

Mr Peter Duncan AM
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Name:

Address:

Please withhold my name and address:

Yes

No

Re: Postal Public Submission in relation to Bowdens Silver Project (SSD 5765)

Support (I am making a submission that supports the conditional approval of this proposed development)

Neutral (I am neutral about this proposed development and am providing comments for consideration)

Objection (I am making a submission that objects to this proposed development going ahead)

Submission:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

I am a retired Civil Engineer who has been fortunate to have worked in several mining operations throughout Australia. Before moving to Mudgee where I currently live, I spent 8 years in Broken Hill NSW. In that time I gained considerable insight into the causes of the legacy lead contamination issues in Broken Hill. As there are no plans for a lead smelter at Bowdens, lead contamination of the surrounding area should not be a problem.

My observations of the mood of people towards the Bowdens development is one of overwhelming support. The few dissenters, mainly in the Lue area, seem to be fixated on the potential to "poison" Lawson Creek, either by lead or cyanide pollution. I suggest that, with all the safeguards guaranteed by the consent conditions they would be better served ensuring toxic runoff from herbicides and insecticides they use are prevented from getting into the waterway. My research suggests that may be a more significant risk to the health of Lawson Creek than any potential leakage from the mine site.

In conclusion, I believe the consent conditions adequately address all potential risks and final approval should be granted.



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