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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 above projects. As a resident of the Manning Valley region, I am extremely concerned about this proposal. The Manning River is the lifeblood of Manning Valley communities.

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. What would be the ramifications for the thousands of Manning Valley residents should this happen? Many downstream farmers, water users, and thousands of residents rely on this water for domestic and livestock use.

In addition, Gloucester attracts thousands of tourists a year, with a benefit of \$51M to the community. I can be included as one of those tourists and I would not want to visit a town with a coal mine on its doorstep.

The NSW Government should not approve this mine.

Yours faithfully


There must be balance
We want our river for our kids
to fish in