I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156 and the Stratford Coal Extension Project – Application No SSD-4966 MOD 1

I am a frequent visitor to Gloucester and I love the town and its surroundings. Most people choose to visit Gloucester for the clean air, water and beautiful scenery. Tourism is a vital part of the Gloucester economy and provides many jobs. I, and I am sure many others, will reconsider coming to Gloucester if the area becomes dusty noisy and unsightly due to this mine. Increased heavy vehicle traffic is another concern and will conflict with tourist traffic.

I am also concerned for the residents. The mine is a short distance from homes and the health impacts of dust and noise from open cut mines is well known. People have chosen to live in Gloucester for the clean air and rural lifestyle. They did not expect a noisy dusty mine on their doorstep or the additional heavy traffic on the roads.

I sincerely hope the NSW government does not approve this mine.

Lynn Benn