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Name of Application: BOWDENS SILVER PROJECT
Application No: SSD-5765
EPBC ID NO: 2018/8372

My name is Ruth Lever and I am part owner of the property at 1857 Castlereagh Highway, Cudgegong.

It has come to my attention the proposal for the Bowdens Silver Project powerline route option cuts through our farm at 1857 Castlereagh Highway, Cudgegong. I am objecting to this proposal on the following grounds:

1. Over the 23 years we have owned this property we have put in a great deal of time and effort in conservation of endangered species of plant (Grassy Box Woodland) and wildlife, including endangered and rare birdlife and animals including Platypus, Kangaroos, Monitors, Goannas' and Frogs. We have been involved with a Land Services Grant which commenced in 2008, and concluded in 2018.
2. We have a current conservation agreement with the NSW Government Biodiversity Conservation Trust, in which we have agreed to preserve defined native vegetation. The agreement is registered on the title of the property. Removal of trees and vegetation in the proposed area where the powerlines are proposed would contravene this agreement.
3. I believe the work that would be involved would disrupt the eco systems on the property
4. I also believe the powerline towers will be detrimental to the value of our property
5. There is very little detail as to the size of the proposed lines and towers that would be built.

I am very disappointed in the way this proposal is presented on the web, so that most people who have property in the area would not even be aware of what is happening until it is all passed through. This in my view is not consultation with the landholders but a way of pushing things through without the public really being aware of what is going on. Most people in these areas are hardworking and not up to speed with how the government processes are conducted.

I would appreciate being informed more directly as this process goes forward to that we as a group have the opportunity to have our say.

I declare that I have made NO political donations in the previous 2 years.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Lever