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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 oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project and Stratford Mine modification on the following grounds:

Some years ago I bought my home in the beautiful rural setting of Gloucester valley away from the industrial city suburbs. Knowing that there was one boutique coal mine in the Valley, I was assured it would operate for no more than 10 years (1995 – 2005).


Since then a second mine has opened and the first mine has not ceased operations as predicted 21 years later. On top of this, a third mine, Rocky Hill is now proposed. These mines are spreading up the Valley like a cancer ruining our rural atmosphere.

After a recent road trip through the Hunter Valley and seeing the unsightly overburden heaps by the roadside, I have not seen any evidence of the mines repatriating the mess they have made.

I believe that if this mine is allowed to happen here, it would result in a massive devaluation of Gloucester and my home and making it extremely undesirable for resale.

Considering the predicted royalties over 21 years gained by the State and Commonwealth Governments compared to the losses suffered by local homeowners (financial, visual and mental health) all for the profit of what I am told is an overseas Company, I fail to see any reason except for the greed of foreign investors for this project to be approved.

Yours faithfully


PAUL DAWSON

I have not made a reportable political donation.

