

**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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I am concerned about the inability of the mining industry to work responsibly within the rules of their mining licences. Next door to me is Cadia Valley Operations. They commissioned a vent shaft in 2011, no filter installed. Dec 2020 a fan operating at 100km/hr was installed to clear the underground quicker, again no filter installed! Not until Dec 2023 was the filter ordered at the insistence of the EPA. This was installed about May 2023. It's this sort of irresponsible behaviour that gives the industry a bad name. We are farmers who are heavily fined if we spray weeds or bait vermin irresponsibly and destroy native habitat through clearing of trees, etc. We look out for our neighbours so we can all live comfortably.

Through this dust event we have seen contamination of drinking water tanks, and dust pollution on our pastures as well as in our homes.

Not only have we had dust from the shafts, we have had to contend with constant dust blows from the Tailings dam (another one today 4/9/23) CVO have no hope of completely controlling the dust on the current tailings dam, how can they control it when they have applied to increase the area over twofold?

With the max allowable fine imposed by the EPA being \$15,000, CVO are better off financially paying the fine and keeping on as they are!!!

State agencies need to stand up to these companies and become more effective in their implementation of the law/rules. Self reporting to govt agencies needs to be changed for the better, for the communities affected.