

GRIP

Gloucester Residents in Partnership Inc.

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Petition Tabled in NSW Parliament – Souris stands with Gloucester residents to stop coal exploration licenses and any future coal mining around the town

1000 people signed the petition in the small town of Gloucester to stop the renewal of licences and to permanently remove the chance of there ever being coal mines surrounding the town.

Mr Souris said, “There has been considerable adverse reaction in the local community against the prospect of coalmining occurring at such close proximity to the township”

900 people, the largest gathering in the town’s history, filled the Recreation Centre to protest against the licences renewal.

Community concern should be hosed down according to Ian Macdonald.

If there’s a resource there we will harvest it, another dismissive comment sanctioned by Ian Macdonald.

The NSW Government and particularly Mr Ian Macdonald **have failed to listen** to the people most affected by their decisions.

In a mere ten weeks the town of Gloucester has been mobilised into action to save their town from coal exploration and mining. Gloucester Residents in Partnership (GRIP) has formed to actively oppose the renewal of the licences and will continue to fight until coal exploration ceases and the threat of future coal mining around the town and environs is no more.

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