



The Beekeepers Inn ABN 52 855 919 137

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Regis Resources – The McPhillamy Project and the effects on my family's businesses.

On site businesses operated from 2319 Mitchell Hwy VITTORIA NSW 2799

Goldfield Honey Aust Pty Ltd Directors – Vicki Lockwood and Jonathon Lockwood

Goldfields Honey, Bee and Pollination Services Pty Ltd – Managing Director - Vicki Lockwood

The Beekeepers in – Partners Vicki Lockwood and Claire Bennett,

Lockwood Beekeeping Supplies – Sam Lockwood

Central Ranges Brewing Company – Mark Lockwood

SLB Lawn and Garden Service – Scott Bennett

These businesses are operated by Managing Director Vicki Lockwood and her children Jonathon and Sarah Lockwood, Mark Lockwood, Claire and Scott Bennett and Samuel Lockwood. The founder Grant Lockwood passed away in June 2017.

Location – 2319 Mitchell Highway, VITTORIA NSW 2799 midway between Orange and Bathurst and approx. 2000 metres from the proposed McPhillamys Gold Mine.

This proposal has and is causing my family mental health issues, anxiety, personal stress and business stress on all the businesses, hence, the writing of this document. The time already consumed, and the time taken to write this would have been of far more benefit to my businesses or my family which include 5 grandchildren. This is a family run business established in 1982 and through expansion we now are finally located at our current location since 2003.

Together with my late husband Grant a lifetime has been spent building these businesses. We have also passed on our skills and knowledge to our four children who all have a major role in our diversity.

I am not at all experienced with the procedures of mining and find this whole process of what to do very daunting. I have been visited by various people from different sectors involved in impact studies, mining project managers ect. I am very confused, but I do know that no one is prepared to guarantee no effects on my business and my family.

The Beekeepers Inn

Located approx. 3 km from the proposed mine site. The Beekeepers inn www.beekeepersinn.com is housed in an 1859 Cobb and Co stopover building, and is the home of our licensed café, honey tasting, honey sales, educational facility, nursery and iris farm. There is a function area which hosts weddings and parties most weekends. It is also a meeting place for many people from Orange, Bathurst and Blayney areas and for those travelling further west. Tourist call for our hospitality and to see our live bee display. The Beekeepers Inn employs approx. 10 staff and growing every year. The Beekeepers Inn has been operating for 12 years and has featured in many tourist articles and TV shows and has just won an award for the best historic wedding venue. We have bookings secured for the next two years. We proudly serve, assist or sell honey to approx. 1,500 locals and tourists each week.

CONCERNS as follows

DUST AND NOISE- The Beekeepers Inn is extremely concerned about the amount of dust and noise that will be created from the mine. Many wedding ceremonies are held onsite under the gum trees so dust would be very unpleasant and not good for business. Dust is major concern to a hospitality/tourist business. Noise or blasting during our ceremonies and receptions is unacceptable.

We pride ourselves on a country wedding and destination experience.

Contaminated dust on our gardens, nursery and iris farm would be detrimental and would run off into our waterways and may affect our onsite geese.

Many of our visitors are mentally and physically challenged and have delicate health problems, water and dust contamination is of great concerns, guarantees must be given from the mine that there are not health risks at The Beekeepers Inn caused by the mine.





VIBRATION – the core of our business is actual building of The Beekeepers Inn. Built in 1859 as a Cobb and Co stopover from handmade bricks and housing a cellar, can the vibrations caused by the proposed mine be guaranteed not to affect the delicate materials used. This building is not only of importance to my business but to the whole community who use it or just travel passed. The building is all that remains of VITTOTIA and is of historic significance. A guarantee is needed that this building would not be affected by any ongoing vibration



WATER – Tested regularly and used in our café for cooking and as table water also for our gardens. As we are a food industry water and its quality is of extremely high importance. Currently our water comes from rain and bore water and is tested regularly for contaminants. Water contamination and bore failure is of high concern. Due to the high volume of customers contaminated dust from the roofs going into our water would be disastrous and could cause a major health scare.

NIGHT LIGHTING – A feature of our hosting of weddings/functions is the under the night skies while enjoying a beautiful outside event. Guarantees must be had not to affect the night skies.

EDUCATION- The Beekeepers Inn hosts groups from pre-school to seniors, who want to learn about bees, honey, pollination, local agriculture and local history. Talks and activities are held regularly, we would not be at all confident to hold these activities if there was a threat of contaminants through air, water or noise. During the spring, summer and autumn we host at least one to two buses a week of tourists usually from Sydney.

TOURISM – The Beekeepers Inn is a major tourism destination for locals, interstate and international travelers. We are a unique business appealing to many and varied visitors. Any mine disturbance will be detrimental with contaminated dust a worry for those with breathing problems.



TRAFFIC – The proposed mine will cause an increase in traffic on our surrounding roads. We already have had many fatalities and accidents in the surrounding area in recent years. If this proposed mine was to go ahead all roads and highways in the area must be upgraded, we do not need tired mine workers on our road.