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I am writing in objection to the proposed Regis Mine. I am the Managing Director of LBS Supplies PTY LTD. We are located within 3 km of the proposed mine site. We manufacture Beekeeping supplies which we distribute all over Australia. We work closely with Goldfields Honey Bee and Pollination Services Pty Ltd and Goldfield Honey Australia Pty Ltd.

The mine is proposing to clear hundreds of acres of native bush which Goldfield Honey Australia produces excessive amounts of Pure Australian honey and provides breeding conditions for the bees which are used for pollination. Goldfield Honey Australia is the largest honey producer and largest pollination provider in Australia. Goldfield Honey Australia is currently expanding their operation to keep up with pollination contracts.

If the mine were to go ahead this would mean a sudden halt in expansion for both companies. We manufacture all Goldfield Honey Australia's beekeeping supplies. As they are our largest customer this will dramatically impact our production.

With the large scale planned expansion for Goldfield Honey Australia means LBS supplies will also need to expand and hire more staff. With the mine proposal hanging over our heads (affecting the mental health of the directors) is making it very difficult for both companies to plan for the large-scale expansions.

It seems unfair for a mine with only a lifespan of 10 years to stop the growth of not just my company but many other family run companies within the mine's close proximity.

Generational farms and businesses that would have run for many more decades if the mine was not an issue but are now up in the air.

Regards

Sam Lockwood
LBS Supplies PTY LTD

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