

**Submission  
No 221**

**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 submission is for the Parliamentary Inquiry on:**

**The current and potential impacts of gold, silver, lead and zinc mining on human health, land, air and water quality in New South Wales.**

My wife and I recently visited the Mudgee region and were delighted to enjoy what a wonderful area it is.

We were shocked to see that there is a plan to open a new lead mine near Mudgee. From what we could see the Mudgee, Rylstone and Gulgong area is excellent agricultural land especially for sheep and vineyards.

Surely a lead mine near Lue in the middle of such prolific farming area is a bit silly. Why destroy what is working well for some potential disaster, no mine has ever been completely mistake free.

We share the concern of the local communities that the area is too precious to be spoiled by a risky mine venture.

We hope to return to the Mudgee region in the near future and like to think it will still be unspoiled beautiful country.

Yours

John & Jenny Dash