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Dear Decision Makers,

I am writing to express my profound concern and vehement opposition to the renewal of Proposed AZPDES Permit No. AZ0026387 for the January Mine Hermosa Project. As a concerned citizen who values environmental sustainability and community well-being, I believe that approving this permit renewal would have detrimental consequences for our local ecosystem and the residents who call this area home.

The January Mine Hermosa Project poses an imminent threat to the delicate balance of our environment, jeopardizing the quality of air, water, and soil in the surrounding region. The potential discharge of harmful pollutants into nearby water bodies could have irreversible consequences for aquatic life, disrupting ecosystems and endangering the health of both wildlife and humans alike. This is at a significant cost to local residents with little to no benefit, being that this is an Australian company that will take their proceeds out of the country.

Moreover, the cumulative impact of mining activities on air quality is a significant concern. Increased levels of particulate matter and other pollutants from mining operations could contribute to respiratory issues and other health problems for individuals residing in close proximity to the project site. It is our moral obligation to prioritize the well-being of our community members over the economic gains associated with the mining industry.

Additionally, the long-term consequences of mining, such as habitat destruction and landscape alteration, cannot be overlooked. The proposed project threatens our unique biodiversity, putting numerous plant and animal species at risk of displacement or extinction. The irreversible damage to the natural landscape is not only an environmental tragedy but also a loss for future generations who deserve the opportunity to experience and appreciate the beauty of the high desert ecosystems.

Furthermore, it is extremely essential to consider the potential for water resource depletion and contamination. The mining process often requires substantial water usage, leading to strain on local water supplies. This, coupled with the risk of pollutants leaching into groundwater, raises serious concerns about the sustainability of our water resources and the potential long-term impacts on the health of our communities in an area already fraught with water depletion.

In conclusion, I urge you to prioritize the health of our environment and the well-being of our community members by rejecting the renewal of Proposed AZPDES Permit No. AZ0026387 for the January Mine Hermosa Project. We must invest in sustainable and environmentally responsible practices that ensure the longevity and prosperity of our region. Our natural resources are finite, and it is our collective responsibility to protect them for the benefit of current and future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.