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Dear Sir/Madam

No. SSD-5156

re: Submission for the Rocky Hill Coal Project Application

Stratford Coal Extension Project - Application No. SSD-4966 MOD 1.

I am writing to you today to inform you that I strongly oppose the above-mentioned Projects.

I have been a resident in Gloucester for the past 16 years and find myself at a complete loss in understanding why the NSW Government could possibly justify allowing a green field coal mine just 900 metres from a residential area. Anyone who has ever visited Gloucester would see it is an area of rural beauty, with sustainable industries such as tourism together with dairies & cattle production. It is most certainly not a place for a coal mine.

Even coking coal is currently not in demand around the world. There is enough stockpiled to adequately supply the steel making industry. Coal mining is not a sustainable industry, with fluctuating prices & worker layoffs.

The actual benefit to the NSW Government & the people of NSW is certainly debatable. GRU will pay \$63 M in revenue and \$60 M in taxes. The lifetime of the mine is calculated to be within 16 to 20 years. This means the company will be paying just over \$3M each year for

revenue & taxes. We are all aware that most of the profit from this company will end up going overseas!!

The NSW Government needs to focus on investing in renewables, especially in rural areas where employment is low. Towns such as Gloucester, could be embracing the new world of solar, thermal solar, biomass as well as wind & hydro. So many options with huge benefits such as reduced carbon emissions, lower power bills, regional economic development together with stable job creation.

Gloucester could well become the new renewables hub instead of following an outdated industry such as coal.

My question to you is - isn't it about time we followed the trend of the rest of our world into the 21st century?

Yours faithfully

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Please note :- I have not made a reportable political declaration
I do not mind if my name was to be published