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Dear Sir,

APPLICATION NAME: BOWDENS SILVER MINE AMENDMENT
APPLICATION NUMBER: SSD5765
PROPOSED AMENDMENT: POWER LINE SITING

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.

The power line relocation proposal by Bowdens carries some difficulty.

It is well within the recall of locals of Lue when the power line was first constructed. It was controversial at the time and those involved in planning and in public consultation would have done what was needed to keep all types of impact minimal. The route will have been carefully planned to minimise visual impact. Bowdens wants to change that.

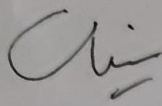
The current route of the 500kv powerline is relatively benign. It is tucked into a valley and hidden from view by that siting.

The proposed route takes it away from that alignment to run up a dominant ridgeline where it will become very exposed visually, particularly to tourist traffic on Lue Road. As required for this infrastructure it will be required to have a 70 metre vegetation-free easement. That is not acceptable particularly as sight lines from Lue Road look up the ridge.

Tourism and tourist traffic is now a mainstay of business in Rylstone. Bowdens if permitted to undertake this amendment will put a further negative into the viability of a small country town.

Bowdens plan to move the power line is wrong and the project should be rejected by DPIE.

Yours sincerely,

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