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Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156
Stratford Coal Extension Project – Application No SSD 4966 MOD 1

Dear Sir/Madam

I oppose both the Rocky Hill Coal Project and Stratford Mine Modification.

As a resident of Great Lakes I am extremely concerned about this proposal.

MidCoast Water's main water supply is provided by the Manning scheme. This scheme serves 90 per cent of their water customers in areas such as Taree, Wingham, Forster, Tuncurry, Pacific Palms, Nabiac, Dyers Crossing, Harrington, Cooperook, Hallidays Point and Lansdowne.

Water is pumped from the Manning River and stored in Bootawa Dam, near Wingham. This dam supplies water for the entire scheme.

The proposed Rocky Hill coal mine is in the Avon River catchment, which is a tributary of the Manning River. The Rocky Hill Environmental Impact Statement suggests the likelihood of discharge and pollution of the Avon Valley tributaries to the Manning River is possible with medium consequences. Risks regarding polluting a river, which is the drinking water for thousands of residents, is unacceptable.

Tourism is a vital industry in our region. Gloucester attracts thousands of tourists a year, with a benefit of \$51M to the community. Tourists will not visit a town with a coal mine on its doorstep.

The NSW Government should not approve this mine.

Yours faithfully