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TO:

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**Bowdens Silver Project: App no. SSD-5765**

**I am making a submission objecting to the Bowdens Silver Mine Silver Project, at Lue.**

We are located about 10 kms east of Bowdens Silver Mine at Lue. Prevailing winds are from the west, so we are concerned about the pollution of lead dust, and dust in general, reaching our property.

We are also concerned about noise pollution. We can hear the sound of motor bikes from the Lue Station bike track, so sounds of blasting and heavy machinery will almost certainly impact us.

We are concerned about "sky glow". We value our night sky!

**These are our selfish concerns.**

**However**, as people who manage a wildlife sanctuary, and are generally interested in the natural world, we are mostly concerned about the impacts of this mine *on the whole environment*.

- The Goulburn River is already depleted of water, due to coal mines up-stream, and to drought, brought about by climate change due largely to coal mining. There is definitely not enough water in Lue. The idea of moving water from one water catchment to another is dangerous environmentally. So how can water be safely delivered to Lue without harming other environments?
- The mine is basically a **lead** mine, not a silver mine. It will produce 95,000 tons of lead and only 2,000 tons of silver. Do we actually NEED either of these minerals? The real issue is, **DO WE NEED LEAD AND SILVER, OR WATER?** I believe we need water.

I am aware that a lot of farmers favour mining as it provides jobs in hard times, but with water-tables falling, we need to conserve our water for both farming and the environment.

- I have been living here since 1971. This property has a spring that still runs, but all the soaks and swamps have dried up. We have to restrict our water usage and monitor daily. Our local creek, Breakfast Creek, has dried up, and wombats are digging water holes six foot deep or more, in the sandy creek bed trying to access drinking water. **We need to conserve WATER.**
- **The concept of a water pipeline going from the Goulburn River to Lue is extremely concerning and I wish to lodge this concern with you.**

I hope you can consider these concerns when you assess the situation.

Thank you. Mike.