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Julie Lyford
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Dear Julie,

Groundswell Gloucester Petition against Rocky Hill Coal Mine Proposal

I submit to you the Stage 1 of our Group's effort to help you get 10,000 subscribers for your excellent petition. Please find bundled with this letter petition sheets with a total of one thousand (1000) signatures.

We shall continue with our Lower Manning program to garner support for this petition and this includes a stall at the Nabiac Farmers Market on Saturday 25 March 2017.

Our effort is consistent with helpful points identified in the paper "The Six Pillars of the Northern Rivers Social Movement Against Unconventional Gas as Evident in the Bentley Blockade" (based on a 14 June 2014 interview with Lock the Gate Alliance chairperson, Simon Clough). On the topic of committing to a whole of community approach Mr Clough said,

"From the very beginning of this social movement the aim has been to be inclusive of all aspects of our community. The Northern Rivers Gasfield Free Communities project which has been foundational has included prominent members of the National Party, Greens and the ALP. It has also crossed the social divides of this community. The Terania Creek rainforest protest of 1979 was the first successful protection of rainforest in the world, but in many ways it was deeply divisive in the wider community. Thirty-five years later we knew we needed to build a grassroots campaign that was inclusive.

"Easy to say, yet the practice of going door-to-door and building literally household by household a movement across the Northern Rivers took a lot of resources and commitment but it resulted in the strength to stop unconventional gas development at least at this stage at Bentley. Once the momentum of a process like this builds and people start to realise the power of connecting with their neighbours, their street, their village/neighbourhood, and their whole community, it becomes self-perpetuating".

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