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**Subject:** Betref: objection to proposed development - Bowdens Silver (mine), vicinity of Lue, Midwestern Region, NSW

Independent Planning Commission, Sydney NSW

Dear Sirs,

In submitting my objection to development of Bowdens Silver I wish to state:-

"Bowdens Silver" as a name is a misrepresentation of the fact that it is a silver, lead and zinc mine much the same as other such mines in Australia.

The extremely small amount of projected silver in contrast to that of lead and zinc gives the lie to its real production composition.

From an environmental standpoint silver, lead and zinc mines are quite destructive, and the damage is long lasting. Sunny Corner had a gold mine, the methods and chemicals used similar to silver lead and zinc production. Tailings, ground poisoning from arsenic have made the site useless as well as the water in the streams, for stockraising and crops - this after 100 years. The immediate effect on birds, and bees (bees already suffering in the Hunter region from mites ) from Bowdens Silver will be disastrous.

Mines have relatively short lives - decades - but the damage caused has long after effects. Forget the jobs argument; workers will leave when the mine closes. Operation of such a mine in this region means long term loss - in a viable and thriving farming economy, in a growing long term tourism industry, serious long term drop in population due to air, dust, water pollution, to mention the obvious...

Personally, I find it staggering and unbelievable that any authority could grant this development application, in view of the obvious and inevitable results which will follow.

Yours Sincerely, Campbell Barnes, [REDACTED], Running Stream NSW 2850  
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