

Submission to the Independent Planning Commission Proposed Development - Bowdens Silver Mine

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To Whom it may Concern

I am a resident of the Mid Western Regional Council area and have been living in this community since 2006.

I work, live and farm in this region and am very concerned that we as a community do everything possible to maintain a healthy landscape with and for the residents and natural environment in this area.

Objection - I object to this proposed development going ahead because

Key Issues that are important to me

- ☒ Site and Design including site suitability, built form and accessibility
- ☒ Amenity (visual, air quality, noise, vibration, odour, overshadowing, privacy)
- ☒ Environment (biodiversity, sustainability, water resources, climate change)
- ☒ Traffic and transport
- ☒ Hazards (flood, bushfire, **contamination, hazardous industry, subsidence, health and safety**)

Other Key Issues that are important to me

- ☒ Lue is 2 kms from the mine site
- ☒ Lue School is 2 kms from mine site
- ☒ Lead poisoning and health
- ☒ Acid Mine Drainage
- ☒ Contamination of water
- ☒ Reduced supply of water
- ☒ Economic Impact to Business
- ☒ Koala Habitat destroyed
- ☒ Loss of property values
- ☒ There is no safe level of lead for children

Submission

I strongly object to the Proposed development of Bowdens Silver Mine. Not only the active operating life of the mine but the resulting conservation nightmare it will leave behind (eg Tailings Dam).

In these supposedly enlightened times when conservation of habitat and sustainable farm and food production is so important why is this project even being considered?

The construction of the Tailings Dam and its lack of rehabilitation of any sort of its contents is, I believe, equivalent to a time bomb waiting to explode.

The number of residents in the immediate area and downstream who will lose any groundwater they may have had and potentially their properties becoming contaminated with any failings of the planned infrastructure and operations. What will these people do if the worst happens? Contaminated homes and properties will be unusable and unsaleable. This won't only be the

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residents of Lue affected but so many people downstream, I assume all the way to Burrendong Dam.

In my opinion the recommended conditions of assent are inadequate to mitigate or offset any adverse impacts from the proposed development.

I would like my submission to be published anonymously, but you may publish my state of residence.

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