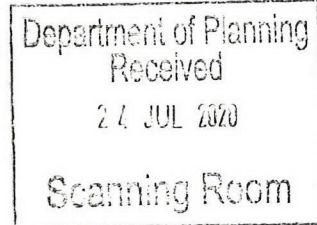


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Dear Director,

My name is James Kavanagh Armitage, and I am writing to you to express my strong objection to the granting of a mining lease for the Bowden's Silver Mine, and I am aware of Environmental Impact Statement for State Significant Development No. 5765.

My son Charles, now deceased, and members of his family in 2006 acquired a small cattle-raising property known as "Sunny Hill" close to Lue Village and within 4 kilometers of the proposed mine site. I have visited "Sunny Hill" and Mudgee, but owing to age and health factors I am no longer able to do so. However, other members of my family (especially the immediate family of my late son Charles) and their partners, go there frequently to assist with farming activities.

I am horrified by the prospect of these cherished people, as well as others living in the area,

or visiting, and the livestock and wildlife, being exposed to the dangers of lead and cyanide and other toxic agents spread by dust and contaminated water. I grew up in Queensland in the 1930's and 1940's, when lead was still being used in house paints and I am well aware of some of the drastic effects of that practice, which had been followed for many years.

There is also the question of the impact on the limited water resources of the Lue area of the mining operations and their potential to deny access to that water by other users such as people, livestock and wildlife.

Quite apart from the impact on the supply of water, there would be the contaminating effect on the water required for non-mining purposes — the tendency of poisonous tailings dams to leak and for mining activities to spoil aquifers which would have been available for non-toxic activities are well-known.

I sincerely hope that the mining project will not be allowed to proceed,

Yours sincerely,

J. Permitage