

Submission
No 226

**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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To whom it may concern

My name is Harry White, I am making a submission to express my deep concern for the proposed Bowden's lead mine.

My major concern is the detrimental effects this mine will have on my local community (my friends and family), my lively hood as a farmer and more importantly as a father.

My wife and 2 young boys, alongside my brother, his wife and their 2 children, own and operate a beef cattle seedstock operation 7km from the proposed mine site. We are located down stream, along the Lawson creek. This creek is the lifeblood of our operation, providing water for stock and for our households, to have that water reduced or limited and even potentially contaminated, would severely affect our operation.

The thought that this mine threatens not only this water source through acid mine drainage as well as excessive use, limiting the resource to those down stream, as well as the highly toxic dust that will contaminate our drinking water that is harvested off the roofs of our houses, is unbelievable.

High risk lead poisoning of children! NOT ACCEPTABLE

Acid mine drainage that will contaminate a major water system. RIDICULOUS

Water security at risk for all landholders down stream. UNFAIR

Toxic chemicals stored in a tailings dam set to be built along a geographical fault line, SURELY NOT?

Need I say more? All of these things are detrimental to my livelihood and a great many more like it and are frankly unacceptable.