community Grants program for Community groups to apply for. These Community groups are able to value-add to any capital funds, making the contribution to the community so much more beneficial than the initial outlay.

For a business owner such as myself, I very much appreciate the fact that GRL intends to purchase what it can locally and has made commitments to work with the community on establishing a local procurement program.

Some see the town to be busy, bustling and full of activity as a loss of lifestyle, to see the town busy and prospering again for me is a no brainer, I can't wait, bring the project on.

Yours Faithfully

A Local Business Owner.