

Dear Enquiry & advisory committee members, this is to attach to my submission number 94, and I would like to request 15 to 20 minutes to speak as critical things have changed which will affect us greatly.

As Tour guides in the Kimberley and having toured through Argyle Diamond mine over 15 years, we have seen first hand how centrifuges operate. Argyle diamond mine have to put the centrifuge operators on a 15 minute working rotation due to the dangers present with the vibrations and noise generated and the long lasting health impacts that have been proven. Our coach windows vibrate from over 50 metres away and the drumming noise and vibrations that go through your body and the 17 tonne coach are incredible. It is the only place on the entire mine site that we are not allowed to linger for health reasons.

Surely we will not be expected to live with this for 20 years without respite. We live 1km from the site of the proposed mine, we have never had anyone from Kalbar or any of their representatives contact us and inform us of any impacts to our health, lives and lively hoods, or our family.

How loud are these going to be?

How much vibration will we feel here?

Who is providing this information?

They would want to have a good history of accurate mathematics and information sharing, does this sound like any local mining company we know?

As this has now changed from a tailing dam to centrifuge system, as also at argyle diamond mine, the massive increase of flocculent used in the process poses a real danger to the river, the community here and down stream, and the agricultural industry and the entire Gippsland lakes, its associated industry, towns and residences. PFAS was ok 15 years ago.....as agent orange was in the 60's and 70's, as IS round-up here in Australia NOW.....

Have a look at Katherine airbase (Tindal), they now have to provide bottled water to the entire community, thanks to good old safe PFAS.

How can this project be touted as GREEN, when the power consumption that has now increased over 50%, has not had an impact assessment done?
Is that an honest claim by Kalbar?

Kalbar have had 5 years of getting their paid experts to gather, catalogue and submit their EES, now that has been proven to be incorrect data... how can we or you, trust anything that comes from their paid employees, because at the end of the day, this EES was written by their paid contractors, and they dropped the ball massively and have already changed thing and moved the goal posts that many times, I doubt they even know what the hell is going on.

What happens in another 5 years, when Kalbar decide to change things back from centrifuge to tailing dam, or if it is sold off to another company, or if they phoenix themselves as is common practice to get around laws and legislation, and their commitments. As in Queenstown Tasmania that we have just toured through, it has a river (Queen river) that runs orange and nothing can survive in it, they have a mine that was sold 5 years ago to a foreign owned company that does NOT have to fulfil any environmental obligations that were signed off by the previous company, and is now in a "care maintenance program". It has happened before.....are you willing to jeopardise our entire community and our economic strengths, for this proposed short term 20 year mine, our family has farmed here for 170 years.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to respond to this change, and eagerly await the opportunity to speak on the other 59 things that Kalbar has, and will continue to change, so they can do the barest of minimum required to line their pockets and move on, while sending our thriving, flourishing and diverse community down the drain, along with their flocculant laden waste.

Regards
Geoff Banks