

Submission
No 215

**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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My cousins and several lifelong friends live in the Mudgee region, in areas that are likely to be severely impacted by the proposed Bordens Mine. I have been travelling to Mudgee to visit relatives and friends since 1974.

The community, especially farmers and those with businesses, are having great difficulty with the prospects of the mine of this scale, and feeling powerless to do much about the proposed mine scale. They are all very concerned about the impact on their welfare, farming activities and general peace of mind.

The proposed mine is situated in the Macquarie River catchment and above the catchment area for creeks such as Lawsons Creek. It is of great concern that seepage and overflow of tailings, especially in high rainfall times, will be potentially devastating on local environmental, farming and leisure amenities.

I respectfully submit that this Mine should not be approved, or at a minimum be deferred until it can be re-designed to ensure all issues are addressed.