To Whom it may concern,

I am putting forward my objection to the Bowden’s Open cut silver mine application and I ask the IPC to decline the application from proceeding.

My name is Eliza Miskle, My Husband Sam & his Family operate a Local Earthmoving company in Rylstone – Miskle’s Earthmoving

Bowden’s state one of the most significant benefits of the mine to the community is the significant job opportunities, which I disagree with. Our business has operated in this community for over 60 years and in recent times with the growth of production and tourism in our community it has been a great struggle to find skilled operators/labourers or even new to industry employees. We often need to delay or decline work due to not having enough operators to keep up with the work demand.

We fear that the mine will make this problem worse, by offering the “Desirable Mine Wage” there is great chance that we may in fact loose employees that we currently have, making it even harder for small business to compete with obtaining/retaining employees and keep up with work demand.

Right across our community there is an abundance of job opportunities with no-one to fill the positions. Mid-western Regional Council currently have more than 50 jobs available, The Coal Mines in Mudgee currently have over 300 vacancies, what does our community stand to gain when there is already a vast array of job options available.

Our business has always been an integral part of the local community from employing local people to supporting other local business, charities/events as well as our schools and organisations. This has allowed our community and our business to grow and be successful. This has not come from the support of Bowden’s Mine, and I believe our business and community will continue to flourish without their presence.