

# Mike Ingram

Dear Arizona Department of Environmental Quality,

I'm writing to urge you to deny South32's Hermosa permit (#AZ0026387) for discharge of mine water into Harshaw and Alum creeks. The proposed impacts are unacceptable and fall into two main categories: 1) dewatering due to the "cone of depression" that would be created around the mine and 2) disturbances that would come from dramatically increased flow rates in nearby creeks.

The watershed in the Patagonia Mountains is critical to the town of Patagonia and to the tourist based economy of the region. Foreign owned South32 wants to essentially DESTROY THE MOUNTAIN WATERSHED for their mining project. I cannot see how the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality can approve a project that is this detrimental to the area. Tell South32 to find another way besides the de-watering or go back to Australia.