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To: [PAC Enquiries Mailbox](#)
Subject: Re: Rocky Hill Coal Project (SSD 5156) Stratford Extension Project MOD 1 (SSD 4966 MOD 1) - D489/17
Date: Wednesday, 15 November 2017 10:38:09 AM
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I would like to register my objection to the Rocky Hill Coal Project (reference: D489-17 Rocky Hill Coal Project (SSD 5156), Stratford Extension Project MOD 1 (SSD 4966 MOD 1)).

I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project and the modification to the Stratford Coal Extension Project for the following reasons:

1. Proximity to residential areas: The mine is proposed only 900 metres from the residential area of Forbesdale. These residents will carry an unacceptable burden and will be impacted by dust, noise and loss of amenity, resulting in risks to their health and significant loss of property value. This will extend to the entire town in the projects proposed staged implementation. In 2015 the PAC found in relation to the Bulga mine that "property values could be negatively affected and that the encroachment of mining will make it more difficult for landowners to sell their property". The Rocky Hill proposal is closer to Gloucester than in Bulga's case. PAC suggested the entire town be moved. Will Gloucester, with over 120 years of history, its hospital, high school, primary schools, aerodrome, farms and residents be moved too? Will we be offered adequate compensation for our homes and businesses?
2. Impacts on Health: Health impacts from open-cut coalmines are well documented. With most of Gloucester township, including the hospital and schools, falling within the 5km health impact zone of the Rocky Hill mine, this places us all at risk. There will be dust impacts on the town & surrounding residents because of the mines position in the valley & the prevailing winds. To deny this illustrates a lack of understanding of the local area by the applicant. Although I live 10km from town I will be affected by the noise and light pollution from the mine. When there is an inversion layer in the valley, which is frequently, I can hear the train, so the mine noise, particularly at night will be significant for residents for kilometres around. Mining up to 10pm IS night time mining, this is unacceptable & highlights the lack of genuine concern for the community by the applicant.
3. Impact on Tourism, worth \$51M per annum to the Gloucester economy. An open-cut coalmine within 5km of Gloucester and within sight of the Bucketts Way will have a huge impact on the visual amenity of the area, which is why tourists come to the area. The mine will risk the jobs of hundreds employed in the tourism industry, including mine. I work for 2 cafes and tourists are their major trade. This is evidenced by the significant increase in takings over the holiday periods & the dramatic drop when the Thunderbolts Way was closed a

few years ago. Gloucester has successfully transitioned from a farming/forestry community to a tourist town and this significant local industry will be killed by this mine.

4. Environment The proposed mine is in the Avon Valley and in the catchment area of the Manning River. This supplies drinking water to over 80,000 people. There is definite potential for contamination of the water in the catchment, especially as this area floods regularly.

I believe that this mine will be the closest mine to any town in Australia. Gloucester cannot co-exist with this open cut mine.

Thank you

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On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 5:02 PM, PAC Enquiries Mailbox <pac@pac.nsw.gov.au> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please see the attached letter notifying the forthcoming Planning Assessment Commission meeting on the above proposal for your information.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions on the Commission's process on (02) 9383 2100.

Kind Regards

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