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Tugrabakh NSW 2422

17th November 2017

Dear Commissioners,

As 6th generation farming residents of the Gloucester community, our family support the Department of Planning's Assessment Report and Recommendation regarding the Rocky Hill Coal Project and request that the PAC not approve the project.

We have real concerns about the close proximity of this mine to residential areas and its effect on people's physical and mental health in the Gloucester community. We live in one of the most beautiful valleys a popular tourism destination for thousands of people and a scenic drive which will have dire consequences on Gloucester's tourism industry. We also have grave concerns over the impact it will have on the local waterways and those downstream as well as the agricultural industries. It must not be overlooked that this proposed mine will replace one of the most productive farms in the Gloucester District. The psychological costs that many displaced local farming families that have lived in this district for generations have had to endure already, selling of their family farm, loss of their sense of community, their sense of identity and purpose for life for some it has been all they have ever known. The impact of this mine should not be underestimated or taken lightly when Commissioners are making their considerations regarding this mine. Should we not be looking forward at more sustainable industries rather than destroying other industries in this beautiful and productive picturesque valley we call home.

We are not opposed to mining but in this case the proposed location is not appropriate.

We recommend that the Commission not approve the development

Kind regards,

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