



“Marbil Park”



Someone out standing in the field

WD & MS Bryant
“Marbil Park”
2778 Ulan Road
Cooks Gap NSW 2850

E-mail: marbils1988@gmail.com

15th August 2021

Regarding Application: Bowdens Silver Mine

Application Number: SSD-5765 (EXH-24146957)

This statement is an **OBJECTION** to the proposed development.

As per our initial objection, this objection relates specifically to the proposed water pipeline between the mine site at Ulan and Moolarben, and the mine site at Lue, and the 3.87Km stretch of pipeline on the landholding at 2778 Ulan Road, Cooks Gap NSW 2850.

In their response to submission (page 419, section 5.31.9), Bowdens silver states:

*Whilst the water supply pipeline would be buried below the surface and only require temporary disturbance, **its installation would require landowner consent to the creation of a deed of easement on the land title and appropriate financial compensation. Each individual landowner may refuse this process, with an alternate pipeline route then required.** Bowdens Silver has discussed this easement with affected landowners and believes that all are aware of this requirement.*

We have repeatedly stated **we do not consent**, and yet the development application has not proposed an alternate route for the pipeline that does not bisect our property. We have outlined that we **do not consent** based on issues raised to Bowdens Silver and in our initial objection (SE-8628904), that have not been addressed in any way, namely:

1. Misrepresentation of the use of land on which the planned pipeline is to be constructed
2. Interference of the development with existing farm infrastructure
3. Violations of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015
4. Misrepresentation of the land and soil capabilities in the region
5. Inaccurate representation of the impact of their water pipeline on land value

Bowden responded to only one sentence in our initial objection (page 421, section 5.31.15), noting an absence of consultation with us, the landowners. The noted “letters were sent... Multiple phone calls and emails were subsequently exchanged... and Bowdens Silver staff and its consultants conducted face-to-face interaction and meetings with 17 of the 19 landowners”. We acknowledge that a single interaction occurred only to *inform* this landholder of the plans, and not to *consult* on matters relevant to use of agricultural land. Additionally, we were not told we had the right to withhold consent, and staff stated that any compensation for use of the property (a stretch of

3.87Km, a total easement of 38,700m²) would be “negligible” and “lucky to be \$1000”. Had Bowdens Silver consulted, they may have accepted that the landowners **do not consent** and would have proposed an alternate pipeline route.

Sincerely,

William and Margaret Bryant

The Landholders at 2778 Ulan Road, Cooks Gap.

Declaration: We have made no reportable political donations in the previous two years.