

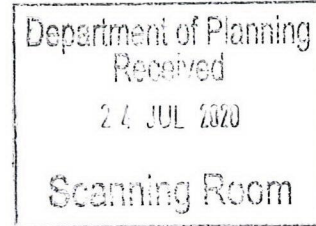
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Dear Director,

Re: State Significant Development No. 5765

The purpose of this letter is to object to the granting of a mining lease on review of the Bowdens Silver Environmental Impact Statement for State Significant Development No. 5765

I visit Lue and the broader Mudgee district to enjoy the natural surrounds and largely pristine environment, while cycling and walking.

My objection specifically relates to the toxic nature of the proposed mine and the implications to human and environmental health. This mine is more accurately described as a lead mine, given it will generate approximately 50 times more lead than silver. The lead dust and associated heavy metals will move into the village and local environment over successive wind events, poisoning everything in its path. It's now recognised by health authorities that there is no safe blood-lead level and this mine is only 2 kilometres from the village and the public school.

This is not like Mount Isa or Broken Hill, where the mine came first and people made the voluntary choice to work and live there. The village of Lue already exists and this proposal involves imposing a mine almost on top of it.

Toxic mines such as this should have a suitable buffer zone around them to protect local communities but no such buffer zone exists for this mine. It should not be allowed to proceed.

DECLARATION: I have made no political donations in the past two years

Yours faithfully,

Dr Greg Downey