



**Lockwood Beekeeping Supplies**

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Commissions I am writing to you in objection to the proposed Regis Mine.

I am Sam Lockwood, Managing Director and owner of Lockwood Beekeeping Supplies and I would like to let you know why I object to the proposed mine.

I currently employ 7 staff members, and have plans to double if not triple this work force within the next 4-5 years.

Firstly, my mental health for myself and my family over this proposed mine, has been greatly affected. I am a sufferer of server anxiety and depression. Throughout the drawn-out process this mine has been going on for, I have made many trips to my GP to manage my mental health. Throughout any of Regis or the DPE's papers I could not see any mental health support lines or agencies recommended ... this is a disgrace.

LBS is one of Australia's largest beekeeping equipment manufacture in Australia. We are well known and respected within the industry. We sponsor many community events such as the Royal Bathurst and Hawkesbury show. We are major sponsors of the NSW apiarist associations annual conference and the Australian Bee Congress.

We offer education services to hobby beekeepers. There are hundreds of hobby beekeepers in our local area some with very close proximity to the mine site. The hobby beekeeper plays a major role within our industry. The pollination the bees kept by our hobby beekeepers in immense. With feral bees being wiped out due to the drought it is now more important for the scattered hobby beekeepers bees to the ecosystem.

My business uses Vittoria state forest to make nucleus colonies of bees (a starter beehive). The forest gives great breeding conditions for Nucs and it is right at our back door. If the mine were to proceed Nuc production would have to cease. Nucleus colonies play a huge role in the beekeeping industry. LBS sells thousands of Nucs every year to hobby and commercial beekeepers. Nucs are used to start a new beehive. Beekeepers purchase Nucs to expand there operations for pollination purposes.

We send our timber bee wares all throughout Australia for both hobby and large commercial operators. Beekeepers require a supply of quality beekeeping equipment. Without bee keeping equipment beekeepers would not be able to expand their current operations for honey and pollination contracts. My company is the start of the food chain without beekeeping equipment we would have no managed hives, no pollination, no honey supply. There are only a very few businesses like mine within Australia.

Not once has my company been reached out to by Regis or the DPE with concerns I raised in my original submission. As a near-by affected business I find the lack of well no consultation unsettling. Why has my business not been contacted?



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I am located on the Mitchell Hwy at Vittoria along with the Goldfields Group.

Goldfield Honey Australia is my largest customer if the mine were to proceed, I would be very concerned that Goldfields Australia's future may not be viable, or expansion ceased this would be a massive blow to my business and most likely result in the loss of jobs. The flow on affect is massive.

As stated, before I send my equipment to all the states around Australia. There is potential to expand and take this international. I am also concerned that my expansion will be halted due to the competition for jobs. I pay my staff a good above award wage however I cannot compete with the money the mine would be offering.

As we have been hearing from some of the contractors that will be involved in the mine they too are having great difficulty sourcing and securing staff. There are already dozens of jobs available at Cadia. I have friends that work in the mining industry. They have mentioned to me the industry is very cut-throat with labour, poaching of workers between contracting companies. I just don't see where the workers are going to come from.

I am only 30 years of age. I have achieved a lot in my businesses in the first decade since leaving school, and I feel I am only getting started with many more decades "hopefully" to come. The life of the mine is only 11 years the lifetime of my company and many others within the district are generational.