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“Braeburn”

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Re – Cadia East Gold/Copper Project -Modification 14

I would like to object to the above proposal and point out that I and other community members were totally unaware of Modification 14 taking place.

I am currently the third generation living on the family farm “Braeburn” with at least 2 generations to follow. My grandparents commenced farming in the Burnt Yards area in the early 1920’s.

“Braeburn” relies heavily on Flyers Creek and the Belubula River for livestock water. I have noticed a significant decrease in water levels and flows in flyers creek [which actually stopped flowing for 48 hours in 2019] coinciding with mining operations at Cadia. The proposal for increased water for this project would significantly affect the supply of these water courses and consideration must also be for our fish and native wildlife including platypus, which live in these streams.

Air quality and dust from Cadia mines has been a serious problem [and continues to be] over the last few years. I have made many phone calls and complaints, supported with photos, to Nedra Burns, when she worked at Cadia. This dust layers us, our country, our livestock, our food, our roof tops and our water [tanks, streams and dams].

A major concern for me is the proposed tailings dam facility on the adjoining property “Meribah”, that has already undergone test drilling. If this were to go ahead, there would be an increase in dust, noise pollution and vibration. This facility would be taking over prime agricultural grazing land.

For this proposal, I strongly **OBJECT**.

Who can forget the North Tailings Storage Facility wall failure in 2018 – such an environmental disaster! The suggestion to the repair and lifting of the wall by 40 meters is outrageous! The dust cannot be controlled now, let alone attempting this project.

To this proposal, I strongly **OBJECT**.

Yours sincerely,

Deb Paine.

17 February 2021.

Attached are some photos of examples of dust taken in March 2018 from “Braeburn” looking towards Cadia

