Dear IPC Commissioners

Please do not approve Bowden’s Lead/Silver/Zinc Mine.

The reasons why I object to the Bowden’s Mine proposal are

1. I am 79 years of age I have worked and continue working with Bentivoglio Olives and Rylstone Olive Press since 1998
2. My place of work is 5km from the Bowden Mine site.
3. My work will be affected by noise, toxic lead and cadmium dust and odour from the mine.
4. If the mine is approved, It will be more dangerous for me to drive from Gulgong to Rylstone Olive Press due to more than 100 truck movements on the Lue Road. I drive at different times of the day or night due to my seasonal olive grove and olive oil processing work
5. My children will be in danger driving on the Lue Road to visit Ganguddy tourist area. There will be at least one truck per day of explosives on the Lue Road and over 100+ additional vehicles on the road.
6. I work outside in the olive grove and my health will be at risk due to fine particle lead and metal dust deposition on my clothing, and inside the trees that I continually work on.
7. All the potable water for the Rylstone Olive Press comes from the 1500sqm of roof areas on the sheds for drinking, olive washing, olive processing, olive storage, olive filtering and olive bottling water will be contaminated by the lead dust. The lead will settle on the roofs and be washed into the dedicated rainwater tanks on farm
8. The wildlife will be scared away by blasting, vehicles, and noise, birds/ducks will die immediately they land on the water of the tailings dam.
9. The free silica particles are smaller than fine lead particles and will also be in the dust and the air that I breath and I risk getting silicosis.
10. My mental health has suffered due to the drought, the bushfires, covid 19 and now this mine application is another blow to my wellbeing due to the risk of my employment ceasing.
11. I am concerned about the aboriginal sites being destroyed.

My requirements if the mine is approved

1. To work at Bentivoglio Olives and Rylstone Olive Press in a safe and toxic lead metal dust free environment with NO harm to my health, my familiy’s health from me bringing lead dust home on my clothes etc.

2. My work must provide me with potable drinking water and Bowden’s must provide this for Bentivoglio olives and Rylstone Olive Press.

3. I wish drive to and from work safely without risk of an accident from the over 100+ truck and vehicle movements that I will encounter to and from my workplace.

4. Should I suffer nausea/vomiting, abdominal pain, headache, myalgia, muscular symptoms, dizziness, irritability, memory disturbances, insomnia, allergic conjunctivitis, rhinitis, dermatitis,. Throat discomfort, cough, shortness of breath and asthma, I will never work again.

Please provide me with more information about

1. What my rights are if my health deteriorates due to the fine particle lead dust on me and the water I drink.
2. Dementia, heart and kidney disease from lead contamination in my blood.
3. Silicosis from breathing the tiny dust with silica particles blowing continuously from the mine.

Thank you

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