

# INVITATION

Gloucester Residents In Partnership – (G.R.I.P.)

invites everyone – you, your family and friends to an important community meeting.

**Date: Monday, 9th February 2009 Time: 6pm**

**Where: Recreation Centre, Gloucester**

## Who is GRIP?

- GRIP is ordinary, concerned, residents who support Gloucester Council in the removal of Gloucester Resources Limited (GRL) coal exploration licences. (GRL is not to be confused with Gloucester Coal.)
- GRIP is NOT anti-mining or anti-gas.
- GRIP supports balanced development – mining, tourism, gas, agriculture and environment.
- GRIP is not affiliated with any other community group or political party.

## GRIP's Goal

"That coal exploration licences 6523, 6524 and 6563 are not renewed and/or are permanently removed so that no coal mining occurs in those areas." GRL owns these licences.

## Our Immediate Concern

Our community is at a cross road to its future. Whilst GRL has purchased a significant amount of land and is involved in agricultural pursuits ( Gloucester Advocate 21/1), it cannot be ignored that GRL is a coal exploration company. GRL is actively exploring for coal in areas that are, in our opinion much too close to Gloucester. We believe that to proceed with mining in these areas would be a catastrophic mistake, one that would scar the unique environment of Gloucester for generations.

## Our Vision

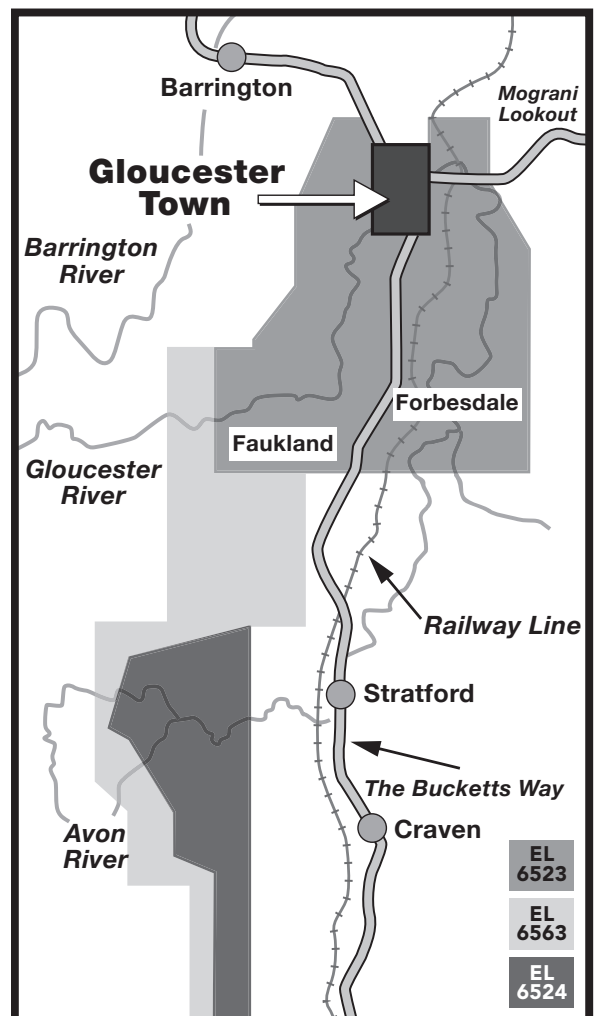
GRIP believes that we must act together as a community to:

- Protect our quality of life – now and for our children
- Protect our existing rural, agricultural, food producing land
- Protect our growing tourism industry and promote Gloucester as the gateway to the Barrington Tops World Heritage Area
- Protect and preserve our unique beauty (rivers, mountains, bushland, wildlife) for future generations
- Drive a change in government thinking. The State Government advocates that if a "resource is there it should be harvested". This proposition ignores the wider reaching social, economic and environmental implications. GRIP seeks a sustainable balance which supports the community's wider needs.

## Important Community Meeting

The program will include:

1. A presentation on achieving the balance and considering the diversity Gloucester has to offer
2. An update from our Mayor, Julie Lyford, on Council's position and recent developments
3. A guest speaker from the Liverpool Plains
4. Some long-standing Gloucester residents will share their thoughts
5. Most importantly, members of the public will be given the opportunity to share their thoughts, feelings and ideas.



*"Regardless of the global financial crisis the benefits of the mining boom remain real, but the balance is now wrong. It's time to put it right." (The Land 15/1/09, page 12)*

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