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**RE:- Cadia East Gold/Copper Project – Modification 14**

We would like to object to the above proposal.

We are currently the fourth generation with our children being the fifth on the property “Braeburn”.

Our main concern is the proposed tailings dam facility on the property next door, “Meribah” that has undergone test drilling. If this were to go ahead it would greatly affect daily operations of our property with the increase in dust, noise pollution and vibration as well as it being just over the boundary fence line and directly affect water catchment for our property.

“Braeburn” heavily relies on both the Belubula river and Flyers creek for livestock water which have both significantly decreased coinciding with mining operations at Cadia and the proposal for increased water for this project would significantly affect the supply of water from these water courses.

Air quality and dust, which has gotten worse since the NTSF wall failure are major concerns for us, especially building another dam on our doorstep as both of our children are asthmatic and long term exposure to this is unknown.

For this proposal we strongly **OBJECT**.

We would also like to object to the repair and lifting of the NTSF. Surely if there was a way to safely do this and guarantee its integrity, work would have already commenced instead of just letting it sit and dry out and just filling the pit with tailings. It was nothing more than luck that the STSF captured all the spill from the NTSF failure and is a much too higher of an environmental risk to attempt it again. To this proposal we strongly **OBJECT**.

Cadia already possesses properties such as “Carringle” and surrounding land that a new tailings facility could be built without starting in a new water course being “Meribah”.

We would also like to point out that we along with the rest of the community were totally unaware of modification 14 taking place.

We would not like to see Cadia Valley Operations close down as we believe they do strongly contribute to the community through donations, community projects and employment to a large workforce however we do not wish to have them extend into the next valley.

Yours sincerely,

Chris, Jemma, Lilly and Lachlan Paine.

