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To whom it may concern.

My name is Allan Leonard and I live on a farming property approx. 10kms from Bowdens Silver Mine.

I was very excited at the prospect of employment at the Mine, with current mining experience operating heavy machinery in a coal mine and the thought of only needing to travel a short distance to work. That was until I found out Bowdens have mislead the community on the true origins of what the mine will entail. Silver will not be the main commodity of the mine and in fact Lead and Zinc will be predominately sourced.

Lead Dust pollution will severely impact my family's quality of life, living so close to the mine site. Impacting our water supply, our vegetable gardens and our cattle farmed on the property. The prospect of a job simply does not out way the dangerous impact this mine would have on my families health.

I like so many others in the community need to use the Lue Rd to travel to and from work on a daily basis, I am very concerned that with huge haulage trucks carting dangerous material using that road it will make commuting on that road very dangerous. The road is not in good enough condition to accommodate for these heavy machines and even with upgrades, our country roads do not need these trucks transporting dangerous material, putting everyone's life at risk

A lot of our local business heavily rely on tourism to survive, a "Lead" mine will deter visitors from our area

We also have lots of young families living in our community – will such a dangerous mine force them to reconsider wanting to raise their family here.

I wish for my son to grow up here on our property in a safe environment, free from highly dangerous levels of lead in the dust and water

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission