

## Media Release

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### **ROCKY HILL PAIN CONTINUES FOR GLOUCESTER**

In an act of complete bastardry towards the long-suffering residents of Gloucester, Gloucester Resources Ltd (GRL) has announced that it intends to appeal to the Land and Environment Court against the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) rejection of its flawed application to build the Rocky Hill coal mine.

GRL wants to build this dirty 220m deep coal mine on the doorstep of Gloucester and less than 1k from family homes. The PAC considered that the mine would be completely incompatible with good planning and would be an intolerable burden on the community.

Gloucester has been fighting this appalling proposal for 12 years and the decision to appeal will just prolong the agony of many people. GRL seems determined to put profit well ahead of people.

Groundswell Chair Julie Lyford says:

*“Whilst this announcement comes as no complete surprise, it demonstrates that GRL and the mining sector are prepared to ride roughshod over small communities irrespective of the wishes of that community and to treat them with contempt.*

*If GRL thinks that Gloucester will take this lying down, then they are sorely mistaken.*

*I also ask the Minister to explain why in the case GRL has been given the right to appeal and apparently given special treatment. It seems like a back-door way for the Government to get this mine approved without having to cop the blame for its approval.*

*Unless the Government takes action to stop this mine in its tracks by buying back GRL’s licence it will be held to be culpable for its behaviour.”*

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