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

Dear Sir/Ms,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Rocky Hill Coal Project and Stratford Coal modification.

The location of the proposed open-cut mine – being less than 5 km from the high school and hospital and 7 km from the centre of town – is simply too close to the Gloucester township. This closeness is made even more significant given that the mine is upwind from the town, such that the resulting dust, pollution and noise impacts from the mine will be carried towards the Gloucester township.

I have strong concerns about the health impacts that the mine will cause on the Gloucester population, both young and old, should it proceed.

I note that the group Doctors for the Environment oppose the proposed mine for this very same reason.

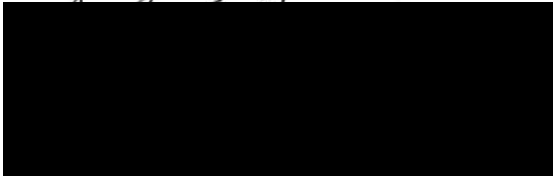
I also have concerns regarding the visual impacts of the mine on the Gloucester valley and the resulting adverse impacts on the local agricultural and tourism industries.

I am also highly sceptical of the likely economic impacts of the mine for the local community, particularly when the negative impacts on the above two industries are taken into account.

I also note the mine proposal is opposed by the newly formed Mid Coast Council, by Mr John Turner, the independent administrator appointed to administer the Mid Coast Council, and by the local Federal Member Dr David Gillespie. I am unaware whether Dr Gillespie has sent a submission to you but I attended a public meeting at the Gloucester Senior Citizen's Centre earlier this year at which Dr Gillespie declared his opposition to the mine proposal.

As a local resident, I strongly oppose the proposed Rocky Hill Coal mine.

Yours faithfully,



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