

**Submission  
No 44**

**IMPACTS OF THE WATER AMENDMENT (RESTORING OUR RIVERS) ACT  
2023 ON NSW REGIONAL COMMUNITIES**

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i wish to make a submission re The impacts of the water amendment act 2023 on NSW regional communities Parliamentary enquiry. I am making my concerns as below

The NSW government must protect our waterways. It is well overdue that the favoritism to mining and exploration companies come to an end. Bowdens silver project is a strong case showing how the major water issues were ignored by both Dept of planning and IPC. The Lue action group now known as MRAG provided strong scientific evidence in their submissions re water issues for project.

Bowdens silver must not be permitted to meet 50% of water needs using unlicensed contaminated water in captured dams.

It is unacceptable that SSD are approved without definite water supply.

Projects have unknown consequences and impacts to the Murray Darling basin due to excluded works exemptions.

The cumulative totals of contaminated unlicensed water take is unknown.

The committee must investigate cumulative impact of unlicensed capture of contaminated water on the Murray Darling basin and ensure it is included in the Sustainable Diversion Limits In the water plan.

Yours Sincerely Lyn Coombe.