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**Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156**

Dear Sir/Madam

I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project

I recently had the opportunity to visit Gloucester on the mid north coast of NSW. I visited the 'Hillview Herb Farm' located at Forbesdale, 5km south of Gloucester. I was dismayed to learn that Forbesdale is the location for the proposed Rocky Hill open-cut coal mine, for which approval is being sought.

The proposed mine is located in an environmental/scenic protection zone. It is opposed by 80% of the residents and was opposed unanimously by the previous Gloucester Shire Council. The mine will be less than 2km from the herb farm and 900m from the rural residential estate. Over 30 residences will be affected.

The valley view from the herb farm is stunning, with produce grown in clean country air, using clean rainwater. If the mine is approved, this family run agriculture and tourist business will be critically affected, as will be the health and amenity of all the residents who surround the Herb Farm at Forbesdale.

Gloucester is a vibrant town successfully operating for more than 150 years. It is a significant tourist destination as the gateway to the heritage listed Barrington Tops National Park, as well as having a strong agricultural base.

The Rocky Hill Mine will see the destruction, of a magnificent valley, the lifestyle of the residents and a wonderful country town. Visitors come for the scenery, sense of community and rural clean, green image. This will all disappear.

Yours faithfully

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