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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 Taree I am extremely concerned about this proposal. The Manning River is the lifeblood of Taree. Even a chance of 20% pollution to this river, as is stated in the Rocky Hill EIS, is unacceptable.

The proposed Rocky Hill coal mine is in the Avon River catchment, which is a tributary of the Manning. So the chances of contamination from this mine is very possible. What would be the consequences for the thousands of Taree residents should this happen?

Gloucester attracts thousands of tourists a year, with a benefit of \$50M 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

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