



GALLANGGABANG ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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Department of Planning

RE: Bowdens Silver Pty Limited Amendment Report - State Significant Development No. 5765

To Whom it may concern,

Gallanggabang Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) would like to thank you for your invitation to provide a response for This Aboriginal Cultural Heritage issue relevant to obligations to protect our Heritage within our Traditional Lands. Gallanngabang represent the fourteen traditional families with identified apical ancestry pre European occupation with our known Traditional Lands. We know our culture, country and continue with our association with our traditional lands.

Gallanggabang Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) notes that a Corporation Director is a member of the Bowdens Silver Community Consultation Committee (CCC), and has actively updated community and other Aboriginal Registered Parties, Individuals and groups around the developments and changes of this project.

GAC is generally supportive of any efforts to provide facilities and business for the community at large within our Traditional Lands, provided Proponents have consulted with GAC and negotiated an agreed outcome in relation to our cultural, heritage and environmental concerns. In terms of this project GAC **Strongly Object** to this development being passed.

Gallanggabang Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) have through consultation with other Traditional Elders and Traditional Community with cultural knowledge have the following comments and or recommendations in relation to the Bowdens Silver Amendment Report:

- Gallanggabang Aboriginal Corporation and other Registered Aboriginal Parties have not been directly consulted or listened to by Bowdens Silver.
- GAC have serious concerns around the Rock Shelter with Art in the area close to or to be impacted by the poweline relocation, as this has not been found on the single survey to have occurred of which we have not received a Draft Survey report to take to community for our feedback.
- GAC have concerns around land clearing and environmental impacts this will have on habitat and fauna.
- In changing the landscape Bowdens will be removing or changing our cultural landscape that our members ancestors used to identify location and travelling routes known as Songlines.

Gallanggabang Aboriginal Corporation **Strongly Object** to this Silver Mine Development, as there are issues relating to outcomes in relation to our Traditional Owner Community cultural, heritage and environmental concerns that need to be satisfied along with various other factors as detailed in the information above.

GAC look forward to further participating in the above project, sharing our knowledge of county and to ensure our Heritage is protected. We trust our response meets your requirements. Please contact GAC Directors should you require our assistance to address any Aboriginal issues to support your future plans.

Regards,

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