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SUBMISSION

Date 11 July 2020

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Applicant – Bowdens Silver Pty Limited

Application Number - SSD-5765

Application – Bowdens Silver Mine

I object to the BOWDENS SILVER MINE proposal.

I declare I have not made a reportable political donation in the previous 2 years.

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I would like my submission to be anonymous.

I request that you please withhold my name, do not publish my name on your website and remove my name from any documents that are already published on your website.

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Dear Planning and Assessment Committee,

The reasons why I object to this Bowden's Mine proposal are

1. I live in Rylstone and have lived here for 14 years, my life will be at risk.
2. I have been working at Bentivoglio Olives + Rylstone Olive Press for 7 years. Bentivoglio Olives and Rylstone Olive Press is approximately between 4.5km and 5km from the Bowden's Mine site. My work is too close!
3. My work environment will be affected by noise, and heavy metal dust, including Lead and free silica particles from the mine, tailings storage facility and the ore dumps.
4. Our environment here is pristine and the mine will cause health issues to me and my family and the tourists who visit the cellar door where I work.
5. I will not be able to drink the water here at the Olive press, it will be contaminated.
6. I will not be able to work in the grove and the garden because of the risk to my health with the dust particles containing lead and silica.
7. I drive to work and to Mudgee on the Lue road every day. I drive on the Lue road to attend the markets for my work and I go to Mudgee for shopping when I need things I cannot get at Rylstone and Kandos and I will have an increased risk of a car accident from all the extra trucks using the Lue road. There will be at least one truck per day of explosives on the Lue Road and over 400 additional vehicles on the road.
8. All the young families around me who visit me at the cellar door will be at risk with the dust and contaminated water
9. I am 76years old and still love my work and I am very distressed to read about the future destruction of my area from the contamination of the Bowdens Mine and the dust full of lead arsenic and silica particles.
10. I am worried about the bees and the stock being contaminated and we have just gone through a terrible drought and the Gosper fires came so close and the smoke we lived with for months.
11. My rainwater in Rylstone may be contaminated by lead if there was a major dust storm like we had last November 2019. The lead will settle on my roof and be washed into my rainwater tank.
12. The bushland surrounding Lue where we walk and spend time will be destroyed. I won't be safe visiting Ganguddy Tourist area with my friends.
13. The dust will settle on the olive trees and will kill the flowers.
14. The wildlife will be scared away by blasting, vehicles, noise and mine activity and people.
15. The creek will be contaminated and I will no longer be able to swim or enjoy the lovely areas along the creek.
16. My whole lifestyle will be impacted, food water , traffic accidents.
17. My mental health has suffered enough due to the drought, the bushfires, covid 19 and now this application is another blow to my wellbeing.
18. Our quality of life span is being shortened every day so much by people wanting to destroy our beautiful environment.

19. I am terribly worried about the Aboriginal heritage sites in the mine area and I am certain that they will be destroyed, this is our ancestors home and is sacred and needs to be respected.

I am concerned about

Because

1. Dust with Lead and silica particles will contaminate my health
2. I won't be able to drink the water and work in the cellar door which I love doing
3. The aboriginal sites will be destroyed
4. The olive trees will be destroyed by the dust
5. The Lawson creek and the Cudgeong river will be destroyed by the seepage from the mine
6. I will have a car accident from the many extra trucks on the Lue road.

Please provide me with more information about

1. Dementia , heart and kidney disease from lead contamination
2. Silicosis from breathing the tiny dust with silica particles blowing continuously from the mine.

Thank you

