

**Submission  
No 178**

**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 live 5km downstream from the proposed Bowden's Lead Mine site on the Lawson Creek. I own and operate a welding and fabrication business, I'm also an agricultural contractor and farmer. My family has lived in the region since the latter part of the 19th century and farmers in our valley all heavily rely on the Lawsons Creek for a supply of clean water for livestock and domestic purposes.

I make this submission to voice my concern on what a negative impact Bowden's Mine will have on the lifeblood of our valley, Lawsons Creek. Lawsons Creek is an incredibly clean and reliable water source, of which most farmers and households in the valley rely on for livestock, domestic and irrigation purposes. The introduction of a Lead Mine so close to such a precious water source (and a tributary to a much larger system) is totally unacceptable. The Lawsons Creek is currently not degraded, however the introduction of the Mine, within 100 metres of Lawsons Creek and the release of toxins and contaminated water into the system will surely degrade/pollute the quality of the water, and with it kill off our most important resource.

We seem to be having more localised severe weather events in the Lawson Creek Valley, I gravely fear any flooding will cause further seepage of toxins and contaminated water into the Creek. There is no modelling that can capture these events and the supporting evidence of Bowden's to mitigate these issues is completely unacceptable.

The I recommend the IPC's approval of Bowden's Mine be suspended until all risks and decline to a far greater region are realised without putting our various industries, tourism and water quality at risk.