

Members of the Planning Assessment Commission, Distinguished guests, fellow Gloucester residents, family and friends.

My name is Dave Windred, my family and I have lived here in Gloucester for the past decade. My wife and I both work here in town and our two children have attended local schools here both completing their H.S.C.'s at Gloucester High School. I am speaking today to urge the Commissioners to uphold the Department of Planning and Environment's recommendation that the Rocky Hill Coal Project not proceed.

Gloucester has been, and still is, a great place to live and raise a family and it is with this in mind that I think this mine should not go ahead.

Apart from the obvious noise and light pollution and dust particulates in the air created during the mining process, What sort of legacy are we leaving for the next generation of mums and dads in Gloucester? And what about the generation after that?

There could be far reaching health implications we are not even sure about yet! Will the desire for a short term monetary gain spell the end for this town as we know it?

My family lives and works in this town and we look upon it with pride. The great natural beauty, the healthy, outdoor feel of the place. A lot of visitors to this town are taken by this " liveable feel " as we were over a decade ago.

If we want our young people to think about staying here, or moving back here to raise a family, then we do not need an open-cut coal mine at the edge of town.

Put simply..... This mine is too close to our town!

Thankyou