



## **Residents for Responsible Mining**

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## **Bindoon bauxite mine under scrutiny**

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A fledgling bauxite mine near Bindoon, north of Perth, which has aroused community concerns about dangerous truck movements and dust and noise pollution, will be reviewed by the Environmental Protection Authority under its highest possible level of scrutiny.

Managing director of Bauxite Resources Daniel Tenardi yesterday described the move as a shock and said the company was being assessed unfairly on "potential future operations" than its current small site.

He said the firm, which is in a trading halt on the Australian Securities Exchange and is still to receive formal EPA notification to be published today, was investigating its legal options.

Bauxite Resources recently signed an agreement with a Chinese company to deliver up to 120,000 tonnes of ore by the end of the year, which will be potentially affected by the outcome of the six-week review.

Mr Tenardi took a swipe at a campaign being mounted by "people in the Western suburbs" rather than the Chattering community, which he said supported the project.

However Derek Gascoine, co-convenor of local group Residents for Responsible Mining said it was important that the cumulative impacts of large-scale, low-margin bauxite mining in the Darling Scarp were properly assessed and understood.

The company is currently trucking ore from its 23 hectare site by road to a rail siding in the district.

It has further plans to expand its operations including a possible smelter, but this is not believed to be part of the review.