

Submission to the Planning Assessment Commission

Rocky Hill Coal Project (SSD 5156) Stratford Extension Project MOD 1 (SSD 4966 MOD 1)

15th November, 2017

Dear Commissioners

Thank you for coming to Gloucester to hear our submissions.

My family has farmed on the Barrington River since 1939. After a 16 year stint in the steel industry I have farmed here since 1981.

The amended mining application makes the project more acceptable.

The Business Chamber has pointed out that Gloucester needs an economic stimulus.

But, at what cost?

As others have questioned. Would the reduced operating hours be maintained?

The Department of Planning and Environment is not confident that GRL would be able to meet many of the operating conditions like noise mitigation, blasting control, reliability of water treatment.

The Department quotes the previous administrator of Mid Coast Council, John Turner's comment that the project is in the wrong place.

Previous speakers have pointed out that climatic conditions in the valley will cause a problem with coal dust.

There are frequent southerly winds and in winter fogs can linger to midday.

The project is too close to the Gloucester Township and extended residential areas.

Is it fair to pursue a short term gain from a small project providing such a small contribution to the state economy at such a significant cost to the amenity of our community?

It is significant that the Department of Planning & Environment has recommended that the project does not proceed.

Please heed their thorough assessment and cancel the exploration licence.

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