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To whom it may concern,

My name is Anthony McIntosh and I am writing to you on behalf of myself, my wife; Louise McIntosh and our family, in protest of the McPhillamys Gold Project, in Kings Plains, New South Wales.

I am a resident of Kings Plains and have been for the last 15 years. During this time, I have raised three (now adult) biological children, and am currently a foster carer for five young children, (aged between 5 and 16.) As a father, I have several concerns about the impacts this mine will have on the health of these children.

It is a certainty that this mine will lead to water pollution, air pollution, noise pollution, social and economic effects, as well as having many other negative impacts on the area. The health implications that will arise as a result of this pollution is of great concern to me. This pollution will not only result in short term health effects, but will also have longer lasting health effects into the future. As well as this pollution negatively impacting the physical health of myself and my children, there are also several subsidiary impacts to other areas of health.

I believe that there has not been significant investigation into the ancillary effects of the project. These ancillary impacts could result in a snowball effect and become detrimental to the overall health of the young people in our care. As the mine is only approximately 1km away from our family home, there is a heightened chance of sleep disturbances due to noise pollution. This interruption to sleep has the possibility to negatively impact the mental health of the children in care. Lack of sleep can lead to poor cognitive performance, which could then lead to anxiety or depression. As foster children already have a higher susceptibility to developing mental and emotional health issues, this is incredibly alarming. We worry that this will result in negative impacts on the social health of children as they may begin to withdraw from social activities- prompting other students to use this as ammunition for bullying. Children in Foster care are already subject to

As a father, I made the decision to move away from a busy town environment, to a more tranquil and peaceful country setting- as a means to ensure all of the areas of health for myself and my family would be at their highest possible level. The mine will disrupt all these areas of life. The potential for greater employment rates for the mine and the flow-on effect that this will have, creates a disruption to the peace of country living and therefore diminishes the overall quality of life in the area.

Thank you,
Anthony McIntosh.

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