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Submission for the Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156

Dear Sir

We completely oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project.

We visit friends who live on a cattle property not far from Gloucester quite frequently. They have shown us the proposed mine location and we are amazed that the state government could consider approving a mine so close to residential areas, schools etc and to the centre of town.

Gloucester's claim to fame is that it is known to be clean and green. Like many residents of Sydney, we really enjoy getting out into country NSW to make the most of clean air and a beautiful environment, and Gloucester is a favourite destination for us. But approval for this mine would mean the scenic beauty of the Gloucester valley will be lost forever.

The visual, noise-related and environmental impacts on residents and visitors alike would be enormous. Many potential tourists would choose instead to visit other areas instead of Gloucester, eg Mudgee or Orange, which would result in a significant negative financial impact on the area.

Our friends are also extremely concerned about health issues that will arise from the mine's proximity to residential areas. It is known that living near coal mines has a detrimental effect on health, including increased levels of asthma and heart disease. The NSW Department of Health must have grave concerns that the Government is considering approval of such a development.

NSW has enough coal mines. We do not need this one. Any economic benefit would be far outweighed by the social, environmental and health impacts.

We ask that the NSW Planning Department do the sensible, logical and responsible thing and reject the proposal to develop this mine.

Yours faithfully

Edwina and Vaughan Kirkby

cc John Sidoti MP
Member for Drummoyne



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