

21st July 2020



Wendy Griffiths

COAL POINT NSW2283

Attn: Rose-Anne HAWKSWOOD

Dear Rose-Anne,

My name is Wendy Griffiths and I have been coming to the Lue district since the 1980's. I visit family and friends regularly.

I would like to register my objection to the proposed Bowdens Silver Mine- State significant development no: 5765.

I have no scientific or geological background but I know that mines need a lot of water. The mine intends to use groundwater which will have a negative impact on Lawson Creek. This creek all but dried up in the recent drought. The waterholes on this creek are vital for stock.

The EIS talks of a pipeline supplying water but there was no mention of approval for this pipeline. Surely the mine cannot be approved before a guaranteed water supply is in place.

I am also deeply concerned about lead contamination. Surrounding farm lands, Lue Village and Mudgee's water supply are all under threat of lead contamination. I notice contamination still goes on despite the good intentions of mines. Recently Minjar Gold Mine contaminated surrounding farm lands with hyper salinated water. Since 2015 nine mining companies have been convicted of hyper salinated water spills.

I would like to see the DPIE ensure the water supply issue is resolved before granting a mining lease.

Kind regards


Wendy Griffiths

