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Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156

Dear Sir/Madam

I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project on the following grounds

1. **Proximity to Residential Area --** The impact on residents of Forbesdale due to the close proximity of the mine is unacceptable and the consequences of noise pollution, dust and possible health risks are an unacceptable burden not to mention property value decrease
2. **Impacts on Health --** Health impacts from open-cut coalmines are well documented placing a large percentage of the population at risk because of the close proximity of Gloucester.
3. **Impact on Tourism, worth \$51M per annum to the Gloucester economy --** An open-cut mine will impact the visual amenity of the area and the mine will risk the jobs of many employed in the tourism industry.
4. **Environment --** The proposed mine is on the Avon River floodplain and in the 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 2013. There is a definite potential for contamination of water in the catchment.

This mine should not be approved.

