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Submission To P.A.C.

On 20th Dec 2008 Council called the FORBESDALE residents to a meeting in Chambers to drop the Rocky Hill Bombshell.

I cried all over Christmas and many times since as more lurid details have emerged.

WHY?

Here am I sitting in an almost new large home into which I've sunk every penny I own as an investment for my old age ~~as~~ (I'm 80 on 4/12). Now my "investment" is worth \$200,000 to \$250,000 less than I paid for it AND I will be sitting 980 metres (approx) from an open cut coal face.

Definitely NOT good news for an asthmatic with 30% only of lung function.

To explain "investment", I had an Aunt who at 90 yrs of age needed to go into care but didn't wish to part with her ^{family} home to do so. So she obtained a 20 year mortgage which paid for care placement and rented her home to cover the Mortgage. I planned to follow her example.

That's my main reason for my anti mine sentiments. However on a wider scope - Gloucester doesn't need this mine. The town's main income is from Tourism which garners \$51 million p.a. Most Gloucester residents don't

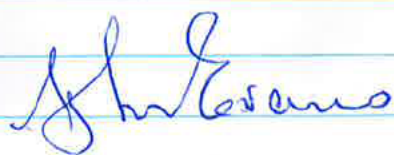
comprehend the air pollution which will result because of our reverse - ... ? on the days when the cloud cover holds low over the valley for many hours preventing wind dispersal of coal dust.

Please insist the Govt. buy back the coal leases otherwise the spectre of Rocky Hill will remain over us and possibly a future Govt. will seek to re-install mining. Unless the leases are bought back our property values will remain depressed.

Finally, I object most strongly how this disaster came about. Our former Mayor visited the then Minister of Mines to Lodge Gloucester's objection to mining - and his reply? "Lady, you got resources, we're going to harvest them."

And we live in a Democracy???

Thank you for the opportunity to air my views.



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With apologies for handwritten submission.
I do not own a computer.