

Director - Resource Assessments Planning Services Department of Planning & Environment GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

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Dear Sir/Madam

I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project - Application No SSD-5156 and the Stratford Coal Extension Project - Application No SSD 4966 MOD 1

As a resident of Taree I am concerned that the Rocky Hill coal mine will bring adverse effects to our region. As stated in the Rocky Hill EIS, there is a 20% chance of contamination from this mine for the Manning River. Any chance of polluting a river, which is the drinking water for thousands of residents, is unacceptable.

As a regular visitor to Gloucester I cannot imagine how a coal mine can coexist with the other industries of the area. Tourist flock to the area in their thousands for the beauty of the scenery and the many outdoor activities promoted by the thriving tourist industry. The pollution of dust and noise will greatly affect the clean air and water. Tourists will no longer find the Gloucester area attractive and will stay away. Millions will be lost in revenue to the town.

My understanding is that the mine will be in the Avon valley in clear view of visitors and directly adjoining dairies and cattle properties. Coal mines produce unacceptable levels of dust pollution. This dust will inevitably settle on pastures and travel up the valley to coat the town. The NSW Government should oppose this mine, which will create so many negative impacts for Gloucester.

I stand with the 80% of residents of Gloucester who oppose this mine.

Yours faithfully