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Submission of Objection:
Bowdens Silver Mine – Amendment (SSD-5765)

Wollar Progress Association submitted an objection to the proposed mine at Lue, in the Mid-Western Regional Council area, in July 2020.

That objection, and the reasons stated, still stands.

The Association has been involved in responding to State Significant Development mining applications in the region, specifically large coal mine proposals in the Wollar/Ulan area, for at least the last 10 years. We have never experienced an amendment application submitted during the assessment phase of a proposal.

If the Department had conducted a thorough adequacy test before releasing the Bowden's EIS last year, this circumstance would not have arisen.

The Association objects to the Lue mine because there is no guarantee of a secure water supply. The proposal to transfer water from the Goulburn River catchment to the Lawson Creek/Macquarie River catchment is not supported because of the high risk of water shortages and loss of base flows to the Goulburn River during intensive drought.

The proposed re-alignment of the 550kV power line that crosses the proposed mine footprint has not been rigorously assessed for visual, electromagnetic radiation, biodiversity or cultural heritage impacts.

We note that the exact location of the re-alignment depends on a three stage investigation by Transgrid, including geotechnical studies. Therefore, any assessment of impacts of the proposed re-alignment in the initial EIS report cannot be claimed to be thorough.

Wollar Progress Association maintains that SSD 5765 and this amended application must be rejected because it fails to meet environmentally sustainable development principles.



Bruce Hughes, President.