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The Director – Resource Assessment  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No. SSD 5156**

We oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project and Modification to the Stratford Coal Extension Project No SSD 4966 MOD 1.

The extraction of 21 million Tonnes will take many years to achieve and the proposal will greatly affect the quality of life of many residents in the Gloucester and Forbesdale area'

There is mounting evidence of the impact on human health from coal dust, coarse and fine particles, and the increase of fugitive methane from open-cut mining. It is untenable that any government consider approving an open-cut mine that will reach so close to residential development.

We also object to the proposal to use the Stratford Coal washing facility as that, in itself, presents a pollution problem. The Avon river has very few substantial flows that can adequately flush the produced water away. The Avon flow flushes pollutants into the Barrington/ Manning river system which is the drinking water supply to the Manning/Great Lakes population.

A proposal to irrigate discharge water onto pasture as put forward by AGL for disposal of coal seam gas produced effluent has since been proven inviable. The frequent irrigation of the saline water will build up a salinity level and render the soil unusable.

We respectfully request that you reject the Application No. SSD 5156 and the Extension Project No SSD 4966 MOD1.

Yours sincerely,

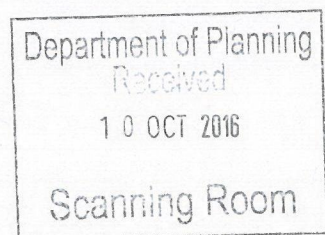
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*We have not made any reportable donations. YMS*