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Dear Sir,

APPLICATION NAME: BOWDENS SILVER MINE AMENDMENT  
APPLICATION NUMBER: SSD5765  
**WRE DESIGN AND NATIVE LANDFORM**

I **object** to this proposal (SSD 5765).

I declare that I **have not made any Donations or Gifts** to any political party or personnel in the last two years.

Bowdens response to submissions rebutted criticisms of the WRE design and its lack of sympathy with the immediately adjacent native topography. Attached is a contour map of Bowdens final proposed shape of the WRE; the WRE and the topography to the east are clearly completely contrasting.

Bowdens claim that a design objective for the WRE is to conform with existing natural landforms. If they attempted it then there is no sign of getting anywhere near the objective.

The WRE is a simple crude landform 1800m long (roughly north-south orientation), 500m wide and 100 m high. It has a constant slope of roughly 20 degrees; that's about the same form as a pitched roof on a modern project home. Simply it is a crude pile of rock and dirt which Bowdens have showed no intention to articulate as a long-term (permanent) remnant of mining. Simply it is appalling.

Bowdens have shown some TOKEN WIGGLES in the contours to suggest that they are paying design homage to the adjacent native landform. The scale is so wrong. It is a shallow and fatuous assertion to pursue, and the claim cannot defend the WRE design.

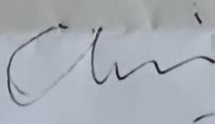
The adjacent (eastern) topography shows a variety of character nothing like the WRE. It has developed a natural drainage pattern in response to the substrates and the local rainfall and (therefore) runoff needs.

On that eastern side of the Bowdens border natural drains run down the slopes to Price Creek. They have formed approximately every 300metres. Bowdens have provided no drainage for surface water; for a planar steeply sloping catchment of 45 hectares this is irresponsible 'design'. What will happen to the rain? Erosion and gullyng will result in silting of Price and Hawkins Creeks.

Visual impact is the main component in the WRE's offense. And Bowdens know that. If sections were presented showing line of sight from Lue and Battens roads it would be clear. It will intrude visually and it is ugly and out of character.

DPIE and the IPC need to reject Bowdens proposal in its entirety on the basis that the WRE is proposed to be a permanent non-designed eyesore in a rural landscape.

Yours sincerely,

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