

The assessment of modeling , with too short a time for genuine peer review, (that where the reviewer is not chosen by the author of critical studies, including those

concerning water, hazards, noise, and atmospheric pollution). Without expert knowledge it is very difficult to assess the validity of the various parameters that are fed into such models where as in some cases no justification of the values chosen are made.

. This mine will decrease property values owing to proximity to this mine due to manifesting in the failure of properties to sell after prolonged advertising and the collapse of sales after prospective buyers learnt of this mine development addition to this Regis has no intention of developing a buffer zone around the mine site (however they have planted some very small gum trees that will make no difference to buffer it will take at least 20 years to get some buffer at all

Regis will develop property specific management plans for land owners engaged in equine activities who have potential to be affected by blasting activities. this is during the mine construction phase and the operations phase . earlier comments suggest Vol 8 pg 156

Management measure is to relocate stock further away from mine to give them time to adjust to the blasting ; impossible if you have small holding as is the case of most equine owners around here . Most inconvenient and lack of understanding of a horses temperament. . along with having some wear else off our places to put our horses along with having the time to move horses each day which none of use have the time due to having job

Horses are fright t and flight animals due to the blasting horses will go through fences and will have consistent vet bill and due to our horses begin sold over seas each year for big money only if they have no injuries and scares so will have loss of income from the blasting

.Mine will not employ me due to my older age and no skills and begin a woman

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lasting likened by Regis to the effects of lightning strike, will add to noise and are pollution. it will cause disturbance to domestic animals especially horses .and live stock which I also own cattle and sheep , on neighbouring properties .It is planned to occur at occur at any time during the day and associated ground vibrations may damage the more fragile heritage buildings

Almost no attempt has been made in assessing the various impacts of the planned mine to draw from the experience of the environmental ,social and financial impact of other hard rock mines both operating and abandoned - in the Central West (for example those at Peak Hill ,Junction Reefs, Browns Creek, Tomingley, Parks and Cadia).

Instead great faith is placed on modelling ,were adjustments can be easily made if the right answer doesn't emerge first try .

The irremediable scarring of an attractive landscape and overall degradation of the areas visual amenity. The EIS admits that light pollution will dim the once brilliant dark night sky

Disruption environmental damage to critically endangered woodland and to the habitat of vulnerable koalas and sugar gliders and several bird species . what is not considered is the disturbance to native flora and fauna of noise ,24 hr light , dust etc on land beyond the mine site boundary where the natural environment will also be much changed .

Disadvantages in closing Dungeon Rd including as alternative route during road closures following accidents on other roads including Mid West and Mitchell Highways .Also making more difficult for emergency vehicle access to Vitoria district from south.

The record of mining companies in exaggerating the benefits of a project (eg employment, business opportunities) and minimizing the disadvantages (commonly limited during of employment, increased rents for existing inhabitants, general 'Boom ' followed by 'Bust ' squeezing out of accommodation for tourists, health problems and family issues from shift and drive-in drive-out employment .

. Regis say the mine will bring good employment opportunities I disagree Blayney and surrounding towns already have good jobs that people have and with the Cadia mine expanding there is the Jobs that Regis will take and not to mention the small business that will lose there staff that will go to the mine for the big wages and these small business will close

When people are on very good money they over commit get in trouble if for some reason they lose there job this puts added pressure on the family

***.Also some people already do shift work and the blasting and vibrations in during the day wont be able to sleep so will go to work tire could have accident also at worst lose his job for not doing his job due to lack of sleep

. I'm concerned with dust and land pollution, noise and night lighting from a 24/7/365 mining and processing operation with blasting permitted for 12 hours per day for at least 12 years (Regis is applying for 20 years licence

The potential for the loss of water boars ,farm dams and possibly the Belubula River and tributaries into the mine pit once its depth exceeds that of the local water-table .

Possible disruption to adjacent ground water supply by boars sunk on the mine site to provide water for construction and operation before the pipe line from Lithgow is operational .Regis until recently denied this was planned.

. Pumping 13,000 000 litres of water a day from near Lithgow to the mine site, the water begin mostly from coal mine dewatering from , waste water from a coal preparation (washing) facility, and salt water (brine) derived from the Mt piper power station and associated desalination plant. The ultimate sources of the most of the water is the western Blue mountains.

. The importation of large amounts of salt into the already salt laden Murray-Darling basin.

Much of the water arriving from Lithgow will be lost by evaporation but the salt it contained will remain , contaminating the mine site .

Multiple opportunities for pollution from the mine site into the Belubula River by mine waste ,tailings, acid mine drainage both during and for hundreds of years after completion of the mining operations .

Regis resources planned use of the mine site for processing Arsenic-Rich Ore from other deposits in the central west both during mining and after the McPhillamys Ore body is exhausted ,indefinitely prolonging operations at Kings Plans and continuing to add toxic waste to its tailings dam.

Reduction of waterflow into the Belubula and hence Carcoar Dam owing to development of the mine

The pollution of local rain water supplys by dust and fumes. Kings Plans and many Rural properties do not have reticulated water but rely on rain for most domestic uses. The hazard presented by the burial of upper reaches of the Belubula River by contaminated mine tailings containing elevated levels of heavy metal and metalloids (including Arsenic, copper, selenium, cadmium, and zinc)And sulphate ions in the tailings dam (the tailings storage facility)

. The dangers associated with any toxic spills into the Belubula River to the whole river system. Down stream from the mine site the river flows through the town of Blayney , rich alluvial flats grazing land, and onto Carcoar Dam. Tablelands Water supply might be polluted via the planned pipeline connecting lake Rowlands and Carcoar Dam is constructed .Below Carcoar Dam the Belubula passes through several rural communities , much grazing and cropping country and ultimately feeds into the Lachlan River west of Cowra.

. * Vibrations from drilling operations ,that disturb some residents up to several Kms from the mine site during the exploration phase at McPhillamys are not considered in the EIS .

Regis policy of continued land purchase adjacent to northern mine project boundary but ignoring calls for further buffer zone adjacent to kings Plans (southern) boundary.

I also as do many other residences of Kings Plans and surrounding have major concerns of 2 local honey business growing and extracting the honey from healthy bees and the honey is exporting for human consumption Australia wide and over seas . if this mine goes ahead the pollution if don't kill the bees will contaminate the food source for the bees which will then in time end up humans eating and getting very sick

This Mine will be a environmental disaster and the landscape will end up begin bear and barron