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Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156
Stratford Coal Extension Project – Application No SSD - 4966 MOD1

Dear Sir/Madam

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

I am opposed to any more mines in the Gloucester area. The Rocky Hill mine will be the beginning of the end for our wonderful town.

Various groups in Gloucester, including Groundswell Gloucester, Environment Group, Forbesdale Resident Action Group, will be lodging submissions against this mine. I totally support the content of these submissions.

Despite GRL's statement that there will be no negative health impacts from Stage 1 of their mine, I cannot see how the evidence in the public domain regarding health impacts from open-cut coal mining can be ignored. I refer to, Drs for the Environment and Dr Au of Singleton.

I am horrified that the proposed mine is to be built within 900metres of 30 homes and families. Why is the health of these people dismissed? I know some of those families and I know that the mental health impacts have been devastating. Why are these people considered collateral damage?

The visual amenity barriers are not aptly named. The barriers, erected to hide the mine workings, are in themselves, an eyesore. The steepness of the barriers will not allow vegetation to grow successfully but rather will be eroded by rain or create dust storms when it is windy.

GRL's claim that the mine will bring local employment is exaggerated and misleading. The Stratford mine had 60% of its workforce as DIDO's and the township did not reap the monetary rewards as promised.

The application for the Rocky Hill mine should be refused.

Yours faithfully

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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.

2. Impacts on Health

Health impacts from open-cut coalmines 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.

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.

This mine should not be approved

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