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Dear Sir,

## APPLICATION NAME: BOWDENS SILVER MINE AMENDMENT APPLICATION NUMBER: SSD5765 THREE DOCUMENTS; WHICH IS VALID?

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.

It is with concern that I read the Bowdens reports. The initial DA/EIS of 2019 was placed on exhibition and many people made comment. Those comments have been responded to by Bowdens and consolidated in a report on Submissions of June 2021. And finally in July 2021 a further report as an amendment to the DA was produced by Bowdens.

All reports are proposals to Mine, to Process, and to close. But they are all different. What are we to take as the proposal?

It is disturbing to read the Amendment report. It purports to be a proposal to include the power line relocation as its reason for submission. It's not it is a ruse.

The Amendment report is actually a Trojan Horse. It has two Appendices which are the problem. One serves to restate (but to change) the mining proposal, making many alterations to the original proposal (EIS) and without the detail (it is only 104 pages in length)....all changes are clearly in the favour of the proponent.

The second Appendix is even more tricky. It sets out compliance standards (Updated Summary of Environmental Management and Monitoring Measures) for the operation of the mine. Instead of being objective and quantifiable standards these have now been watered down to a 3 column table with very subjective standards all to be in the control of Bowdens.

Bowdens have made no effort to make clear to DPIE nor to the reviewing public nor least of all the IPC what changes have been made. Weakening the standards proposed with each iteration is scandalous. At the very least where changes have been made in response to exhibition commentary these should be acknowledged and a retraction document presented. Ambiguity is not acceptable.

Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 amount to an entirely new proposal and bear very little relation to the original EIS. Bowdens cannot seek approval by stealth. These tactics are dishonest and need to be rejected by DPIE.

Yours sincerely,

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