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Dear Sir

Submission of Objection: Dubbo Zirconia Project (SSD-5251)

I do not support the proposal to develop an open cut mining project near Toongi, 25km south of Dubbo for the following reasons:

1. The economic report does not meet the requirements of the Director General by providing a thorough cost benefits analysis.
2. The proposal is associated with the largest known deposit of uranium in NSW
3. There are too many high and extreme risks identified in the environmental assessment that have not been adequately mitigated
4. The management of water impacts through the interception, use, storage and contamination of both groundwater and surface water are too great
5. The impacts of the proposed water pipeline and power line infrastructure requirements have not been assessed as part of the proposal. These will cause cumulative impacts, particularly on remnant vegetation loss.
6. The loss of Aboriginal cultural heritage and important natural habitat areas is not acceptable
7. The impact of noise and dust, particularly the possibility of radioactive emissions from mining operations and increased truck movements have not been adequately mitigated
8. The lack of a strategic regional land use plan in central west NSW leaves no parameters for environmental, agricultural and social protections for new mining proposals.

While recognising the importance of rare earth elements for many industrial purposes, I do not support the Zirconia Mine proposal at the current scale of impact.

Yours sincerely



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