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**Submission for the Rocky ZHill Coal Project – Applicatio  
No SSD – 4966 MOD1**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project and the Stratford Mine  
Modification on the following grounds.

If the proposed mine is allowed to proceed the scenic beauty of the  
Gloucester valley will be irreparably damaged which will lead to a  
dramatic drop in tourist numbers resulting in loss of financial benefit  
and jobs in the area.

The benefit to the NSW Government and the people of NSW is  
debatable. I understand GRL will pay \$63M in revenue and \$60M in  
taxes. The life of the mine is 16 to 20 years meaning the company will  
pay just over \$3M a year for revenue and taxes and most of the profit  
from this company will go overseas.

The NSW Government needs to invest in renewables, particularly in  
rural areas where unemployment is high. Town, like Gloucester and  
my local town Dungog could be embracing the new world of solar,  
thermal solar, biomass, wind and hydro.

It is time we stopped outdated industries like coal and followed the  
rest of the world into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Yours faithfully

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