

Submission
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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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Submission to Bowdens Silver Pty Ltd mine proposal

My name is Edward Armstrong, I have lived in the Mudgee region all my life

I am very concerned about the proposed open cut Bowden's lead and Silver mine at Lue and am heavily opposed to it.

My partner and I are about to start our family, the thought of raising a family so close to a proposed lead mine is terrifying, and to think there are young families in Lue even closer to the proposed mine is heartbreaking. This proposed mine is just 2kms from the local school, any exposure to lead and chemicals used in mining lead is dangerous. Don't put children at risk for the sake of mining lead. Lead in the body is too serious a problem to risk.

Holding poisonous materials in a dam which could eventually flow into the main water supply for so many people is not ok, we all are aware accidents happen and have seen this first hand with the failed tailing dam at Cadia mine. At least they had a back up dam to hold the contaminated water. There is no backup for Lue, if the tailings dam was to fail, it is straight into the drinking water. The risk is too great especially when the mine says there will be leakage every single day. Best case scenario let's look at the worst case scenario and decide if it is worth the risk.

Mudgee and its surrounding thrives on tourism and is known for the region's great wine. Who is going to want to drink our wine that has had the grapes coated in lead dust?

Yes we currently have coal mines surrounding the area, and have for a long time, but we DO NOT need a heavy metal mine that is going to put our health and water supply in danger.

In this day of climate change you cannot approve anything that could be a risk to our water supply. Water is so important to the survival of a community and this mine is risking the whole district through contamination and usage of local water, 2 Olympic swimming pools a day, is too much water to take from the environment.

Please Don't Approve the Bowdens Silver Pty Ltd mine proposal.