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Dear Sir/Madam

Stratford Coal Extension Project SSD 4966 MOD1

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed modification of the Stratford Coal Extension Project to enable the use of Stratford Mine facilities to process and dispatch coal from the proposed Rocky Hill coal mine.

My objections relate to dust and noise impacts:

- The proposal to transport ROM coal over unsealed roads within the Stratford mine area will exacerbate the dust emissions from the site.
- The processing of Rocky Hill coal at the Stratford CHPP, and its dispatch from the Stratford Coal product stockpile and train loader will add to the noise generated from the Stratford Mine.

Until the recent scaling back of production from the Stratford facility, operation of the stockpile dozer and the rail loading facility were the most common source of complaints from surrounding residents about intrusive noise.

Most of the complaints concern low-frequency noise, which becomes an increasingly dominant characteristic of the mine-related noise with increasing distance from the mine. In the absence of additional noise mitigation measures, the handling of Rocky Hill coal and the incremental addition to the noise emanating from the Stratford complex it would involve should not be approved.

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