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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 opposed to the Rocky Hill Coal Project and the Stratford Mine Modification.

I am opposed to any more mines in the Gloucester area.

My mother and her partner live in Gloucester. When they first moved there it was the first time I had been to this area of Australia. I will always remember the drive on that first visit. Rolling green hills, wildlife everywhere, creeks, rocks and mountains it was just like a picture book, so very beautiful, Gloucester, I thought, what an oasis and what a lovely place where my mum can retire.

It was not long after that first visit that Gloucester was going through more mining exploration for yet another mine and the battle began, to try and stop the detrimental impact that any new mine in and around the Gloucester area would have.

It is known that mining creates a negative environmental impact both during the mining activity and after the mine has closed. The impact of another mine to the Gloucester area would be absolutely devastating not only on the environment but also on the people that live there including my mother.

Despite GRL's statement that there will be no negative health impacts from Stage 1 of their mine, I cannot see how the evidence in the public domain regarding health impacts from open-cut coal mining can be ignored. I refer to, Drs for the Environment and Dr Au of Singleton.

I am horrified that the proposed mine is to be built within 90 metres of 30 homes and families. Why is the health of these people dismissed? I know some of those families and I know that the mental health impacts have been devastating.

Why are these people considered collateral damage?

Quality of life, air, water, soil, and wildlife would all be impacted by the Rocky Hill Coal Project and the Stratford Mine Modification this needs to be seriously evaluated. Why do we continue to destroy prime land, nourished fertile land, this land and town needs to be protected and maintained.

GRL's claim that the mine will bring local employment is exaggerated and misleading. The Stratford mine had 60% of its workforce as DDO's and the township did not reap the monetary rewards as promised.

The application for the Rocky Hill mine should be refused.

Yours faithfully

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