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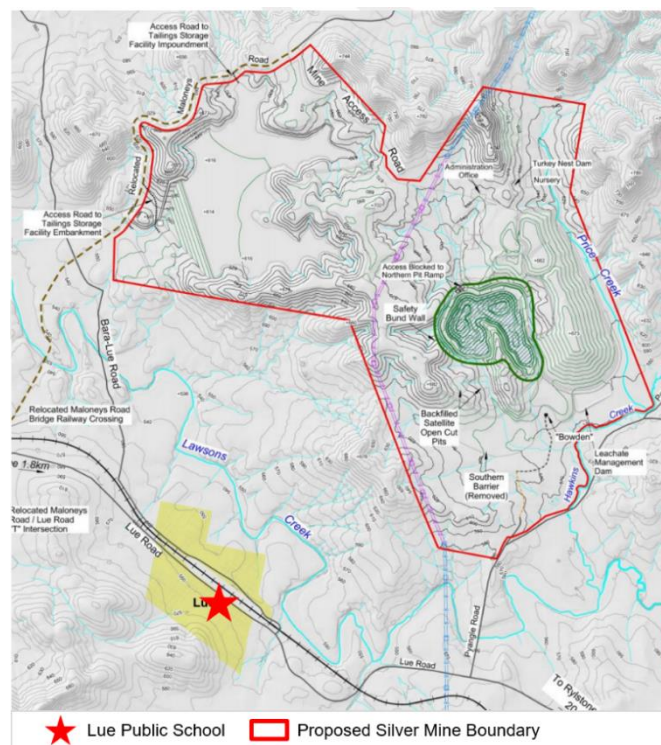
Dear Mr Betts,

**RE: BOWDENS SILVER MINE**  
**STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION (SSD-5765)**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Bowdens Silver Mine State Significant Development Application (SSD-5765). School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) works in conjunction with the Department of Education (DoE) to ensure every school-aged child in NSW has access to high quality education facilities at their local public school.

SINSW understands that SSD-5765 seeks consent for the development of an open cut silver mine and associated infrastructure on land approximately 3km northeast of Lue within the Mid-Western Regional Local Government Area (LGA).

SINSW has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and supporting documents for SSD-5765 and has identified the following impacts on Lue Public School, which is located in proximity to the proposal.



#### Noise and Vibration:

SINSW notes that the EIS identifies that the highest noise levels expected to be experienced within Lue Public School classrooms during construction and operation of the proposal would be compliant with the 35dB (A) internal criterion. Notwithstanding this, any ongoing noise disruptions have the potential to create impacts on student learning outcomes. SINSW therefore requests that high impact works and activities should, where possible, be undertaken outside of school hours.

SINSW also requests that Lue Public School is notified at least one week in advance of activities or works that could cause considerable noise and/or vibration impacts on Lue Public School. This will ensure Lue Public School can appropriately respond and adjust operational procedures as required.

Should ongoing noise or vibration impacts cause concern to Lue Public School, it is requested that appropriate monitoring and mitigation measures be required to be undertaken by the Applicant.

#### Traffic:

SINSW notes that the EIS identifies that all heavy vehicles (including B-double vehicles) will be restricted from using Lue Road during pick up and drop off periods for Lue Public School. SINSW is supportive of this measure and requests that all heavy vehicles are also restricted during school periods (including pick up and drop off) from using Swanston Street (which forms part of Lue Road within Lue), as Lue Public School is located directly off Swanston Street.

SINSW requests that this measure be placed on the SSD-5765 development consent (if approved). This will ensure that the proposal will not compromise student safety during drop-off and pick-up periods at Lue Public School.

#### Land Contamination:

SINSW has recently undertaken a contamination assessment of existing soil quality at Lue Public School.

SINSW requests that a condition be placed on the SSD-5765 development consent (if approved) requiring the Applicant to undertake soil surveys at Lue Public School prior to, and following commencement of operations of the proposal. This should be repeated at six-month intervals within a two-year period to confirm whether soil contamination has occurred at Lue Public School as a result of the proposal. Subject to the soil survey findings, appropriate action should be undertaken by the Applicant as required by the reporting results.

It is requested that the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment consults with SINSW on any future amendments to the proposal's scope of works that could impact Lue Public School.



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Should you require further information regarding this submission, please contact Jarred Statham at [Jarred.Statham2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Jarred.Statham2@det.nsw.edu.au).

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alix Carpenter'.

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