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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the approval of the Bowden's Silver Mine Project in Lue, NSW. I am the owner of a bed and breakfast accommodation business in Mudgee, and I am deeply concerned about the potential impacts that the mine project would have on the local tourism industry.

The proposed mine site is located in close proximity to a number of popular tourist destinations, including the town of Mudgee. The noise, dust and air pollution generated by the mine would have a significant impact on the aesthetics and visual appeal of the area, which would negatively impact the tourism industry. Tourists come to Mudgee to experience the natural beauty and tranquility of the region, and the mine project would significantly undermine these qualities, deterring potential tourists from visiting the area.

In addition to the aesthetic and visual impacts of the project, there are also significant health concerns associated with the proposed mine project. The project would involve the extraction of silver and lead, which could potentially contaminate the local environment and water resources. This would have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of both local residents and tourists, who may be exposed to lead contamination through the consumption of contaminated food and water.

The potential impacts of the mine project on the local economy are also a concern. The tourism industry in the Mudgee region generates significant revenue and supports a large number of local businesses. The negative impacts of the mine project on tourism would have a significant impact on these businesses, leading to a decline in occupancy rates and potential job losses. This would be particularly detrimental given the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the tourism industry.

I do not believe I could recommend or outline any changes to the proposed development that should be considered by the IPC to reduce its impact on my business and the wider tourism industry. It is a project in the wrong area, at the wrong time, and in the wrong interests of the community and the region. In addition, in my opinion, I do not believe that the recommended conditions of consent adequately prevent, mitigate or offset any adverse impacts from the proposed development.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to reject the proposal for the Bowden's Silver Mine Project in Lue, NSW. The project would have significant impacts on the local environment, economy and health of both local residents and tourists. As a business owner in the tourism industry, I am deeply concerned about the potential impacts of the project on my business and the wider industry. Instead, I urge you to prioritise the protection of the local environment, tourism industry and the health and wellbeing of local residents and tourists.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Donna White