

LETTERS

Environmental assessment critical for mine

WE WOULD like to commend Doug Blandford for raising some concerning points in his article “Will Chalice mine leave an unwanted legacy?” which spanned the May and June editions.

Asbestos (mineral fibres), air and water pollution will be a dollar price to pay but will have dire consequences for the environment as well as our health and wellbeing.

The dust, light pollution and noise are already the subjects of complaints from residents in close proximity to Gonneville.

If the mining project goes ahead, it will only get worse.

This is why the Environmental Protection Authority assessment is crucial.

Not only are they there to ensure that the environmental impact is kept to a minimum, but also to protect us, because we live in the environment as well.

Additionally, we would like to thank Doug for making us aware of what “mineral fibres” are – something Chalice said are managed routinely.

It is important that if the Gonneville project is to proceed, appropriate assessments are made; otherwise, it will certainly be an ill wind that blows no good.

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