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GROUNDSWELL CALLS ON MID-COAST COUNCIL TO OPPOSE ROCKY HILL

For many years the recently abolished Gloucester Shire Council had steadfastly opposed the construction of the Rocky Hill mine on the southern doorstep of the beautiful township of Gloucester. The Council recognised that the mine would have significant adverse impacts on the environment and the Gloucester community. The Council had formally resolved to oppose the Rocky Hill mine.

When the Gloucester Shire Council was forced to merge into the Mid-Coast Council clause 19 of the government proclamation required the new council to continue to follow the policies of the merged councils. This means that the Mid-Coast Council has a legal obligation to continue the Gloucester Shire Council policy of strongly opposing this unacceptable project.

At its meeting in February 2014 the Gloucester Council unanimously resolved a policy of opposing the Rocky Hill mine and reaffirmed this position in July 2015.

Groundswell member Julie Lyford says:

“Gloucester has just begun to recover from the trauma of the misguided AGL coal seam gas adventure and is now facing another ill-conceived project with the Rocky Hill Mine proposal. The mid-Coast Council, and its Administrator Mr Turner, are legally and morally bound to follow the policy of the Gloucester Shire Council to strongly oppose this application to put a coal mine within less than 1 k of Gloucester homes. I call upon Mr Turner to do the right thing by the people of Gloucester.”

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