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Lue

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I have been a resident of Lue for almost 30 years.

My property is one of the closest to the project.

I remain strongly opposed to the development of this project, due to the negative effect on my property, my community and the environment.

The EIS, amendments and DPE assessment have not eased my concerns due to the contradictions within each of these documents, lack of management plans and terminology used.....e.g. "not likely to have a big impact" or "it is not expected"...

I acknowledge the need to move away from energy from coal and gas, but in our rush, great precaution has to be taken on what sites are chosen for mining. We cannot continue to have the demise of communities and environment that we have seen in coal mining.

This project is not an ecologically sustainable development. Despite proposed mitigation and offsetting, an irreversible loss of biological diversity and ecological integrity will occur: the precautionary principle, and principle of intergenerational equity of the Environmental Planning And Assessment Act, will not be met. Nor does this project fit the criteria for public interest.

The DPE states this is an ideal greenfields site, this is not the case. The site is 2-3 km from Lue village. There are many examples of the demise of communities in close proximity to mines and yet, it continues to happen. Locally, we have seen the demise of Wollar, Ulan, and Cumbo Valley, due to mining. Wollar, once a vibrant community is now in name only.

Noise, dust, air and light pollution. traffic, water security, these all take their toll on communities.

The high percentage of PAF (potential acid forming) rock gives a high chance of AMD (acid mine drainage).

Both NSW and Federal governments acknowledge the species extinction crisis.

Land clearing is the greatest cause of species extinction and 95% of gum woodland has been removed in the Central West NSW. This is one of the rarest ecological communities in Australia. it takes hundreds of years for native vegetation to regenerate. Studies have shown a rich diversity of flora and fauna, with threatened and endangered species, with Lue also being a key koala area.

Regeneration of the site will be very difficult, especially to establish an understorey. My own tree planting experience on my own property has seen substantial losses due to drought and windstorms.

The risks of lead are well known and well reported here.

There is the potential of water contaminants from the tailings dam, waste rock emplacement and pit entering the creek system, into Lawson Creek, then the Cudgegong and Macquarie rivers.

This project will threaten our vibrant agriculture and tourism industries.

There is insufficient water for this project to co-exist with the environment and community.

If we do not have a healthy environment and community then we do not have a healthy economy. Any risk is too high.

Thank you

Conditions of consent.

I ask for the project to be refused, the conditions of consent are generic and there is a need to increase the accountability, because, as they stand, there are no consequences for exceedance of noise or dust, only monitoring and some mitigation....and this is not sufficient.