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Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156

Stratford Coal Extension Project – Application No SSD - 4966 MOD 1

Dear Sir/Madam

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

1. Proximity to residential areas

The mine proposed is 1.5-2km from where I live, why should I have to live with Rocky Hill Coal Mine on my door step, this is far to close to me & anyone else to deal with.

How would you like to live this close to a Coal Mine, on your door step. Plus with Stratford Coal Extension Project, will be even worse for those people living even closer this this Extension Project such as the people who live in the estate over looking this area.

2. Impacts on Health

Health impacts from open-cut coalmines are well documented. With most of Gloucester township, including the hospital and schools, falling within the 5km health impact zone of the Rocky Hill mine.

Living this close to this Coal Mine will have a considerable impact on our lives, no matter if they are young or middle aged or Elderly. It will cause the anxiety level & stress levels to rise, as it has already with just the thought of this Mine going ahead. With all the Dust, Fumes, Noise & Pollution which will be associated with Rock Hill Coal Mine. The life of myself & other residents of Gloucester will suffer terribly. Hence our Medical people Doctor's, Nurses at our local Hospital & other people working there would be run off their feet. As more & more people will suffer from having a Coal Mine on their doorstep. living with Rocky Hill Coal so close to us. Our house faces South, so when we get the Southerly Winds we shall have to close all the windows & doors of our house & stay inside, due to the amount of dust, fumes, noise level & also it causing Mental Health Issues, as myself I hate to be shut up in my house I am a person who loves to have the doors & windows open as much as possible but if you put this Mine here, I will feel so trapped having to shut myself away from going out side.

### 3. Impact on Tourism, worth \$51M per annum to the Gloucester economy

An open-cut coalmine within 5km of Gloucester and within sight of the Bucketts Way will have an impact on the visual amenity of the area. The mine will risk the jobs of hundreds employed in the tourism industry. Also it will make people think about coming to Gloucester to start up a business having a Coal Mine in & around the township of Gloucester.

### 4. Environment

The proposed mine is in the Avon Valley and in the catchment area of the Manning River. This supplies drinking water to over 80,000 people. There is definite potential for contamination of the water in the catchment. Let alone what it will do to our land being contaminated, our feed for our farm animals, such as our dairy cattle, beef cattle & in general our farming people, as they will not be sure if the feed they grow is not harming their animals or even the general public.

5. Living as I do so close to Jacks Road, the noise impact will have a terrible impact on my day to day life & routine. I walk down Jacks Road, for my exercise & find the Road, busy now but with the Coal Mine & extra Traffic on Jacks Road this will impact my life greatly & I am sure I would not be able to cope with the Traffic Noise, Pollution & Fumes that the extra vehicles will put out into the air around me.

6. We came to Gloucester to be away from all the Noise & Pollution from Newcastle & other areas, we came to retire here to enjoy the peace & quite of the country side & to enjoy the fantastic scenery of Gloucester & it surrounds Hills & Rivers etc. We did not come to Gloucester only to find we will end up with a terrible Coal Mine on our door step. How would you like to live your retirement next to a Coal Mine. Are you prepared to buy us out & many other families who live so very very close to this Mine.

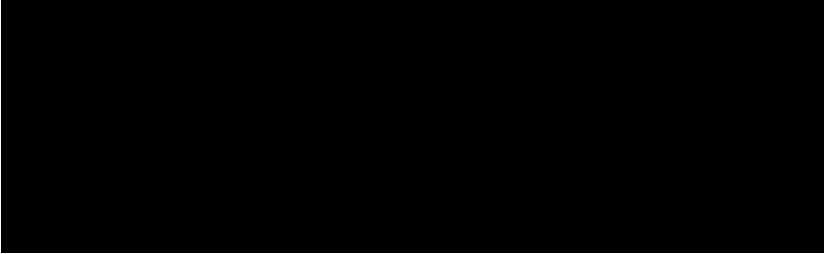
### 7. Finally

I put this question to you would you want to live where we are living so close to where you want to put ROCKY HILL COAL MINE, or would you want to go through what we are going through now the stress & anxiety of what is

going to happen to our lives in the future if you allow this Coal Mine to go ahead.

If we are unable to sell our homes due to your Mine & our land & house prices drop in price & our health gets worse, how will you feel that you having approved

this ROCKY HILL COAL MINE, HAS TURN OUR LIVES & MANY OTHERS INTO HELL FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES LIVING SO CLOSE TO THIS MINE, IF YOU ALLOW IT TO GO AHEAD.



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