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Director – Resource Assessments
Planning Services
Department of Planning & Environment
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Dear Sir,

RE: Objection to the Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156 and the Stratford Coal Extension Project – Application No SSD-4966 MOD 1

I am writing to you in opposition to both of the above projects.

I have been visiting and living nearby to Gloucester for over 50 years. The town has progressed over that time to become a modern regional centre while remaining a major support hub for the agricultural industry that thrives on the rich landscapes surrounding the town. Three rivers converge at Gloucester, providing flow to the Mighty Manning River, thriving agricultural production and tourism is based on these rivers. Not to mention the towns and villages that depend on its water. From Gloucester to the sea. The flow and the quality of this water should not be put at risk.

Having an open cut mine on its doorstep, with the accompanying explosives blasts, dust, heavy vehicle movements and constant noise 6 days per week would spell disaster for this beautiful rural town, this productive rural landscape and the rivers that flow through it. It is known that living near coal mines has a detrimental effect on health, including asthma and heart disease.

I am gobsmacked that the law allows an open cut facility such as this so close to residences. Further, I am appalled that your government would show such a lack of respect for these people, their lifestyles, their health and this landscape, that you would consider such a proposal.

Gloucester has developed as a tourism destination, clearly an open cut mine at its front door, within sight of the town, will ruin this growing commercial and employment opportunity for this area. I understand that the published government statistics show that tourism is worth \$51 million each year to Gloucester and surrounds, this is too important to risk.

I ask that the NSW Planning Department do the right thing and not approve Rocky Hill coal mine nor the Stratford Coal extension. They are too close to Gloucester, too risky for the community's and the landscape's health and too risky for tourism.

I have made no reportable political donations.

Yours faithfully,



Christopher M Scott