

Director – Resource Assessments
Planning Services
Department of Planning & Environment
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8 October 2016

Dear Sir,

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

I completely **oppose** both of the projects above.

I have friends who live in Gloucester who are totally opposed to the Rocky Hill mine. They have shown me where the mine will be and I am appalled that the state government would even consider approving an open cut coal mine so close to Gloucester homes.

If Rocky Hill coal mine proceeds in any form, the scenic beauty and peaceful perception of the Gloucester valley will be lost forever. Mine blasts, dust, heavy vehicle movements and constant heavy machinery noise 6 days per week is a disaster for rural Gloucester. This will lead to a drop in tourists which will cancel out any economic benefits claimed by Gloucester Resources Ltd. My friends tell me the published government statistics show that Gloucester tourism is worth \$51 million each year, this is too important to risk.

I am also very concerned about any health issues that will inevitably arise from living near this mine. It is known that living near coal mines has a detrimental effect on health, including asthma and heart disease. The NSW Department of Health cannot deny the risks. I fear for the health of my friends.

I ask that the NSW Planning Department do the right thing and not approve Rocky Hill coal mine. It is too close to Gloucester, too risky for the community's health and too risky for tourism.

I have made no reportable political donations.

For how many more years will conservative governments in this country allow multi-national companies to destroy our land and pollute our air and waterways? Do you really want your personal legacy in the annals of history to be environmental destruction and loss of life? We judge mistakes of past politicians very harshly, especially if it is clear they knew what they were doing and it was done for monetary gain and political power. Would you allow this in your own backyard if it would put your own loved ones at risk?

Yours faithfully,

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