

14th October 2016

Director – Resource Assessments
Planning Services
Department of Planning & Environment
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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Rocky Hill Coal Project proposal – application SSD-5156

I have visited Gloucester regularly my whole life and now both visit and work within the Gloucester area. It has always had a natural beauty and I was always horrified by the Hunter Valley area as I travelled towards Gloucester with its huge open cut mines and industrial feel.

I believe the proposed coal mine at Gloucester would be a huge detriment to the area in such prime productive grazing country and in an area so popular amongst tourists and travellers. The proposed site is too visual and within a highly productive valley.

The creation of dust and noise would have a large impact upon the town and the entire road and infrastructure network surrounding Gloucester is simply insufficient to support such operations. There would be an economic loss with tourists avoiding the area.

I am particularly opposed to the mine if it is foreign owned. The local residents will suffer the consequences of a mine and when it's all finished up will be left with a scarred landscape into the future. The implication on rivers, creeks and aquifers also greatly concerns me, particularly given the water eventually leads to the Manning Valley and is used to supply many thousands of residents.

I would urge the NSW Government not to approve the Rocky Hill coal mine project. It's the wrong location for a mine.

Yours sincerely,

A long term visitor to Gloucester.