

My name is Sam Lockwood. I am writing in objection to the proposed Regis Resources McPhiliamy Mine.

I work in a family business at Goldfields Honey. Our factory is located within 3km of the proposed mine I enjoy working in the bush and its clean environment I would not enjoy working next to a tailings dam radiating dangerous chemicals and dust. I have a few points I am not happy about with the proposed mine.

Native Wildlife

I am a naturalist and bird lover. I am a keen bird watcher. There are hundreds of species of birds that call the proposed mine site home. As the mine is proposing to clear hundreds of hectares of native bush land I worry for the birds that call this there home. One bird in particular that I was lucky enough to have sighted on 2 occasions over 15 years of bird watching in the area was the regent honey eater. The sightings were both in the state forest that is right next to the proposed mine site. The regent honey eater currently critically endangered which the NSW state government is going to great lengths to keep and restore its habitat. The regent honey feeds on the nectar of high yielding Eucalypt tree. The main being Yellow box, Blakely's red gum, white box and mugga iron bark. Three of which (yellow box, Blakely's red gum and white box) are on the proposed mine site which is set to be cleared. The main threat for the regent honey eater is the clearing of this type of eucalypt stands. Another uncommon bird that calls this area home is the yellow tailed black cockatoo. The cockatoo uses these eucalypt trees for nesting. If the mine were to proceed these 2 species would no longer call this their home.

Native Flora

As mentioned above the mine is proposing to clear hundreds of acres of native bush. There are many species of eucalypt set to be knocked down. 3 species in particular are the yellow box, white box and Blakely's Red gum trees. The standing of these 3 species together is deemed an endangered ecological community. Some of these trees are over 200 years old. For these trees to be cleared for a mine would be an absolute disaster.

This mine proposal has contributed a lot to my mental health. I am very anxious for the native wildlife and Flora.

Thank you

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