

To Whom it may concern,

I strongly object to the Bowdens Open Cut Silver Mine proposal and ask the IPC to decline their application from proceeding.

Our family farm Sevenoaks is located only 10km from the proposed open cut lead/silver mine at Lue, we share our family farm with Four generations.

We run a successful Farm stay accommodation and we strongly believe that our community has seen a huge growth from tourism over the last few years, the tranquillity of the Breakfast Creek, Camboon, and Lue region will be impacted greatly. There are at least 20 properties and growing who are operating a farm stay accommodation within proximity of the Mine proposed site, with the action from a mine operating it will take away the appeal of any tourism in our area. Living only 10kms from the mine site it will have a negative and permanent impact on our property from the loss of property value and loss of a farm income.

Our accommodation as well as in combination with the other providers bring a significant income to the local business through the expansion of the tourism in the community.

Over the last 6 years we have also invested substantial amounts of money into our cattle breeding program to improve genetics, if the lead dust contaminates the water and soil, this will also be another significant loss to our farming income

We fear that the most significant risk is human health regarding the toxic poisoning from Lead, our Grandchildren live on our family property, and we are extremely fearful of the implications this mine could have to their health if it was to proceed.

Once the dust has contaminated all drinking water for us and our life stock, we will no longer be able to sustain a future living on our farm.

Our family have strong concerns that this mine will have an enormous negative environmental impact from

Deadly toxic lead poisoning to human life

Acid/lead Contamination into the soil (Bowden's predict 1.6ml of leakage everyday)

Lead leaking into the Lawson Creek

Air/dust pollution to the Rylstone Reservoir

The deforestation that it will be required for this mine to operate is also very concerning, the depletion of trees and disruption to the ecological system, and once this happens, we can never get it back and once the mine has scared the landscape by destroying all native species we will be left with the physical landscape scares.

In recent times we have all witnessed unprecedented weather patterns & climate change, it is very clear our Government now has a duty of care to protect our country from further “man made” devastation and climate impact/disaster.

Our family earthmoving business has existed in this local community for over 60 years, always working with local Council and rehabilitation for previously existing local coal mines and Local Farming Families.

With many years of experience in operating on Mine and construction sites we know that dust suppression is one of the major concerns on all job sites. Airborne contaminants are generated during the mining activities, such as blasting, Heavy machines hauling up and down the hall roads, the mine will have dust suppressants in place but it will never be able to control all of the dust. Large stockpiles become another problem on mine sites containing Toxic Materials. Bowden’s clearly do not have an adequate water supply to effectively manage this problem.

With a combination of drought and dust storms we could see Our Grandchildren, Our Homes, Schools, Our Food Bowls, Vineyards, all our beautiful region covered in massive amounts of dangerous Toxic Materials.

From our perspective as a highly trained Earthmoving Business we see this Lead Mine could be a catastrophic ending in a terrible disaster for all human and living kind.

Again we plead with you for the safety of our community and the climate future of our entire country please decline this open cut lead mine from happening.

Regards

Joanne Miskle