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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal by Bowdens Silver mines to commence mining operations within 2kms of the village of Lue. Lue is located in the Central West region of NSW and is approximately 40 kms from the regional town of Mudgee. I live in the Mudgee locality.

In particular I voice my objections to the amendment made to Bowdens EIS in which they state the need to locate high voltage transmission towers on a ridge overlooking Lue itself. Sourcing power supply is critical for the proposed project so to not include the amendment in the original EIS would indicate serious flaws in Bowdens proposal.

I also feel that the project, being as it is, will be located too close to a settlement (ie village of Lue) with all the noise of operating mine equipment and from what I understand a 24 hour operation. Then there will be dust hazards and as they(Bowdens) wish to mine for silver then the mining operation will be focusing on digging up and processing the lead ore in order to extract the silver product.

I am particularly concerned over the proposal as I have had experience in the late 1980's with living in a place where lead ore was being processed to extract another product. In this case I am talking about the Pasminco plant (now closed) located adjacent to the lower Hunter township of Boolaroo. Pasminco were processing lead ore into zinc at their smelting plant. In spite of the pollution controls that the plant implemented lead dust was found in the soil in the adjacent area, in waterways ie Cockle Creek, and as determined by blood tests in the bodies of school children at Boolaroo Public School.

There is a public school at Lue itself so concerns would have to be raised as to the health and safety of the students who attend.

I ask you to take my concerns into account.

Yours Sincerely
John Clarke
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