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ROCKY HILL MINE OWNER GRL LTD SHOWS CONTEMPT FOR GLOUCESTER COMMUNITY.

The flawed proposal to dig the 220m deep Rocky Hill Coal Mine on the doorstep of the beautiful township of Gloucester, and within less than 1 kilometre of family homes has been firmly rejected by the New South Wales Government's Department of Planning. However, the final decision rests with the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) which held a public meeting in Gloucester this week.

The meeting was a chance for Gloucester residents to tell the PAC what they thought of the proposal, and well over 50 people spoke. The community made it clear what it really thought of the mine with over 80% of speakers strongly opposing the mine.

Some speakers were in tears as they told the Commission about the agony they had endured for many years as they contemplated having this dirty coal mine adjacent to their homes. GRL representatives who listened to the speakers could have been in no doubt about the emotional damage the company was causing to Gloucester residents, and yet after the meeting the company callously vowed to continue fighting to get their mine approved.

Groundswell Chair Julie Lyford says:

"The Gloucester community has shown over and over again, that it is strongly opposed to the Rocky Hill Coal Mine, and yet GRL continues to put corporate greed ahead of community. It clearly has no social licence for this mine. How GRL executives could sit and hear the distress the company was causing to so many people and yet vow to keep fighting for this mine beggars belief. By vowing to keep fighting to dig this mine the company has really declared war on Gloucester and shown its complete contempt for the community.

Groundswell has a message for GRL which is, that if it thinks the Gloucester Community will ever give up let it destroy the town and allow it to build this mine then it had better think again. It is not going to happen."

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