

**Submission
No 5**

**INQUIRY INTO CURRENT AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF
GOLD, SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC MINING ON HUMAN
HEALTH, LAND, AIR AND WATER QUALITY IN NEW
SOUTH WALES**

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Director, Legislative Council Committee No. 2

Subject: Concerns Regarding Health Effects of Contaminates from Bowdens Open Cut Mine

I am writing to express my grave concerns regarding the potential health effects of contaminants generated from the Bowdens Open Cut mine, which is located within a 10-kilometer radius of my residence and landholding. As a concerned resident and landholder, I feel compelled to bring attention to the pressing issue of the potential adverse impact of lead, silver, and other minerals and metals on the quality of air and water within our region. Earlier this year, substantial evidence was presented through community submissions, highlighting the potential risks posed by the release of these contaminants into the environment. The presence of these hazardous materials and their potential consequences on our health and the environment cannot be overlooked. However, it appears that the independent committee responsible for approving the Bowdens project may have disregarded these significant concerns.

I kindly request that your esteemed committee takes thorough and careful consideration of the irreversible effects that this mining project could have on our health and the tranquil farmland that our community relies upon. The potential degradation of air quality and water sources poses a direct threat to our well-being and our way of life. It is imperative that the potential long-term consequences of the Bowdens project are evaluated with the utmost seriousness.

I strongly urge the Legislative Council Committee No. 2 to reevaluate the approval of the Bowdens Open Cut mine project. A comprehensive and unbiased assessment of the potential health and environmental impacts, as well as a review of the evidence provided by the concerned community, should be conducted before proceeding any further. Preserving the health, safety, and quality of life of the residents in the region and safeguarding our peaceful farmland should be of paramount importance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am hopeful that your committee will take the necessary steps to address these concerns and make decisions that prioritize the well-being of the local community and the environment.

Yours Faithfully

Ian Simmons