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 near resident to an active and currently troubled mining site and a member of a community impacted by a newly approved mining development, in recent times I have been made aware of how LITTLE community and government oversite and input there is at the new mine proposal stage. It should not be up to the developer to directly select and pay consultants- of course the 'right' answer/reports will be given.

The development stage does not sufficiently consider the worse case scenarios- what if the tailings dam wall ruptures? What if there is a leakage that causes flow into a catchment area?

Greater consideration needs to be given to how the 'extractors ' PREVENT (not minimise) possible harms to the environment.