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Mt Owen Mine has a long history of proven performance in terms of managing environmental and community impacts. Mt Owen Mine has had only 1 complaint in the last 15 months and has not had any major compliance issues. I believe that this is because Glencore and Thiess both have a competent site management team who are dedicated to minimising noise, dust and blasting impacts and are proactive with environmental management in general. They also have systems and controls in place to ensure that impacts are managed in the best possible way. Mt Owen maintains an integrated approach to managing noise and dust that includes:

- real-time noise and dust monitors which are routinely checked by mining supervisors to help inform operations, which are modified if necessary
- competency-based supervisor training programs on environmental aspects
- hard controls such as equipment fitted with noise and dust suppression measures, and
- rehabilitating as close behind mining operations as possible.

Furthermore, the rehabilitation at Mount Owen is world class and internationally recognised. Thiess have worked with the client, consultants and leading researchers in mine rehabilitation at the University of Newcastle to implement comprehensive flora and fauna monitoring programs, including rehabilitation trials. Mount Owen has successfully rehabilitated hundreds of hectares over overburden dumps to native forest and woodland by carefully managing vegetation clearing and topsoil stripping operations to conserve these valuable resources.

I have been lucky enough to work at Mount Owen in past years and have seen first hand how well environmental and community impacts are proactively managed. I fully support this project and I'm confident that the project's benefits would outweigh any negative impacts.

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