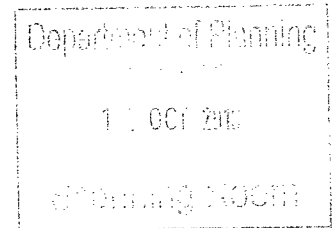


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SUBMISSION FOR ROCKY HILL COAL PROJECT – APPLICATION No: SSD-5156

SUBMISSION FOR STRATFORD EXTENSION PROJECT – APPLICATION No: SSD 4966 MOD 1

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have viewed the new- EIS- GRL has put on display and I am now writing to oppose the above applications. My objections stated in the previous submission still hold, copy attached, plus the following reasons pertaining to the new EIS.

1: Minimising noise: GRL state that there will be no night time activities, but the mine will operate until 10pm from year 4 onwards . Forbesdale is a quiet rural residential area, most adult residents including my husband go to bed around 8.30 to 9pm most nights. My children are grown, but what about the children in this rural residential area, sound carries in this valley, We can hear activities at the showground approx 5klms away, this mine will be less than 1 – 1.5 klms away from my home, my business and my neighbours homes. I am very concerned about the day to day noise of mine machinery. The constant noise of this machinery will affect the lives of all Forbesdale residents and will definitely affect the day to day running of our business, we conduct tours of our farm to our visitors mainly in the daytime.

Truck movement noise is also a major concern. The truck movements on the private haul road add up to 194 per day This noise plus the additional traffic passing our home and business heading to the entrance of the Rocky hill coal project. Will adversely affect my family's lifestyle, peace and quiet. Our farm gate/ tourism business will also be greatly affected and future investment and added amenities planned, will now be put on hold.

2:Visual impact: GRL state that vegetated barriers, to shield the view of the mine, will be built , reduced hours of operations and specific lighting controls. But admit that FORBESDALE RESIDENTS WILL SEE THE NORTHERN AND WESTERN BARRIERS BEING BUILT FOR 2 YEARS! When I sit on my verandah, the view of the Avon valley and Mograni range is beautiful especially in the moon light. Amenities are being taken away from my business, my family, my neighbours and myself. I do not want to look into a open cut coal mine or a grey coloured visual barrier being built for 2 years, and I do not want to look at a vegetated barrier approx 50mtres high and 2klms long or the glow from lights from controlled lighting. I do not want to see approx 194 truck movements per day for 21 years in the valley floor. I do not want to lose my beautiful view of the valley floor . IT IS NOT FAIR that amenities are being taken away from the residents of FORBESDALE. The affect on our business will be devastating. How can we operate our business under these circumstances? What are we supposed to say to our visitors! "Here we have the Bucketts mountains to the west and a grey partly built visual barrier to the east, or "don't worry about the lights they will turn off at 10pm"!

Our business will lose our coach tours, which is our main source of income, who is going to compensate us? The mining company or the department?

3: Dust and fumes: As a resident of Forbesdale, I feel that the health of my family, neighbours and myself will be put at risk by the estimated 944 tonnes of dust GRL plan to generate, this dust plus diesel fumes from the 194 truck movements per day is not acceptable! I am very concerned about the pm 2.5 particles and the affect they can have on the lungs and heart. Our son is a chronic asthmatic and resides with us, I am very concerned what affect these 2.5 particles will have on his health. Also as a resident I am worried about the inversion layer which traps dust and noise.

I feel as a NSW resident that the government needs to take their duty of care into account. The health of my family and the health of other residents in Forbesdale should be the governments top priority . The health of the very young, sick and elderly could be greatly affected. THIS PROJECT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED.

The produce grown on our farm is grown organically, coal dust and fumes will adversely affect our business's ethos of clean, green produce!

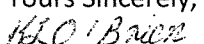
4: Rezoning issues: How can the planning department allow Gloucester shire council to rezone the Forbesdale area from 7D1 to 1C and than allow an open cut coal mine within the 5klm health radius of the rezoned area and homes? THIS PROPOSED MINE IS SITUATED TO CLOSE TO HOMES. My family's tourist/farm gate business's development application was passed 20 years ago, how is it allowable that a new development can supersede the right's of a previous development?

5: Business development : Our family business has already been affected by GRL'S delays and shelving of this project. Our plans to further develop our tourist /farm gate business have now been put on hold twice, waiting to see if the Rocky hill project would go ahead. If our business had developed further our staff requirements, income and visitation would have increased, which would have secured our families and staff's future . As a member of our local tourism group "destination Gloucester", I am very concerned about the future growth, jobs and benefits of tourism to our community. Tourism generates approx 51 million dollars to our community every year.

Our business relies on beautiful views and clean green products. Our business cannot co - exist with an open cut coal mine within 1.5 klms . Our business employs 3 casual staff and has 6 local residents growing produce. If the Rocky hill project goes ahead these local residents, staff and my family could lose their income. Who is accountable ?

6: Devaluation and unsell- ability of properties: Since GRL started to purchase properties in Forbesdale on the pre- tence of securing Australian agricultural land. Properties in the Forbesdale area have been devalued and unsellable . This is unfair! Residents of Forbesdale should not be accountable for this loss, I therefore again request that Forbesdale homes must be placed in an acquisition zone.

I would like some answers please! I hope that our state government consider the effect that this decision will have on my family, business, neighbours, community and me. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THESE APPLICATIONS TO GO AHEAD.

Yours Sincerely,

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I have not made a reportable political donation