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**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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I am writing in regards to opposing any mines in the Mudgee area impactin on the health and wellbeing of the local community. I grew up in the Mudgee district along the Meroo River. I currently live here and have recently given birth and live here with my newborn. I am extremely concerned of the health impacts on the coal mines here already but now even more concerned that an open cut lead mine is wanting to be in the Lue village.

There is no safe lead exposure to humans, animals and wildlife. Especially when it comes to pregnant women, unborn babies and babies when born. The exposure to lead in the air, polluting the rovers, the waterways, the bushland. The lead pollution would be in the whole area, posioning us. I would not continue living in this area if any of these mines go ahead. I will not be putting myself, my baby amd my family at risk of ill health from lead pollution. This will happen as it is an open cut mine. We see how damaging any exposure to lead is with the mines at Mt Isa. These communities now have to do blood tests to check levels of lead in the body. They are told to make sure babies and children always wash their hands with lead dust, can't go in the dirt outside, clothes constantly washed. This is not a way of living, this is absurd that the government thinks that this is okay for communities to live like this. Exposed to a deadly pollution of lead. I have attached an article that talks about the lead poisoning in communities that are surrounded by a lead mine.

As I said my whole family would not be living in this community anymore if this goes ahead. You will lose many more young families or the hospital here would be full of sick babies, pregnant women and children.