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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 not made a reportable political donation in the previous 2 years.

Signature -

I live in Sydney now but for many years I owned and operated a sheep and cropping farm at Narromine and I travelled often around the Central West of NSW. More recently I have spent considerable time on a cattle property on the Lawson Creek just west of Lue. I lived here for three months during the corona virus pandemic and was made aware of the issues relating to the proposed Bowdens Silver Mine

The reasons why I object to this proposal are

1. The mine's proximity to the village of Lue and its infants and primary school is far too close is only two kms from Lue School, it will operate 24 hrs /7 days per week.
2. The open cut mine will produce Lead and I'm worried about the dust affecting children as Lead is particularly dangerous for children. The mine will produce 95000 tonnes of lead - a highly toxic mineral. There is no safe level to exposure of lead especially for children and this mine is just 2kms from Lue School. Lead is a cumulative toxicant that affects multiple body systems.
3. The tailings dams is in the catchment of Lawson Creek and tailings dams do fail. If they do they will pollute the waterway permanently.
4. The economics of this mine are based on an assumed silver price in the EIS is US\$20.91/oz, a price that hasn't been reached over the last 5 years. A financially unviable mine represents an even greater threat as they may look for ways to cut corners which could affect safety.

5. Lue is a peaceful village with 200 residents who enjoy the quiet village life it offers. This will be destroyed by the mine. Also Lue Road is narrow and winding and will not handle safely the large increase in traffic, many of which will be trucks.

I strongly object to this mine and ask the Department to consider my objection.