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Subject: Bowdens proposed silver mine

## Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to lodge a submission in realation to the proposed Bowdens Silver Mine at Lue.

I am a shareholder of Silver Mines and believe this development is necessary, based on the following grounds:

- 1. Silver is an essential commodity in great demand, particularly relating to its use in dental alloys, solder and brazing alloys, electrical contacts(including mobile phones) and batteries.
- 2. As the world is transitioning towards a greener future, there will be greater demand for silver in the coming years. This could lead to a supply deficit, which would cause the silver price to rise.
- 3. Guarantee of supply. Australia is a safe and reliable country with regard to mining. Due to corruption and political turmoil in other silver producing nations, Australia's reputation can be relied upon.
- 4. Employment opportunities will enhance demand for housing and local businesses, leading to improved lifestyles for those living in surrounding towns.
- 5. Australia will benefit from the mining taxes and royalties paid by Silver Mines once they are profitable, thereby adding to Australia's balance of payments.

In summary, I believe Silver Mines has a high quality asset that should be looked upon favourably by the majority of the population. Silver Mines listen to all contenders, with the intention of providing a longterm feasible operation.

Thank you Paulene Murdoch