

February 20, 2023

To: The Independent Planning Commission (IPC) of New South Wales

Re: Support for the Bowden's Silver Project

My name is David Bradley, and I am in strong support of the Bowden Silver Project. I am Managing Director of an energy consulting business - Gas Transport Solutions. Working in the Energy Industry, I have become very aware of the critical and essential role silver plays in the renewable industry including:

- A key ingredient for Photovoltaic (PV) panels. Silver is an essential ingredient in solar PV panels which are the current leading source of renewable energy.
- For the electric car industry, silver is also an essential ingredient, used in car battery packs, electric engines, and battery management systems.

Bowden's Silver Project represents the largest single silver resource in Australia, and one of the largest in the world. Now more than ever, this resource needs to be brought into development to aid and stabilize the supply of silver into the rapidly growing, and essential renewable energy industry manufacture of PV panels and electric cars.

I further support the development of the Bowden's Silver Mine for a number of other reasons:

- The project is 100% Australian owned.
- The project will develop significant local and regional jobs.
 - Estimated 320 Construction jobs, and 280 Permanent jobs.
 - Jobs are estimated to continue for 23 years and vary likely longer.
- Capital Development expenditure of \$250 million will have a positive knock-on affect to local and regional suppliers and service industries.
- Water Supply has been managed such that it will be self-contained and not impact or impede or compete with local or regional agricultural.
- The development of this project will result in significant taxes for the State of NSW.
- The NSW Department of Planning and Environment has performed a rigorous assessment of the Bowden's Silver project and have concluded the project is recommended for approval. The DPE will have considered the science of the project, as opposed to the negative sensationalized typical NIMBY responses of some local community members which has little or no science.

I strongly urge the IPC to consider the facts and the science of the project and to disregard the sensationalized NIMBY baseless claims, and to Approve the development of the Bowden's Silver Mine in order to realize the benefits mentioned above to help combat climate change.

Very Truly Yours,

