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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Rocky Hill Coal Project(SSD 5156) Stratford Extension Project MOD 1(SSD 4966 MOD 1)- D 489/7

My name is John Hannaford and I am a third generation local in Gloucester. I was raised on a cattle property to the north west. Since 2001 I have been a Real Estate and Stock and Station Agent in Gloucester, running my own business. When the opposition by protest groups began to arise approximately 2 – 3 years ago, I joined with other concerned locals and rather than being confrontational, we decided to engage GRL and negotiate the best outcomes we could for our community. Some of the outcomes already committed to by GRL are:

- Labour within the first 3 years to be made up of 75% of local workers.
- A levy which is paid by the tonne produced is put back into the community once production begins
- Rural usage of land adjacent to mine to be still used in a productive capacity. Maslen's dairy is now leased back to the family and with the extra land producing 6 ½ million litres of milk per annum, with a beef enterprise envisaged for other areas once the project is approved

This town has been through hard times over the last 50 years with the crash of the beef industry in 1972, the timber and dairy industries in the 1990's with the final blow coming with the shutdown of the milk factory which meant 60 jobs lost. The mining industry from 1996 onwards was one of the saviours of workers from the timber and milk industries whereby many of the workers could be retrained and bring to the local mining area an outstanding work ethic.

The period from 1995 – 2007, from a real estate point of view, saw house and land values plus the number of sales run at an exceedingly high figure. In addition, three new major rural residential subdivisions were established around the town's fringe with two on Jacks Road and one on Thunderbolts Way.

Since the downturn in coal mining, real estate prices have become stagnant. It is my firm belief that we need young families with high disposable incomes in the town to not only stimulate real estate but to also populate our schools and sporting teams which are running at all time low levels.

After attending the PAC meeting over the last two days, some speakers from the Forbesdale area suggested that they could not sell their properties due to the perceived impact of the Rocky Hill Mine. My research indicates there have been three sales there this year all well above market expectations. I would suggest any wishing to sell, list with your local Agent and see what the market tells you.

I cannot emphasise enough the importance that another 80-110 full time jobs would do to stimulate the town's economy, as without this and the problems in attracting other industries to the town, it is destined to start losing not only some of our town's businesses but services also.

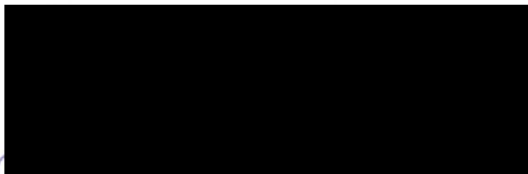
The protest groups are failing to consider or offer suggestions on how we can get the best outcome for the future growth of our town and area.

It is my understanding that GRL has answered all Department of Planning and Environment criteria with a 100% pass rate and I can't understand why this is of no relevant importance as part of this decision-making process.

As this decision will define the future of our town, thoughts arise as to what will the protesting groups do to keep our town alive? Will they just move on? Many generations of local Gloucester people have worked long and hard to create the fabric of this community and to see this place become a rural backwater would indeed be a great tragedy.

I wish to register my strong support for these projects.

Yours Faithfully,

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