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Rocky Hill Coal Project – Application No SSD-5156
Stratford Coal Extension Project – Application No SSD - 4966 MOD1

I oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Project and Stratford Mine modification.

I am a resident of Forbesdale, the residential area to be the most affected by this proposed mine. The mine is too close to me, my family and my neighbours and it should not be allowed in such close proximity to people.

The mining company GRL has been ignoring the Forbesdale community and in some maps in the EIS the homes in the Forbesdale area have not even been shown – this is misleading as it makes to show there will be no people affected by the proximity of the mine. This is dishonest.

GRL has never contacted or consulted me or my family in relation to the proposed mine and the impact it will have. My property lies within 900m – 1.5km of the mine site.

The dust, the noise, the loss of visual amenity, the impacts to health are too great. A number of Forbesdale residents are elderly and there a few with major health issues – all of whom will be greatly impacted. The impact on mental health during the last 4 years as GRL has been pushing on with this mine have been too great.

Additionally I am distressed about the inability to sell my home – my greatest asset – and if I can, I am very anxious about the huge loss I may have to take, in order to escape the impacts of this mine, and the long term detrimental impact it will have on my future.

I oppose the Rocky Hill mine, but should it be approved then a condition of consent MUST be that the homes in Forbesdale are placed in an acquisition zone.

Some of the other reasons why this mine should NOT be approved include: health impacts on the greater Gloucester population; the clean green image of the town and the impact of the loss of tourism; the potential for damage to air and water; the absolute loss of the visual beauty of the area; the impact on agriculture; the fact that mining is not a sustainable industry and it will not “save” Gloucester despite pro-mining claims.

Yours faithfully