

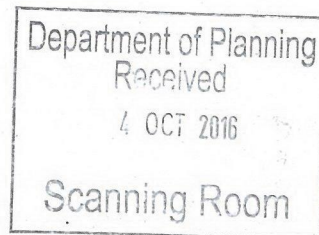
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**Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156**  
**Stratford Coal Extension Project – Application No SSD - 4966 MOD1**

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 is proposed only 900metres from the residential area of Forbesdale. These residents will carry an unacceptable burden and will be impacted by dust, noise and loss of amenity, resulting in risks to their health and loss of property value.

**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, this places a large percentage of the population at risk. Those most affected by the health impacts are the very young, the elderly and the sick.

**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.

**4. Environment**

The proposed mine is on the Avon River floodplain and in the catchment area of the Manning River, which supplies drinking water to over 80,000 people. The Avon River has flooded 5 times in 4 years, with 2 floods occurring in 2013. There is definite potential for contamination of the water in the catchment.

This mine should not be approved

Yours faithfully

SURELY GLOUCESTER HAS DONE ENOUGH  
 WITH THE EXISTING MINES IN OUR  
 VALLEY – TO PERMIT ANOTHER MINE  
 SO CLOSE TO THE TOWN & WATERWAYS  
 SO A FEW IN THE MINING INDUSTRY  
 CAN 'MAKE A DOLLAR' IS OUTRAGEOUS.  
 IT'S NOT AS IF THERE IS A  
 SHORTAGE OF COAL!  
 I AM 3<sup>RD</sup> GENERATION GLOUCESTER  
 RESIDENT WITH 7 GRANDCHILDREN. ALL  
 MY FAMILY HAVE PRODUCTIVE JOBS IN  
 GLOUCESTER.

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