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I request that you please withhold my name, do not publish my name on your website and remove my name from any documents that are already published on your website.

Dear Planning and Assessment Committee,

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

1. I live in Lue
2. I live 6kms from the mine site and 2.5km from the tailings storage facility, I live downstream of the mine with 500m of creek frontage
 - My home will be affected by noise, light, dust, odour from the mine and tailings storage facility and the ore dumps.
3. The mine will mine lead, zinc and silver and I am very concerned that my family in particular nephews and nieces will be poisoned by lead. I have lived in Lue for Years
4. My family home is my only family asset
5. If the mine goes ahead I will not be able to live in my home any longer due to noise, dust and the unpleasant odour.
6. No one will purchase our family home and if we are able to sell it will be for a much lower value.
7. I have been told by Bowdens that I will not receive compensation.
8. My family will be in danger driving on the Lue Road to shop at Mudgee I will be in danger driving on the Lue Road to work at Rylstone Olive Press. There will be at least one truck per day of explosives on the Lue Road and over 400 additional vehicles on the road.
9. My main road danger is the new haul road for the mine which I will have to navigate around trucks daily. Night and day as I work seasonally at night processing olive oil at Rylstone Olive Press.
10. My friends have started to sell up and leave Lue and I will have no friends here.
11. My Lawson Creek water will be inaccessible because the mine will lower the level of the water in the creek and I will be unable to pump water.
12. My Lawson Creek drinking water will be contaminated if there is any slips or seepage from the tailings storage.
13. My rainwater will be contaminated by lead. The lead will settle on my roof and be washed into my rainwater tank
14. The bushland surrounding Lue where we walk and spend time will be destroyed.
15. The wildlife will be scared away by blasting, vehicles, noise and activity and people.
16. The creek will be contaminated and I will no longer be able to swim or enjoy the lovely areas along the creek.
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. I am concerned about the Aboriginal heritage sites and I am certain that they will be destroyed in the same fashion as the sites in the Pilbara.
19. I am 53years old and have worked at Rylstone Olive Press since 1998.
20. I work in the olive grove I will be subjected to heavy metal dust depositions on my clothes, skin and eyes.
21. I work inside the olive trees, pruning and hands on in grove management. I will breathe in the lead dust and free silica particles which are smaller than the lead dust.
22. I also slash the pasture sward and will stir up the heavy metal dust deposit on the pasture sward so every time I get out of the tractor I will be covered in heavy metal dust.
23. I am concerned about my health and any symptoms I may get due to the heavy metal dust deposits in my work environment

24. I will not be able to drink the water at my place of work, nor wash olives or process olive oil with that water
25. I will not be able to irrigate the olive trees or spray foliar sprays on the trees with that water

My requirements if the mine is approved

1. To work at Bentivoglio Olives and Rylstone Olive Press in a safe and heavy metal dust free environment without harm to my health, my family's health from me bringing lead dust home on my clothes etc.
2. My work must provide me with potable drinking water and Bowden's must provide this for Bentivoglio olives and Rylstone Olive Press.
3. I drive to and from work safely on the new haul road and the Lue Road without risk of an accident from the over 400 truck movements that I will encounter to and from my workplace.
4. Should I suffer nausea/vomiting, abdominal pain, headache, myalgia, muscular symptoms, dizziness, irritability, memory disturbances, insomnia, allergic conjunctivitis, rhinitis, dermatitis,. Throat discomfort, cough, shortness of breath and asthma.
5. I will be required to add 960 additional 4,000L washing tree sprays in the grove where I work and I require my work environment to be healthy in all aspects of my work life and not be at risk of injury or illness due to the Bowdens Mine approval.

Please provide me with more information about

1. What my rights are if my health deteriorates due to the heavy metal dust on me and the water I drink.
2. What is silicosis and how will it be treated if I get it?

Thank you

