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Submission for the 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 the Stratford Modification .

I moved up to Taree 5 years ago after I retired , having lived in western Sydney for 30 years . I was looking for somewhere quiet , clean and green . Very soon I found out about AGL's intended CSG project and the Rocky Hill Coal Project at Gloucester , just over an hour's pleasant drive away , which had the potential to seriously pollute the Manning River , the source of our drinking water .

Whatever safeguards the state government chooses to impose on this project , you only have to remember what happened at Bulga . The government can cancel any safeguards it wishes , despite two court decisions in favour of the residents at Bulga .

And the recent black lung disease outbreak in the Queensland coal mines demonstrates what happens when the safeguards are not enforced . Governments do not like to spend money enforcing regulations , preferring to receive large donations from mining companies .

Gloucester is too small for the government to install air monitoring equipment there , so the dust and pollution from the mine , on the very doorstep of Gloucester , will not be monitored nor controlled . And there will be coal dust from the waste heaps , as it does get windy at times out there .

What the government is doing approving any new coal mines is the real question . With the effects of climate change apparent around the world , the last thing the planet needs is another coal mine to add to the problem .

The future could be clean and green with appropriate investment in environmentally friendly renewable energy .

I have seen advice , reputedly from an American Indian chief , that it will not be until we have cut down the last tree , caught the last fish and poisoned the last stream that we will realise that we can't eat money .

Nor coal , for that matter .

Yours Faithfully

Robert J Roobottom

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