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Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156 Stratford Coal Extension Project – Application No
SSD - 4966 MOD 1

Dear Sir/Madam

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.

As a resident of Great Lakes I am extremely concerned about this proposal. MidCoast Water's main water supply is provided by the Manning scheme. This scheme serves 90 per cent of their water customers in areas such as Taree, Wingham, Forster, Tuncurry, Pacific Palms, Nabic, Dyers Crossing, Harrington, Coopernook, Hallidays Point and Lansdowne.

Water is pumped from the Manning River and stored in Bootawa Dam, near Wingham. This dam supplies water for the entire scheme. The proposed Rocky Hill coal mine is in the Avon River catchment, which is a tributary of the Manning River.

The Rocky Hill Environmental Impact Statement suggests the likelihood of discharge and pollution of the Avon Valley tributaries to the Manning River is possible with medium consequences.

Risks regarding polluting a river, which is the drinking water for thousands of residents, is unacceptable. Tourism is a vital industry in our region. Gloucester attracts thousands of tourists a year, with a benefit of \$51M to the community. Tourists will not visit a town with a coal mine on its doorstep.

The NSW Government should not approve this mine.

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Yours faithfully,

Nicole McGregor