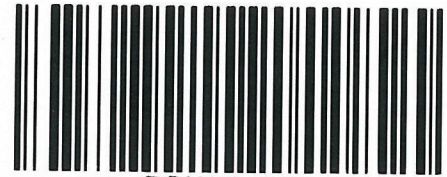




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Dear Sir/Madam

I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156 and the Stratford Coal Extension Project - Application No SSD 4966 MOD 1

As a business owner of the Manning Valley region, I am concerned that the Rocky Hill coal mine will bring adverse effects to our communities.

The proposed Rocky Hill coal mine is in the Avon River catchment, which is a tributary of the Manning River. The Rocky Hill Environmental Impact Statement suggests the likelihood of discharge and pollution of the Avon Valley tributaries to the Manning River is possible with medium consequences. Serious risks regarding polluting a river, which is the drinking water for thousands of residents, is unacceptable.

As a regular visitor to Gloucester I cannot imagine how a coal mine can coexist with the other industries of the area. Tourists flock to the area in their thousands for the beauty of the scenery and the many outdoor activities promoted by the thriving tourist industry. The pollution from dust and noise will greatly affect the clean air and water. Tourists will no longer find the Gloucester area attractive and will stay away. Millions will be lost annually in revenue to the town.

This proposed mine in the beautiful Avon valley will be in clear view of visitors. It will also directly affect adjoining dairies and cattle properties. Open-cut coal mines produce unacceptable levels of dust pollution. This dust will inevitably settle on pastures and will also create coal dust pollution over the townships of Gloucester and Stratford.

The NSW Government should oppose this mine, which will create so many negative impacts for Gloucester and the region.

I stand with over 80% of residents of Gloucester who oppose this mine.

Yours faithfully

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Mel Gray-Thompson

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