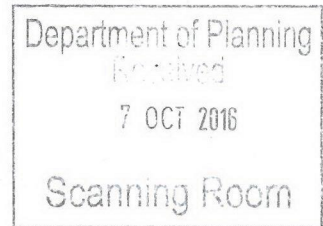




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To:
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Planning Services
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SYDNEY NSW 2001



Reference: Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application Number: SSD-5156
Stratford Coal Extension Project Number: SSD-4966-MOD1

Dear Sir,

I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project and the Stratford Coal Extension Project on the following grounds:

1 Proximity to residential areas

The mine is proposed less than 1km from the Forbesdale estate in Gloucester. It is crazy to build a new mine this close to town.

2 Coal Dust

I have worked in open-cut coal mines in the Bowen Basin in Queensland. I know what coal mines are like. There is coal dust everywhere! You can't escape it! It gets in buildings, vehicles, clothes; everywhere! Every surface in a building gets covered in coal dust. Worse – you breath it! And with this mine so close to town and the dust being carried for miles on the prevailing winds, the people of Gloucester will suffer big time.

3 The Coal Dust Will Kill People

Health impacts from open-cut coal mines 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.

4 Nobody Will Visit Gloucester

The mine will risk the jobs of hundreds employed in the tourism industry. People don't visit coal towns that are dying a slow death! Would you?

5 The Avon River

The proposed mine will kill the Avon River and damage the Manning River. Don't believe Gloucester Resources Limited on this – I certainly don't! There are too many stories in Australia and from around the world of flooded tailings dams being breeched. All of the pollutants will flow into the Avon River and thus into the Manning River. And the Manning River is used for drinking water by thousands of people. This is crazy!

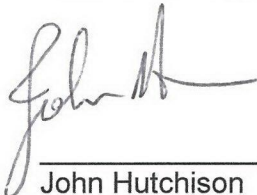
6 And This is Only Stage 1

Yes, Stage 1! Gloucester Resources Limited have already earmarked the area north of the proposed Rocky Hill Mine for Stage 2. Stage 2 is even closer to Gloucester than Stage 1. This is crazy.

As with all coal mines, when the first mine is approved then they follow on with extension after extension, after extension. If the coal is there then Gloucester Resources Limited will mine it. The exploration licence extends north up the Avon Valley to the town. There is no minimum distance from residences, as with the 2km for Coal Seam Gas.

This mine should not be approved.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Hutchison', written over a horizontal line.

John Hutchison