

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Scott Bennett and I am a self-employed sole trader who specialises in the horticulture / gardening industry. I am the grounds manager of the Beekeepers Inn / Goldfields Honey Bee & Pollination Services Pty Ltd site. I also service many gardens in the Blayney and Kings Plains area. Due to my work I wish to object to the proposed McPhillamys Mine as the list of potential implications to my job could find me unemployed.

The underground works of the proposed mine pose a threat to underground water systems in the area and as such could contaminate the water supply for The Beekeepers Inn site as well as other gardens from which I service. If these water supplies should become contaminated it would make living and working in the area untenable and therefore I would be out of work.

The stress and anxiety of the implications this mine may have on the mental health of myself and my family has affected me greatly and I am deeply concerned of the future of this beloved area.

I also have concerns about dust from the mine settling on the gardens in which I work as the harmful chemicals in the dust could be detrimental to the plants in the gardens.

Furthermore I am concerned about increased heavy machinery and trucks operating in the area congesting local traffic, noise pollution from the mining operation.

In my opinion the cons of this proposed mine far outweigh any pros, and as such I see any mine approved in this area to greatly affect the quality of life for myself, the environment, wildlife and many hundreds of people in the local area.

Regards,

Scott Bennett

S.L.B Lawn & Garden Service

0429032517