

## METHODOLOGY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

<b>Project name</b>	Bowdens Silver – Community Quantitative Study
<b>Project reference</b>	NGR 2209001
Research dates:	9 <sup>th</sup> November – 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Target population:	The target population for the research was residents living in the Mid-Western Regional Council LGA in New South Wales, aged 18+.
Research methodology:	The research comprised of a 20-minute computer assisted telephone interview (CATI) among n=407 participants.
Weighting approach:	The data was weighted using ABS Census population statistics on age, gender, postcode and level of schooling completed to match the 18+ population. The total effective sample size after weighting was approximately 70%, equating to a margin of error of approximately $\pm 5.9\%$ (at the 95% confidence interval).
Research questions:	A combination of single choice and open-ended questions were used in the research.

This research was conducted in accordance with the Australian Polling Council Quality Mark standards which can be viewed here: <https://www.australianpollingcouncil.com/>

## PUBLISHED QUESTIONS

<p><b>ASK ALL</b></p> <p>Q. Before today, were you aware of a proposal to develop a new silver mine in the Mudgee region called the Bowdens Silver Project?</p> <p><b>SINGLE RESPONSE</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes /aware</li> <li>2. No / not aware</li> </ol>
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<p><b>ASK ALL</b></p> <p>Q. I'm now going to read out some information about the proposed Bowdens Silver Project and will then ask you some more questions afterwards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bowdens Silver is a local resource company 100% owned by Silver Mines Limited, an Australian public company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.</li> <li>• If approved the Bowdens Silver Project would be an open-cut silver mine approximately 26 kilometres east of Mudgee, near the town of Lue.</li> <li>• The Company will mine silver and also by-products including zinc and lead over 16.5 years and the project is Australia's largest undeveloped silver project.</li> <li>• \$250 million dollars will be invested to build the mine.</li> <li>• Bowdens Silver currently employs 24 people, with the vast majority being locals from Lue, Rylstone, Kandos, Mudgee and surrounds. If approved, this will grow to over 320 jobs during construction and 228 ongoing jobs for local communities.</li> <li>• Bowdens Silver's Community Investment Program will continue to support local schools, clubs, events and initiatives throughout the life of the project, with over \$500 thousand dollars spent to date.</li> </ul>	
<p>After hearing this information, would you say you feel very positive, somewhat positive, neither positive nor negative, somewhat negative or very negative towards the Bowdens Silver Project?</p> <p><b>SINGLE RESPONSE</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Very positive</li> <li>2. Somewhat positive</li> <li>3. Neither positive nor negative</li> <li>4. Somewhat negative</li> <li>5. Very negative</li> <li>6. Don't know</li> </ol>