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

I object to the Bowdens Silver Mine – Amendment (SSD-5765) because the mine proposal is not an ecologically sustainable development and there is inadequate detail supplied in regard to the impacts of rerouting the Transgrid 550kV power line.

This is a significant piece of infrastructure with major impacts on the landscape. The proposal to shift the power line at Lue needs more detailed impact assessment than that supplied in the Amendment Report, on exhibition for comment.

I object to the entire mine project because it could have an impact on my water supply, as a basic rights water user on the Goulburn River. During the last intensive drought, the coal mines in the Ulan-Wollar area ceased releasing water into the Goulburn River.

The drawdown of base flows caused by extensive mining operations caused the river to cease flowing during the 2018- 2020 drought of record and large waterholes, not known to dry up over a 40 year period, became severely compromised.

I strongly object to the proposal that the Bowdens Silver Mine get access to water that should be released into the Goulburn River during times of drought to supply downstream water users and keep the river ecosystem healthy.

The concept of diverting water from the Hunter catchment into the Macquarie catchment is not acceptable and should not be considered.

Yours sincerely



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