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APPLICATION: State Significant Development
McPhillamys Gold Mine Project

APPLICATION NO.: SSD - 9505



I object totally to the Proposal. The reasons for my objection are:

... Destruction of land, water, native flora and fauna. This destruction will affect a far larger area of land than that owned by the Mining Company.

... Massive mining over a short term period (10 yrs) for the financial benefit of the majority of shareholders, non-Australian. Foreign shareholders do not understand the impact of this mining on Australian landscape, environment and adjacent farmers.

... Hydrology is the least understood science. Water is mostly held underground and out of sight in watertables, aquifers and spring sources. The sources of these waters are difficult to identify, and depend on stratigraphy, geology, landform and soils of often large areas.

To affect any of these water sources with mining and to cover headwaters and springs by a tailing dam is detrimental to the quality and quantity of water required by the environment and farming communities in the surrounding area, the Belubula River and its reach to the Lachlan River.

It is extremely unwise to retain contaminated mining water facilities on site when earthquakes occur, and are known to occur in this area. Such a release of mining water will impact on river water, land, farms and wildlife.

... Loss of wildlife and native vegetation. Offsets are not of value to native fauna because of their relocation to an ecologically different site where vegetation, soils, water and landform are different to the wildlife's home site on McPhillamys proposed mine site. Relocation of native fauna is minimal because of the nature and size of fauna. Often fauna relocated will return to home ranges. It is not possible to relocate satisfactorily native vegetation to an offset.

If we do not care for nature and country, then nature and country will not care for us.

We, Australians, must protect our environment.

No political donations in last two years.