

16th August 2021

Department of Planning

RE: Bowdens Silver Pty Limited Amendment Report dated July 2021 - State Significant Development No. 5765 EXH-24146957

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to acknowledge that I am a member of the Bowdens Silver Community Consultation Committee (CCC), I am generally measured and neutral in regards to this project, with exception to Aboriginal Cultural and Heritage concerns, I have a personal connection to this project site as a former Commonwealth Resources Australia (CRA) Mining Junior Exploration Drilling Rig operator at age 16 and was conducting exploration drilling on this site during 1991. As a current CCC member I have actively updated general community and other Aboriginal Registered Parties, Individuals and groups around the developments and changes of this project. This includes Wellington Valley Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation and Gallangabang Aboriginal Corporation for which I am a Voluntary Board member of both Traditional Organisations.

I personally after reading the Amendment Report and discussing this project and associated assessments with various consultants and Aboriginal Knowledge Holders who are very concerned that various aspects have been overlooked or omitted. On this basis I **Object** to this development being passed and have the following comments and or concerns:

- Aboriginal Community are of the general opinion that Bowdens Silver has not adhered to the consultation guidelines.
- For each area that the Cultural Heritage Surveys were conducted for Bowdens Silver, the archaeologist Dr. Matt Cupper has not provided a Draft Survey Report for community to comment on and feed into the final report.
- It is Aboriginal Community opinion that Bowdens Silver and Dr. Matt Cupper along with R.W. Corkery have made the recommendations as to what occurs to the fate of our cultural sites, as the Aboriginal People have consistently come to me as a Bowdens Silver CCC member with the same complaints since I was appointed to the CCC.
- A significant Cultural Rock Shelter with Hand stencils – has not been located throughout a survey, This site must be found, There must be no impacts to this site at all.
- **Aboriginal Community have not agreed to any of the recommendations or conclusions drawn by this Amendment report**, as we have not been able to make comment or recommendations as to what should occur at each site or if landforms require any sub-surface testing or salvage.

I **Strongly Object** to this Silver Mine Development, as there are real issues relating to outcomes involving culture and heritage, environmental and planning concerns that need to be satisfied along with various other factors as detailed in the information above.

As a Wiradjuri Traditional Owner and voice of the community I look forward to further participating in the above project, sharing my knowledge of county and to ensure that Wiradjuri Heritage and the environment is protected.

Regards,



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