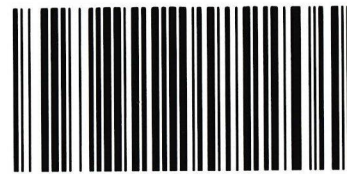


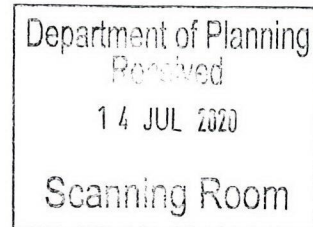
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Applicant – Bowdens Silver Pty Limited

Application Number - SSD-5765

Application – Bowdens Silver Mine

I OBJECT to the Bowdens Silver Mine proposal.

I declare I have have not made a reportable political donation in the previous 2 years.

Signature -

Having grown up at Birriwa, not far north of Mudgee, but having lived in Sydney much of my adult life, I still have a close connection with Mudgee as my mother was born & died in Mudgee. I visit Mudgee frequently as we have many friends in the area and enjoy the wine and the olive oil and picnic horse races and all that goes with Mudgee.

The idea of a lead mine in the area concerns me greatly due to the toxic pollution that it will produce and the consequence of that for the kids at the little school nearby and for the local population in general. This is too much of a pristine area to put at risk the wonderful the wonderful tourism industry that has been created over many years & will certainly be affected if this mine was to proceed.

The impact on ground water is always an issue with a mine and with agriculture being such an important part of this location, it seems to pose an unnecessary risk.

On the back of the massive drought that the area has experienced (& survived) and now with business trying to survive the CV19 pandemic, this just seems like another kick in the guts that no region should have to endure.

Thank you for considering this submission and I do hope that you will see fit to ensure that it does NOT proceed.