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Dear Ms Hawkeswood,

Submission on the Sunrise CleanTeQ Mine Project - Modification No 6

We are landholders adjoining the proposed mine site and chemical plant and object to the Modification.

Our objection relates to the following:

1. Water

The construction camp is at the commencement of the Bullock Creek/Bogan River Catchment. The map shows the drainage lines. Any control measures to lessen the runoff water from this area will impact on flows to properties further north of the mine site eg Kurrajong Park, Milverton and properties further downstream who rely on this runoff.

2. Roads

Fifield – Wilmartha Road must be up-graded to heavy vehicle standard (two lanes 3.5 wide, 0.5 metre sealed shoulder and 1 metre gravel shoulder) before commencement of construction work on the accommodation camp.

Photos attached show the condition of the road now, with 19 vehicle movements per day (Table 2.4 in Mod 6). This road is suitable for the current traffic, but with 705 vehicle movements per day (Mod 4, Section 4.5, 4.5.1, 5.5.2 and assessment by MWT (2000) Section C Table 5.2 & 5.3) this road will become a major safety issue for not just the general public but especially for the construction workforce who

will be using this road constantly. Note the entrance to Sunrise Lane is at the bottom of a blind corner and rise.

I believe failure to upgrade this road to sealed standard prior to construction would be a Workplace Health and Safety issue.

The cost of the upgrade to the road should be the responsibility of the proponent and not the local ratepayers.

3. FIFO Camps

One only has to look at the Federal Government House of Representatives inquiry into the FIFO Workforce entitled 'Cancer of the Bush or Salvation of Our Cities?' to see the problems that are encountered by local communities. FIFO workers have little respect for local communities. This camp will be located more than one hour from nearest 24 hour Police Station (Parkes) yet the company has no plans for security in this Mod 6.

I understand that some workers will have to be sourced from outside the area, but there is no mention of jobs or training for locals. Surely this is would come under 'social license' and giving back to the community. Help with skills training helps the local economy and make communities more resilient. We need more people living here, working here, playing here and spending here. We need their families and their friends to come here. This mining operation should play a role in assisting this goal.

4. Impact on Community

Impact on established communities in Fifield, Condobolin, Trundle, Tullamore, Parkes and Forbes. These communities welcome resource companies that establish environmentally sustainable operations but oppose companies prioritising quick profits over long term sustainability. Extra costs placed on our resident ratepayers and council to support the infrastructure and services, with very few benefits to the community.

This camp will place undue pressure on already under resourced Health Services in local towns. Tullamore and Trundle do not have a full time doctor.

This camp will do little to support local business, as most supplies will be brought in from large companies outside the area.

This project could have great benefits for the local area if the company utilized the well established businesses that service mines operating in the area.

There should be no permanent camp. The company plans to keep a 300 bed permanent camp after construction finishes. This would

indicate that CleanTeQ are planning to employ workers from outside the local area to operate the plant. Once again limited local employment.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Yours faithfully

Des Ward



Wilmartha Road junction of Sunrise Lane facing South towards Fifield.



Wilmartha Road - between Fifield and Sunrise Lane



Wilmartha Road surface between Fifield and Sunrise Lane