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To Whom it may Concern,

I am a 82 year old farmer, I have lived in this community my entire life. I would like to express my concerns with the Bowdens Silver Mine Project. I am very disappointed as our community was led to believe this Mine was to be a silver Mine, now finding out it will be mining predominantly lead and Zinc.

I have owned an earthmoving business for my entire working life, constructing dams, contour banks, and rehabilitation for Soil Conservation and local farmers throughout the district. I understand the environmental impact of a dam that will be 117 hectares not made up from clay and other soil materials on a sloping ground running towards the Lawson Creek, could only spell catastrophe.

I am also very concerned that I will no longer be able to drink rainwater from my tank due to lead dust contamination. We are exposed to strong westerly winds during the summer months and there is no possible way the Mine would be able to eliminate all lead dust from contaminating residents water supplies.

It would be very expensive for locals to conduct testing on their drinking water on a regular basis to ensure it would be safe. An expense I am sure the Mine will not cover. What will we do if water is unsafe to drink? Farmers do not have access to town water supply.

I would require an independent water analysis to be conducted on a regular basis to ensure I have safe drinking water for myself and my livestock.

I cannot condone such a dangerous mine from going ahead in our area. I may not see the long-term implications in my lifetime, but I hope to see my grand and great grandchildren be able to continue my legacy of farming without any health implications caused by dangerous lead exposure.

Regards

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