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Thank you for the opportunity to correct the record regarding Kalbar's response to the IAC Direction 26.

Kalbar's response to Direction 26 would appear to demonstrate either a lack of ability or unwillingness to recognise the concerns raised by community members and does not auger well for responsible management of future mining operations.

Below I have outlined instances where

- 1 Kalbar have failed to acknowledge that have raised concerns about an identified issue and
- 2 Kalbar has failed altogether to consider a concern I have raised.

2.1 General

Issue 4 Add #54 refer page 1; first, fourth, fifth, eighth, ninth and tenth dot points.

refer page 2 fourth and fifth major dot points referring to dust on crops.

Refer page 4 first dot point ..only 500metres from major vegetable growing and only a few kilometres from the town of Lindenow with a school, shops, homes and cafes all subject to the dust... and....noise.

Issue 7 Add #54 refer page 5 last 3 dot points.

Issue 12 Add #54 refer Refer page 4 first dot point ..only 500metres from major vegetable growing and only a few kilometres from the town of Lindenow with a school, shops, homes and cafes all subject to the dust... **and 24 hours a day,7 days a week noise.**

2.4 Water Catchment

Issue 2 Add #54 refer page 2 first 3 black dot points

Issue 5 Add #54 refer page 2 second and third black dot points

2.5 Water Supply

Issue 1 Add #54refer page 3 last 2 dot points

Issues 3 and4 Add #54 refer page 3last dot point and top page 4. "lower water levels in existing boresupto5metres"
"impacts of mining on the Latrobe Aquifer..."

Add to issue 4

- Concern regarding significant impact not only on the cost and ability of farmers to reach water but also on the salinity.

2.7 Air Quality

Issue 3

Add #54 refer page 4 third dot point

Add to Issue 3 (should possibly be Water Quality)

- Concern that Bairnsdale Water Storage, Woodglen Reservoir, only 3.5km from the mine would be contaminated with radio active dust
 - o Accumulation of water soluble radioactive minerals
 - o Measurement of radiation

- Lack of wind studies
- Public confidence

Issue 7 Add #54 refer page 1; tenth dot point, page 2 third black dot point.

2.10 Radiation/Heavy Metals

Issue 6 Add #54 Refer page 1 dot point 7 and dot point 8

Add Issue 12

Concern regarding the contamination of vegetable crops. (FOOD)

Refer page 1 first and second dot points. Refer also page 2 fourth black dot point and associated subpoint.

Refer page 6, second dot point.

Add Issue 13

Concern regarding contamination of Bairnsdale water supply (only 3.5km from the mine) with radioactive minerals over a period of time, potential health and economic impacts of this and associated consumer increase in drinking bottled water.

2.12 Horticulture/Agriculture

Issue 11 Add #54 Refer page 3 First and second black dot points and sub points.

Add as extra points to this issue;

- Costing growers tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars (millions in total)
- Cancellation of supply contracts
- Bankrupting businesses
- Hundreds of direct and downstream jobs lost
- Legal action against the mine and government

Issue 15 Add #54 Refer top of page 3 regarding liability insurance.

2.14 Socio Economic

Issue 7 jobs lost Add #54 Refer Risk matrix on page5 also page 3 top open dot point, top two black dot points and subsequent sub points.

Add Issue 13

Concern that the Kalbar mine places at risk, over \$120million in local vegetable industry, and significant downstream local processing and long distance transport industries and jobs. (Refer bottom page 4 top page 5)

- One agriculture job generates 4.26 indirect jobs compared with 1 indirect job generated at Kalbar's mine

2.16 Rehabilitation

Issue 3 and issue 5 Add #54 Refer page 4 fourth dot point.

2.17 Community Engagement

Issue 1 Add #54 Refer last dot point page 2.

Add Issue 5

Concern that there is no consent from land owners that will be affected by the dust contamination and noise from the mine. Legal precedent would suggest that this lack of written consent will lead to a successful appeal at law and legal suit for damages against the company and the government).

(refer bottom page 2 top page 3.)

2.18 Tourism Impacts

Issue 1 Add #54. Refer page 1 dot point 10, page 4 first dot point, last dot point page 6.

As I stated at the beginning of this email, the deficiencies in Kalbar's response to Direction 26 raise questions about the company's capability and/or honesty.

I would be happy to expand on my response if required and can be reached on this email address

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