

Ms. Lynelle Briggs AO
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Planning Assessment
Commission

Sandra Bassetti

June 2430

16/11/2017

Attention: Mr. Matthew Jodd-Jones.

Dear Madam,

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As I am a resident of the Manning Valley, and a ratepayer of Midcoast Council, I am very concerned about the protection of our water, our air, our soil, and of course the well-being and health of the people and wildlife of Gloucester.

The community of Gloucester has been living with the threat of coal mining for the past ten years. The proposed Rocky Hill Mine, so close to the town's facilities, schools, hospital, businesses and residents' homes, would make life unbearable, with the constant noise, bright lights, coal dust, pollution of the water, air and soil.

Coal dust particles when inhaled, enter the lungs, having toxic effects and serious diseases, particularly in growing children, who are our future.

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Gloucester Basin often doesn't clear until late into the morning. Coal dust trapped within the atmosphere gradually settling on the town and its people, who have no escape has dire consequences.

The headwaters of the Manning River are in the beautiful mountains beyond Gloucester, feeding the many tributaries with pristine and life giving water, including the ancient and endangered Punis Gullie, not to mention the many other species yet undiscovered.

These waters are of vital importance to a huge number of people throughout our Midcoast Council area, and they need to be unpolluted.

The many years of anxiety, uncertainty and hopelessness have taken their toll on the people of Gloucester, some selling their properties and moving away, others unable to sell due to falling land values, and those who have become ill and depressed needing medical care or hospitalisation.

Gloucester has prime agricultural land and a very popular and lucrative tourist industry, where people can enjoy clean air, wonderful hospitality and beautiful peaceful surroundings.

Coal is on the way out, so do not allow Gloucester to be destroyed at the end of an era of coal mining,

but rather look to the future, of clean sustainable energy.

I trust that you will support and agree with the recommendation put forward by the NSW Government Department of Planning, that the Rocky Hill mine not go ahead, respecting the wishes of almost all of the Gloucester community and acknowledging the importance of the Aborigines connection to the land.

yours sincerely,

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