

**Question: The Hon. SUSAN CARTER: I understand if you don't feel competent to answer this question, but are there extra protections or adjustments that could be put in place, in your view, or should it not proceed under any circumstances with any level of adjustment or protection?**

**Answer: SUSANNAH WHITE:**

This question highlights the core issue with the approval system.

It should not be the community's responsibility to have to suggest better protections or adjustments for a project as dangerous as an open cut lead mine. That critical analysis of the project and its flaws should have been done by the Department of Planning and then by the IPC.

Instead, the first low-ball attempt by the proponent was accepted.

Our view is the project shouldn't proceed. It was given approval despite countless technical concerns being raised by community, independent experts and the Department of Planning's own experts.

Answers to these questions should have been addressed during the EIS process, not pushed to the post-approval phase to be dealt with in management plans. To demonstrate the lack of detail, of the **12 SEARS required to be answered during the EIS process, 11 were left unresolved and pushed to post-approval management plans.**

<b>SEARs Required</b>	<b>Unanswered SEARs / Management Plans required</b>
1. Water	Water Management Plan
2. Land	Waste Rock Emplacement Design and Verification Plan
3. Hazards	Hazardous Materials Management Plan
4. Social & Economic	Social Impact Management Plan
5. Noise and Blasting	Noise and Blasting Management Plan
6. Biodiversity	Biodiversity Management Plan
7. Heritage	Heritage Management Plan
8. Transport	Traffic Management Plan
9. Air Quality	Air quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan
10. Visual	Rehabilitation Strategy
11. Human Health	Cyanide Management Plan & Social Impact Management Plan
12. Consultation	-

So as it stands, no, we don't feel there are any "tweaks" that can be made to this projects that will turn it from what it is – a hastily cobbled together opening bid by the proponent – into a best practice, safe project that is environmentally, socially or economically responsible.