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Director – Resource Assessments
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Dear Sir/Madam

Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156
Stratford Coal Extension Project – Application No SSD – 4966 MOD 1

I am opposed to the Rocky Hill Coal Project and the Stratford Mine Modification.

This mine is MUCH TOO CLOSE TO OUR TOWN, OUR WATERWAYS and surrounding rural and rural/residential homes. There will be financial impacts, air pollution, noise pollution as well as the visual impact to our beautiful valley. This cannot be allowed to go ahead!

There will be coal dust from the mine, there cannot be any denying of that. There is too much evidence to prove this is true. The dust will be constant from the daily operations and also from blasts. This dust will be all through our valley. It will make its way into our lungs when we breathe. It will make its way into our drinking water via our rivers, creeks and after settling on our roofs it will be washed into our rain water tanks. This is unacceptable!

There is the visual impact (both the mine and the barriers). What is the visibility barrier made of? Is it just to be the surface dirt they move to get down to the coal? How steep will the sides of these barriers be? Where will the dust blow when it's windy? Over our town!

There will be noise pollution and if, once the mine has their foot in the door they request to increase their working hours (as happened with Stratford), there will be more noise pollution and additional light pollution too.

I understand that the majority of the previous Stratford mine workforce did not bring monetary rewards to the town as promised. It would seem again that promises of exaggerated local employment are being made and previous experience has been shown this is not correct.

We currently have agriculture and a growing tourism industry which is bringing money directly into the town. These industries will be destroyed if this mine is allowed to go ahead. These are sustainable industries, mining is not. It is just MUCH TOO CLOSE TO TOWN!

The application must be refused.

I have not made a reportable political donation.