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Director – Resource Assessments

**Planning Services** 

Department of Planning & Environment

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Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156

Stratford Coal Extension Project – Application No SSD - 4966 MOD1

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a member of the Gloucester community and oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project and Stratford Mine modification.

The proximity to residential areas will cause significant impact to our community including issues such as dust, noise, possible health risks and reduction in property values.

Gloucester is a vibrant community with so much to offer, and our tourism trade boosts the local economy. Gloucester is known as the Gateway to the Barrington Tops; however, with a mine on our doorstep, tourism will be at risk as our town's reputation will change from one of natural beauty to one of coal, noise and destruction of land.

Gloucester also has a rich farming community. As a farmer myself, it will be heartbreaking to see another farm be shut down, especially when the reason for its demolition is not necessary. This particular farm provides numerous jobs to the community and applies farming practices that improve the longevity and quality of the land, not the short-term destruction that a mine will create.

This mine should not be approved.

Yours faithfully

I have not made a reportable political donation