



Central Ranges Brewing Company Pty
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My Name is Mark Lockwood, Owner and Manager of The Beekeepers Inn café and Central Ranges Brewing Company, both businesses located at 2319 Mitchell Highway Vittoria, situated approximately 2 kilometres from the proposed Reigis mine. Our family run Café has been operating for 15 years and our brewery and meadery for 10 years.

The Beekeepers Inn café is an established hospitality and tourism venue which caters for locals and travellers alike, we offer country hospitality along with honey, beer and mead produced onsite coupled with regional produce. We also host and cater for on average 20-25 weddings per year.

Central Ranges Brewing Company is an established producer of beer and more recently honey mead, offering an additional tourism draw card to our venue.

Both businesses have been active participants within the various local tourism sectors over the past 15 years to help promote the bountiful food bowl of the central west.

Both businesses oppose the proposed Regis mine as we believe this will adversely affect the operation of our businesses in a number of ways including but not limited to:-

- Our underground water supply which is an essential part of the production of our beer and honey mead. As water is the main ingredient to the production of our products it has been laboratory tested and our recipes designed according to the mineral make up and PH levels of the water- our concern being if there is any change to the underground water supply whatsoever this will affect the consistency of our product.
- Dust and airborne particles are a concern to our brewing procedures as we brew in open vat fermenters any additional dust or airborne pathogens create an increased risk of infection to our product which can result in losing batches of 1000s of litres of products and dollars. Any dust will also affect our outside dining guests country hospitality experience not failing to mention all weddings hosted also have their marriage ceremonies onsite and any dust created from blasting on the mine site would not be favourable for the couples special day or for future recommendations.
- Blast noise and tremors are also a concern for the reasons just mentioned in the detrimental effect to the hospitality and wedding businesses, but also to the structural integrity of our café which was built in 1859 and is a well-recognised local historical site which is directly related to the original Cobb and Co trail.
- Lastly job creation from the mine will have a negative impact on the local community as many established local business including my self are struggling to fill vacant positions at present. Extra jobs will not only take away potential local employees but also put an additional strain on the already strained local housing market making it harder to entice employees from outside the area.



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Thank you for your time today in hearing my concerns related to the proposed Regis mine.

If the mine were to proceed the following condition must be placed on the mine

- The water quality or level of bore water will not alter so as to affect the quality of beer or honey mead.
- Dust will not impact on the quality or cause infection to any products brewed by 1859 Brewing Company. Central Ranges Brewing company will be compensated for loss of product and business due to damaged stock.
- Dust, noise, or vibration will not impact on the Beekeepers Inn special events.
- Vibration will not cause any structural damage to the Beekeepers Inn built

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