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NEW POLL - GLOUCESTER REJECTS ROCKY HILL COAL MINE

A telephone poll of over 700 residents of Gloucester and the surrounding Manning Valley conducted by ReachTEL on 27 July 2017 has shown that the community overwhelmingly does not want the NSW government to approve the Rocky Hill coal mine which GRL wants to build within 1 kilometre of family homes.

The poll results showed that 73.2% of respondents did not want the mine approved whilst only 19.3% wanted it approved.

There was also strong opinion that the mine would adversely affect Gloucester tourism and the health of the Gloucester community.

Groundswell spokesperson John Watts says:

“This poll shows that the Gloucester community has had enough and the government and local members of Parliament will ignore these results at their peril. Over 200 people recently attended a public meeting in Gloucester and voted unanimously to tell the government that it must act to stop this flawed proposal. This poll shows that the community overwhelmingly does not want a 220m deep, dirty and polluting coal mine on the doorstep of the township.

Noise, dust and toxic blast fumes will be what the Gloucester community will be forced to endure 6 days each week up until 10.00 pm each night. That is simply unacceptable.

As the Administrator of Mid-Coast Council John Turner has said, this mine is simply too close to town”

58.1% thought that the mine would adversely affect tourism whilst 63.1% agreed that it would adversely affect the health of the Gloucester community.