

At the MidCoast Council election on **9 September 2017**, 11 Councillors will be elected. There are 69 candidates organised into 11 formal groups (A to K on the ballot paper) and an ungrouped list (L on the ballot paper).

Groundswell Gloucester does not endorse any particular group, however a letter was sent to the leader of each group to ascertain their position on the Rocky Hill Coal Mine.

To date we have received 9 replies:

Group A – Len Roberts (Nationals)

Group B – Brad Christensen (Independent)

Group C - John Rosenbaum

Group D – Peter Epov (Community First)

Group G – Bell Team – James Hooke (Independent)

Group I – Katheryn Smith (Independent)

Group J – David Keegan – (Country Labor)

Group K – Jan McWilliams (Independent)

Group H – David West (Independent)

All seven groups have advised that they oppose the Rocky Hill Coal Mine. The responses can be found below.

Groundswell Gloucester informed the candidates that failure to respond would be taken as consent to the Rocky Hill Mine.

These groups have not responded:

Group E – Troy Fowler (Liberals)

Group F – Karen Hutchinson (Independent)

We also note the initiative of the Manning Clean Water Action Group (MCWAG) in asking candidates for their opinions on Climate Change, including mining in the Shire.

They have responses from Groups C E, J and K. More information can be accessed from the MCWAG website www.mcwag.org.