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I wish to express my strong opposition to the proposed 'silver' mine in Lue, NSW. This is, in fact going to be a lead and zinc mine with the accompanying danger to both the local environment and the local population.

The fact that it is proposed to be built on a natural watercourse, supplying local farmers and residents only emphasises the dangers inherent in this project. Many of these producers are listed as 'organic' producers. This status will obviously be destroyed by the possibility of leakage of lead particles in the water supply from an upstream dam.

Although the company is advertising they will be bringing vast benefits to the area in the way of employment and increased economies, consider that the workforce will only be in the region of 130+ once the project is under way, whereas the destruction of the huge potential of the current tourist industry, the wine/food culture, and the health and safety of the residents, wildlife and ecology of the area (including precious koala habitat) far outweighs the comparatively small increase in population.

Whitewashing the proposed development by calling it a 'silver' mine is a shameful manipulation of the truth. In a time when we have the precious opportunity to stand up and stop the mass destruction of pristine environment for the sake of short-term greed, it will be a tragedy and an act of cowardice to let this project proceed.

I beg you to reject this application to open such a project in this area. The residents are afraid and distressed at the threat to their livelihood and health. Their Action Group continues to fight for their rights to live in their pristine environment with no support from the Mudgee City Council. This is indeed a case of David and Goliath, and I pray that my request will be part of the stone that crushes this ridiculous plan.

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