

**Submission  
No 90**

**INQUIRY INTO PLANNING SYSTEM AND THE IMPACTS  
OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
COMMUNITIES**

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## PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 7 – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

That Portfolio Committee 7 inquire into and report on how the planning system can best ensure that people and the natural and built environment are protected from climate change impacts and changing landscapes, and in particular:

- the adequacy of planning powers and planning bodies, particularly for local councils, to review, amend or revoke development approvals, and consider the costs, that are identified as placing people or the environment at risk as a consequence of: (i) the cumulative impacts of development.

### Minimalization Vs Precautionary

There are two approaches to assessing the harmful effects of heavy metals on the community.

First is minimising the risks with computer modelling and the other approach is the precautionary approach.

### Recommendations

A precautionary approach must be implemented to protect the community. There is no safe level of lead for Humans as stated by the World Health Organisation.

The NSW Department of Health and the Department of Planning and Environment are filled with scientists who are minimisers and they can be wrong.

However, they protect themselves and stand behind a cloak of Government that excludes reasonable scientific questioning and recommendations from experts in their field.

The fact that these 2 papers of Professor Mark Taylor's (links below) on Lead Exposure in Broken Hill had been held back by the Department of Planning and the NSW EPA from being published for the last 4 years confirms that Government agencies dominant culture is minimising to approve toxic metal mining in NSW.

<https://leadsmart.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/BHELS-Summary-Report-Final-revised-Exec-Sum-Accessible-V1.0.pdf>

[https://leadsmart.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/BH\\_Pb\\_State\\_of\\_Science\\_FINAL-19-June-2020-Accessible-V2.0.pdf](https://leadsmart.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/BH_Pb_State_of_Science_FINAL-19-June-2020-Accessible-V2.0.pdf)

These papers have just been published late October 2023 and only just been made available to NSW Premier Chris Minns and Dr Jeremy McAnulty.

The community has not had the opportunity to use this information during the whole EIS approval process for Bowden's Lead Zinc and Silver Mine.

[https://www.nysenate.gov/sites/default/files/alb\\_freed\\_testimony.pdf](https://www.nysenate.gov/sites/default/files/alb_freed_testimony.pdf)

Dr Howard Freed's Testimony to the US Senate Standing Committee on Health and Environmental Conservation is a document the Portfolio Committee #7 will find useful as this provides insight into regulation that we should adopt in NSW.

Thank you

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