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Re: The Bowdens Silver Mine, Lue NSW.

To Whom It May Concern,

As a long term resident of the Mudgee valley since 1980 and a frequent visitor to Lue and the surrounding areas, I find it irresponsible to consider a LEAD MINE in the area.

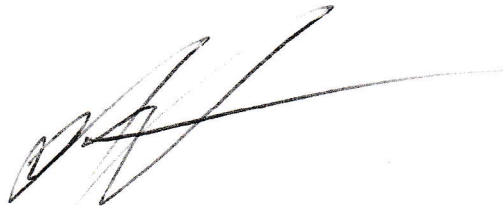
This proposed mine would be far too close to the village of Lue, where many families reside and also hosts the primary school to which many of the local children attend. This school encourages the children to learn about the environment and its preservation and they have many outdoor activities for them to get involved, growing plants, studying insects and animals etc, the mine would change their whole way of learning about the environment completely! Such as the Lead dust from this mine has the potential to poison not just people and animals but also the soil and the water table which is the life blood of this community, the Lawson Creek is one of the most stable waterways in the area, the thought of supplying water to the mine from this locally sustained water table is ludicrous and will threaten the livelihood of the farming community, not only locally but the broader sector of the whole valley system of farmland. The farming families have been here for generations supplying superb produce to Australia and the world, will their produce be in demand if the lead dust is ingested through fodder and water? And when the rain water tanks are full of sediment from the toxic dust on their rooves, will the lead dust affect the reproduction of humans and animals? Will it pose a risk to the development of foetuses before birth? Farming is a long term necessary industry opposed to short term profits for overseas interests, from a mine that has the potential to destroy yet another community, we have evidence of what happens when responsible people consider it too dangerous for the health of their families and move away...."History Lesson", the Village of Wollar. It saddens everyone to see such tight knit communities crumble when infiltrated by such industries.

Finally, whoever votes for the go ahead with using the water table to process the mined Lead and Zinc, agreeing to blast and threaten our children and all the permanent springs and wells with toxic pollution, could be open to future claims of gross negligence with huge compensation making any profit to the government negligible.

Please consider my submission and this environment.

Yours Sincerely

Henk Roest

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