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I'm the resident of 85 Fairbairns Rd Forbesdale which I own and where I live with my wife and two children aged 8 and 11. Our property is classed Rural Residential by the local council and is approx. 900m away from the GRL Rocky Hill Mine.

We wish to express our opposition to the mine. Due to our closeness and elevated position, to assume that there will be minimal increases in noise, dust, and no negative impact on our life style and saleability of our only asset the family home value, would be naïve.

Should this mine be approved we should be compensated by either NSW GOVT and or Gloucester Resources Limited for its impacts on our property.

Our property will be impacted by every facet of this operation from construction through to its operation, 6 days a week, for 14 years of the mine's operating life.

Noise

Noise in our valley travels a long way. We are impacted by intermittent noise from 2kms away, such as the local airfield and dairy.

This in the form of tractors' reversing beepers and machinery noise.

Impact and impulse noise such as metal on metal, rock on metal, and multiple beepers on machinery, have impacted our property 24 hrs a day while AGL were drilling their exploratory wells on the other side of the Avon River in front of our property, a similar location to the mine site. This will be same through GRL's operations. This was despite media statements by AGL stating noise emissions from its operations would be as quiet as a library.

We are currently impacted by very little noise in our valley. The largest source are train movements on the main northern line which total 25 mins over a 24 hr period.

As is our experience with AGL, should the mine be approved, we will be hit with increased noise throughout the day and until 10pm at night. This will be through all levels of the construction phase and operations to 10pm. Due to our elevated position above the valley floor the barriers

suggested by GRL will not contain the noise from affecting our property. We felt it will push the noise levels up and out, with the prevailing wind blowing them across our property.

Wind and Climate

Wind direction in our valley during the warmer seasons of spring and summer is from the east and south east. This is confirmed through our sightings of the wind sock from the aerodrome in front of us and from ash being blown onto our property from fires in the Mograni ranges behind the proposed mine site.

These winds will exacerbate the noise levels impacting our property and demonstrates that dust will be blown from the mine site onto our property.

Fogs in the valley during autumn & winter will assist in the transportation of noise impacting our property.

Dust

As demonstrated by the ash falling from the Mograni Ranges due to fires in the area behind the proposed mine site onto our property, we will be impacted by dust blowing from the mine. Currently our valley is well covered with pasture. Removal of that pasture and excavation of pits and other mining activities can only increase the dust to significantly higher levels than we experience now.

Blasting

We note in the Trades and Investment Safety Bulletin No SB14-01 Exposure to Dust and Gases from 2115 States I quote *“Hot weather & strong winds can provide conditions that promote formation and dispersal of dust from surface blasting. If hazardous blasting gases are produced these can also spread significant distances by strong winds and cause potential health hazards”*.

This demonstrates the risk to my property and children and the slim margins of error required to place my property and family at significant health risks.

Compensation

Should this mine be approved, we should receive adequate compensation from the NSW State Govt and or Gloucester Resources Limited.

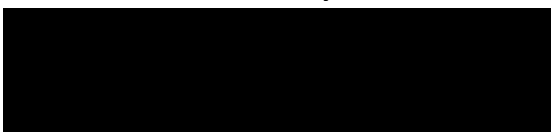
Any compensation or special conditions need to be enacted ASAP after any approval. It would be grossly unfair that we live with the uncertainties this proposal brings, longer than the 8 and half years we have had to endure so far.

It's inadequate to believe we can simply lock ourselves away with sound proofing and increased electricity costs.

Any compensation package should include and not be limited to:

- The damage to saleability and property price the mine will have over its life, including the years taken under the sunset clause to become fully operational;
- Cover costs for my family to move away during construction;
- Cover cost for the double glazing and closing in of decks, solar battery technology to cover increased cost of energy use through increased air conditioning;
- Landscaping such as mounding and screening; and
- Should approval be granted, we should be able to prepare our house and if required, or wish to move away and not be financially disadvantaged by the impacts this mine has in such close proximity to our residence.

Yours faithfully

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VIEW OVER PROPOSED MINE SITE FROM OUR REAR DECK

