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The Director,
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Dear Sir,

APPLICATION NAME: BOWDENS SILVER MINE AMENDMENT
APPLICATION NUMBER: SSD5765
VISUAL IMPACTS

I **object** to this proposal (SSD 5765).

I declare that **I have not made any Donations or Gifts** to any political party or personnel in the last two years, or ever.

After reading certain aspects of the proposed Bowdens mine at Lue I wrote to object in 2020.

The main elements of my letter were:

> *I have looked at various aspects of the above proposed project via the EIS now on exhibition. As a frequent visitor to the region I really enjoy the drive to Mudgee from Rylstone. Coming off the top of the Monivae hill and driving across the plain is very calming visually.*
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> *That would change to a nightmare if the mine proposal were to be approved. Not only would the scar of the main pit be visible from the Lue Road but the rock pile alongside it is 100 metres high and shaped like a sand castle; there is no attempt proposed to make the rock pile integrate with local topography.*
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> *Also, the executive summary seems to talk up the importance of views from Lue village and how they will be protected. This is a red herring. You cannot see the mine site from Lue anyway; it seems to be a devious attempt by the proponents to distract the reader from the real issue.*

Now on looking at the current proposal I can see no changes to that former proposal, in the areas of my commentary.

It is scandalous that proper rehabilitation is not to be undertaken. Some mining operations, I understand, actually PLAN for rehabilitation. In those cases they shape waste dumps etc as they go so that the basic structure and

bones need minor adjustment at the close down. Why is Bowdens not required to do the logical? Why should Bowdens be allowed to create a perpetual eyesore?

As I asserted a 100 metre high sand castle shaped pile of rocks is a negative outcome and should not be allowed Is the reader of the proposal documents looking at drawings meant to conclude any different. Simply described the WRE is:

Over one Kilometre long

It is 100 metres high

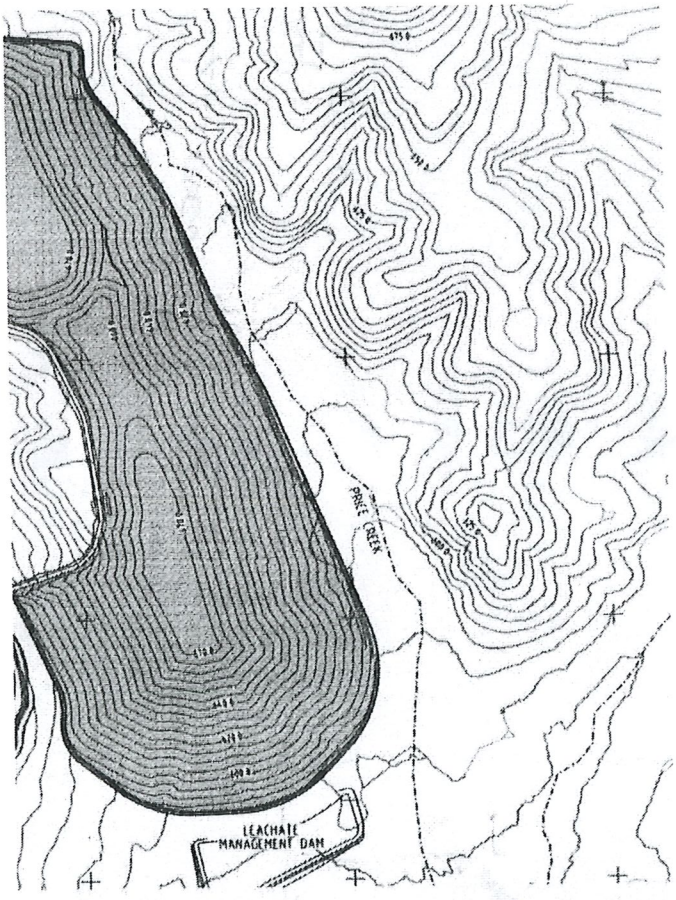
It has slab or planar sides without any natural contour design (nothing like the hills behind it)

The slab sides are at a constant angle of about 25 degrees

The slab sides meet at a ridge (narrow with enough room for single vehicle track)

The ridge is near enough to horizontal (dead straight like a cottage roof or a railway siding grain shed.)...totally unnatural.

This is an appalling feature to foist onto our visual experience but Bowdens propose to leave it like that for ever. Look at it graphically this is a Bowdens map of the WRE.



The shaded mass is the WRE. All but for a tiny wiggle the contours are straight. They are also equally spaced…meaning constant slope. To the right (east) of Price Creek is natural landform. Chalk and Cheese. And furthermore those tiny wiggles are at such a scale invisible; they could simply appear as rough dozer work. It is time for some honesty about the proposal.

Corkery/Bowdens attempting to discount my comment assert that:

"….WRE would achieve a landform resembling a north south orientated ridge with local variation to remove straight sections…" (page 395 Report 429/33)

Does Bowdens think I am both blind and gullible? And to show how visible this will be to Lue Road reference should be made to Figure 5.14 Visual Impact Assessment. It shows clear line of sight to the rock pile.

To permit its construction (as shown) would be immoral and irresponsible. Reject the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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