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*Submission on the Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156*  
*Stratford Coal Extension Project – Application No SSD-4966 MOD 1*

Dear Sir/Madam,

I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project and the Stratford Modification

I am very concerned that the NSW Government is considering approving a green-field coal mine only 900metres from a residential area. Gloucester is an area of great natural beauty, with sustainable dairy, beef cattle and tourism industries. It is not a suitable area for a coal mine.

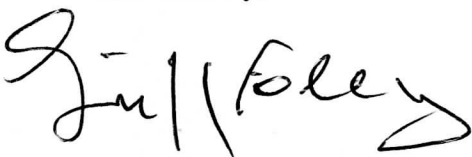
Even coking coal is no longer in great demand around the world. There is enough coal stockpiled globally to adequately supply the steel making industry far into the future. Coal mining is an unsustainable industry, with its fluctuating selling prices and worker layoffs, and its deleterious environmental effects.

The economic benefits of this project to the NSW Government and the people of NSW are questionable. Gloucester Resources Limited will pay only \$63M in revenue and \$60M in taxes. The life of the mine is 16 to 20 years, so Government will gain just over \$3M annually in revenue and taxes. Most of the profit from this company will go overseas. The revenue gained will not offset the environmental and social damage done by the mine.

The NSW Government needs to invest in renewables, particularly in rural areas where employment is low. Towns like Gloucester are in a good position to shift to solar, thermal solar, biomass, wind and hydro energy. The benefits would be huge: reduced carbon emissions, lower power bills, regional economic development and stable job creation.

Gloucester could be the new renewables hub instead of contributing to the prolongation of an obsolete, destructive fossil fuel industry like coal. I respectfully submit that the NSW Government reject Gloucester Resources Limited's application for the Rocky Hill Coal Project and the Stratford Modification.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Griff Foley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Griff Foley