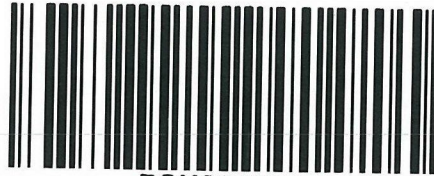


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RE ROCKY HILL COAL PROJECT APPLICATION NO. SSD5156

Department of Planning

4 OCT 2016

Scanning Room

Dear Director of Resource Assessments,

I oppose the development of the Rocky Hill Coal Project. Having read the Stratford Mining Complex Statement of Environmental Effects, I object on the following grounds-

1. Effect of the mining on ground water and slurry pit water which will eventually find its way into the Manning catchment and the Manning River. The present water supply provides the water needs of industry and households for Taree, Wingham, Forster, Tuncurry, Nambucca and many small villages. Although studies may show that no contamination is likely to occur, extreme weather events and unforeseen movement of water has been the result in many other instances of mining. It is too big a risk to take for the well being of residents and other industries, such as dairying and oyster farming. The mine life is predicted to extend 3 years longer and 9 years longer for processing and export. This adds more risk.

2. Due to the proximity of homes and a school, blasting of one per day [max 3 per week] will badly effect the residents of Gloucester. The construction and use of a private haul road by heavy vehicles over a long period of time would also effect the residents. Dust could be expected to reach Gloucester in times of heavy winds. The health of residents should be a priority.

3. The mine is likely to impact on nearby productive farms. Dust, noise and water pollution will reduce their ability to carry on the activities which have been practiced for many years.

4. Tourism has recently become more popular in Gloucester, partly due to the beautiful landscape and the ambiance of the countryside. A mine close to Gloucester would lessen tourist activity, which business owners rely on.

Overall, the damage to the residents and businesses of Gloucester and possibly the water supply of the whole Midcoast Council area should prohibit this Mine,

H. Hannah  
Helen Hannah