

Objection to McPhillamy Mine Project.

2/12/2022

My partner and I have lived here for 20 years now and have in that time worked towards creating our dream home and financial security with our business formed together progressively in that time.

We live almost directly across the Mid-Western Hwy within a very short distance, only a few hundred metres of the proposed boundary directly opposite us on the hill.

Our business involves many aspects of horse training for endurance competition, horsemanship riding lessons (groups and private), horse rehabilitation for outside clients, and breeding foals for export endurance racing.

We have been majorly concerned with the looming prospects this mine approval presents with not only our business but both our health. My partner cannot tolerate any dust in the air having been diagnosed with IPF 5 years ago. I constantly worry about the pollution level each day which directly affects his ability to breathe and has been known to lose consciousness. On windy days already, he stays inside the house with nothing to do as I work outside alone. Also, I have a stress related condition (type 1 diabetes).

In August 2019 we put the property on the market and our agent advised we should discount it by 30% due to the proposed mine. We sold it within a few days after making the buyer aware of the mine proposal. The said buyer withdrew the sale after speaking with a mine representative over what life would be like. They were concerned the blasting would scare their dogs. We then left it on the market until April 2020 when covid started after having had no interest.

We do not believe we will be able to carry on our life here if the mine's approval is met so are seeking serious compensation on stress through loss of income and lifestyle, also with what the proposed mine has done to our market value.

Best regards,

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