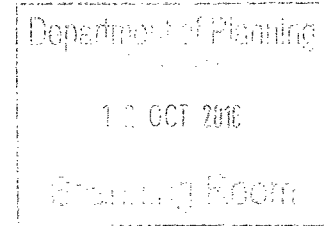


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7 October 2016

Dear Sir,

Objection to the Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No. SSD-5156

Objection to the Stratford Coal Extension Project – Application

No. SSD-4966 MOD 1

We STRONGLY OPPOSE the abovementioned projects, the following items are listed below.

We have family who live in Gloucester that are Totally against the Rocky Hill mine. They have shown me where the proposed mine is located and I am disgusted and appalled that the State Government (who are supposed to be educated and compassionate people) would even consider approving on open cut coal mine so close to homes in the Gloucester area.

The installation of an open cut mine at Rocky Hill in any form, would be detrimental to the scenic beauty and the peaceful pristine Gloucester Valley. This ironical area would be destroyed by mine blasts, dust, heavy vehicle movements and constant heavy machinery noise 6 (six) days a week would be a man made disaster for rural Gloucester. This will lead to a downturn in the tourist industry that will far outweigh any economic benefits claimed by Gloucester Resources Ltd. History has shown and is still evident that the staffing of this project will be by **Fly in Fly Out or Drive in Drive Out Personal**. Unfortunately this type of employment contributes nothing to the economic situation and in fact as in other mining towns proves detrimental to the Education, Sporting and Recreational and Economic stability of the district. The tourist industry in Gloucester is valued at \$51 million per year. A sum too important to the infrastructure of the area to risk.

We are extremely aware of the Health problems caused by coal dust, noise pollution overcrowding of existing accommodation and the loss of value to property when the imagined "boom" ends. We fear for the health of our family and friends in Gloucester.

The NSW Department of Health cannot deny the risks of these proposed projects.

We ask that the NSW Planning Department do the right and sensible thing and do not approve these proposed projects on the grounds that the risks far outweigh the assumed benefits.

We have made no reportable political donations.

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Yours Faithfully

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