

Hello, my name is Stephen Yates

I live at [REDACTED] Fifield. I have lived in Fifield since 1990. My wife and I have raised 2 children in Fifield and am currently in guardianship of raising another child aged 2 in Fifield. Fifield is our home and this is where we began our married life together. I work as a shearer and seasonal farm hand. I have been the captain of the Fire Brigade for 5 years. This small community is full of precious moments filled with joy, happiness & laughter. I love the town I live in and I do not want it to be destroyed from heavy traffic, noise & dust (which I know will happen)

I am not opposed to this mine but I am opposed to the affect it will have on our small town and the residents within the community.

I am concerned about the high level of traffic that will come through our town if the bypass is not put in. We have had 5 accidents on the corner of where our house is situated in the last 2 months and I am very concerned about our house being crushed if another accident was the occur.

As I previously worked at the Fifield magnesite mines I know that a lot of noise will be precipitated within the township. As when this mines was running the town could hear the running's of the mines during the day and especially at night.

I have heard from a good source that there is Asbestos in the ground and as we have small children within the community I feel this is a major threat to their livelihoods. Children are our future and they don't deserve to be forced out of their home or have their home destroyed.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this letter

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Stephen Yates