

BENDIGO-OPHIR GOLD PROJECT

Statement of Andrew Klahn on behalf of Sustainable Tarras Inc

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1. My name is Andrew Klahn. I am providing this statement as part of the comments submitted by Sustainable Tarras Inc on the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project.
2. I oppose the proposed mine because of the irreversible damage it would cause to an Outstanding Natural Landscape. It is a place defined by its natural beauty, quiet, and sense of remoteness - qualities that are increasingly rare and that make it truly special.
3. The idea that such a landscape could be permanently altered by a large industrial mine is incredibly concerning. Once the landforms are cut into, roads pushed through, and tailings facilities built, the character of this place will never be the same again. These landscapes are recognised as "outstanding" for a reason, and I believe that designation should mean something. It is difficult to accept that an area valued for its natural state could be transformed into an industrial site, particularly when the loss would be permanent while the benefits of the mine are temporary.
4. I strongly believe that places like this should be protected so that future generations can experience the same sense of awe and connection to nature that people value today.