

Date: 13 July 2020

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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.

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The reasons why I object to this proposal are

1. My family operates a farm four kilometres downstream of the proposed mine on the Lawson Creek. We have farmed this country for five generations, producing fine wool, beef and fat lambs. We rely on Lawson Creek for all our stock and domestic water as we have a five kilometre frontage to the Lawson Creek.
2. This mine will use a lot of water. It will take groundwater from the Lawson Creek catchment, 5 megalitres every day which is not available in our catchment. After mining begins, the level of water in the Creek will drop by one metre which will mean in dry times we will have no water.
3. Bowdens proposes to take more water from the Lawson Creek catchment than all the existing Lawson water users. What will this do to our water supply?
4. Groundwater will be severely affected with the level on the mine site dropping by 25 metres threatening bores.
5. The tailings dam will be in our landscape forever sitting in the Lawson Creek catchment and these dams are particularly susceptible to breaching and the resulting environmental disaster. This mine poses a serious threat to our environment.
6. Tailings dams fail during significant rain events. We have rain records showing 225 mls overnight in February 2002 which caused major destruction in the Lawson Creek catchment. We regularly have large floods in Lawson Creek which dissipate very quickly. Bowdens would be subject to the same variations and suffer the consequences of extreme rain events.

