



"Monivae Station"
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Dear Rose-Anne

Objection: Bowdens Silver Project (SSD 5765) – Request for Water Supply Amendment

This correspondence is submitted as an objection to the amendment as proposed by Bowdens Silver Project (SSD 5765) relating to the proposed source of water for the operations.

As noted within my initial objection, my family are the owners of "Monivae Station" which is located approximately 4.5km south-east of the proposed mine site.

Our farming operation includes (1) Grazing & Cattle production whereby cattle are produced for both the domestic (Coles Australia) and export markets; and (2) Farming operations which include cropping and intensive agriculture via irrigation. Irrigation is achieved as a result of our significant investment in establishing the supporting infrastructure and via us maintaining the following licences:

1. WAL28515– Aquifer – 143 megalitres under the Lachlan Fold MDB Groundwater Source Water Source.
2. WAL34322 – Unregulated River – 24 megalitres under the Lawsons Creek Water Source Water Source.
3. WAL34299 – Unregulated River – 104 megalitres under the Lawsons Creek Water Source

It is noted that none of these licences have been identified and allocated to our farming operations within the EIS and continue to not be recorded or referred to by Bowdens Silver within any documentation, however represent a critical component to the viability of our farming operations.

The concerns relative to our property and business from the amendment family include:

- Reduced flows within Lawsons Creek as a result of increased extraction;

- Reduced recharge to local water courses as a result of dewatering and depressurisation of local aquifers leading to reduced availability for our farming operations and environmental flows to local waters;
- Drawdown of local aquifers authorised to be accessed by Monivae Station leading to a financial impact to our farming operations;
- Increased dust impacts resulting from reduced water supplies to support mining operations;
- An inability for Bowdens to supply water requirements during extended dry periods.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal.

Regards

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