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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

I completely oppose both of the projects above.

My parents live in Forbesdale and will overlook the proposed mine site. We know where the mine is to be and the closeness to my parent's home is unacceptable, they are only just over 1km from the mine site.

One of my parents is already in ill-health and the known health issues from air pollution from coal dust, diesel emissions and dust generally will be unacceptable. It is known that living near coal mines has a detrimental effect on health, including asthma and heart disease. The NSW Department of Health cannot deny the risks.

Additionally the fogs which regularly cover the Forbesdale and Gloucester area are caused by an unusual inversion layer which will not only trap the dust but will also exacerbate the noise. The mine proponents say they will not be operating at night time – but they will operate 7am – 10pm – this does include night time and in actual fact will be for all of my parents waking hours.

These are just some of the reasons why this mine should not be approved. However if it is, then the homes in Forbesdale must be placed in acquisition zone. This has to be done to allow my parents (and other residents) to have their properties purchased at a reasonable price. The two properties sold in Forbesdale over the last 18 months have both been sold at prices considerably below market value.

We ask that the NSW Planning Department does the right thing and not approve this mine.

Yours faithfully

