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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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As a retired General Medical Practitioner of 40 years standing I am most concerned about the potential health impacts of mining on my Community, and the substantial water demands of mining in a drying climate. The proposed mines in the Central West area will inevitably result in significant amounts of heavy metals, and other dust borne particles being present around mine sites. Past, and current regulation, monitoring , and policing of mining pollution, and long term rehabilitation of mines has been totally inadequate. For future mines in this area ( and in NSW ), water use must be strictly minimised and controlled, and pollution ( air and water) from the mine must be tightly regulated monitored , and enforced.