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Director – Resource Assessments
Planning Services
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Dear Sir/Madam

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

I am opposed to the Rocky Hill Coal Project and the Stratford Mine Modification.

In Gloucester's main street, the speed limit is 50km/hr. Even though my car can travel much faster than this, I obey the speed limit because travelling at 110km/hr through the main street would be very dangerous and irresponsible. The authorities have this 50km/hr speed limit in place to protect pedestrians and other road users in this built up area. It makes good common sense to have these limits, even though the cars that use them can travel much faster. As we move further from town the speed limits increase and I am able to drive my car faster. But only where it is safe and appropriate to do so. As we travel through other towns and built-up areas there are limits imposed and the car's speed is again restricted to 50 or 60 km/hr.

In the same way as the government looks after the people in the town by imposing safe speed limits, I am looking to the relevant authorities to impose good commonsense rules as to how close an open cut coal mine can be to the town centre.

The impacts of an open cut coal mine are significant: noise, pollution, toxic dust and waste water, not to mention the blight on the landscape. The government must surely take these extreme impacts into consideration and reject GRL's application for Rocky Hill Coal Mine. It's just too close to town and a totally inappropriate place for an open cut coal mine to be operating.

The company (GRL) have referred to the mine as a "small" mine and a "boutique" mine. Seriously!?

If you put lipstick on a pig...it's still a pig.

It doesn't matter how much lipstick you put on the Rocky Hill Project...it's still a pig. It is too close to town. It is inappropriate. It is dangerous to the health and safety of the many people who live in Gloucester.

Let common sense prevail. Reject the Rocky Hill Proposal and bury it forever.

I have not made a reportable political donation.