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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 Stratford Mine modification on the following grounds.

1. Proximity to residential areas

The mine is proposed only 900metres from the residential area of Forbesdale. These residents will carry an unacceptable burden and will be impacted by dust, noise and loss of amenity, resulting in risks to their health and loss of property value. Our residence is less than 1 km from the eastern overburden & we face the same impacts & risks.

2. Impacts on Health

Health impacts from open-cut coal mines are well documented. With most of Gloucester Township, including the hospital and schools, falling within the 5km health impact zone of the Rocky Hill mine, this places a large percentage of the population at risk. Those most affected by the health impacts are the very young, the elderly and the sick. Our family will suffer similar health impacts as our daughter & I both have dust allergies & mild asthma symptoms.

3. Impact on Tourism, worth \$51M per annum to the Gloucester economy.

An open-cut coalmine within 5km of Gloucester and within sight of the Bucketts Way will have an impact on the visual amenity of the area. The mine will risk the jobs of hundreds employed in the tourism industry.

4. Environment

The proposed mine is in the Avon Valley and in the catchment area of the Manning River. This supplies drinking water to over 80,000 people. There is definite potential for contamination of the water in the catchment. My parents live in Taree & they & their friends have expressed concern over the quality of water, should the mine go ahead.

This mine should not be approved.

Yours faithfully



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