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Sent: Friday, 8 November 2013 2:05 PM
To: DMITRE:MiningRegRehab
Subject: Rex Minerals Hillside Mine on Yorke Peninsula

Mr Mark Howe
Mining Regulation and Rehabilitation Branch Department for Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy
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Dear Mr Howe

I hereby notify DMITRE of my objection to the proposed Hillside mine by Rex Minerals or any future business taking over Rex Minerals.

As a resident within close proximity to the proposed mine I believe there are too many unanswered questions and a gross lack of qualitative and quantitative research completed to understand the full impact of this proposed mine both now, during the life of the mine and after the mine is no longer used.

I understand that the South Australian government stands to gain a significant amount of money from royalties should this mine were to proceed. I would like to think that this potentially incumbent government and yourselves look at the long term impact on both the community and environment and not the short term financial benefit before making any decision of allowing a mine in prime agricultural and populated land.

The community of the Yorke Peninsula currently manage and run their own SES and CFS as well as their own farms and businesses. The resource allocated to 'Country towns' for Police and Health services is already below par with major centres and I believe combined they would not be able to cope with a sizeable increase in population or worse a FIFO culture.

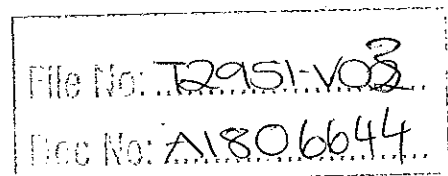
What does the government have in place to support this?

The concern of the management of potentially toxic dust is validated with the nominated 3 days of windy weather events is not even close to what is normal. I have seen clouds of dust and dirt making its way across the Spencer Gulf to Adelaide suburbs and beyond and since living on the Peninsula have been exposed to many more days of winds and gales exceeding 50km/hr. More research should be completed and substantiated with a separate report involving weather and environmental experts to provide actual findings. This should also incorporate health impacts from dust levels (toxic or not) noise levels to surrounding areas and crop damage.

I am advised that there is a request to change zoning of Marine Conservation and Agricultural land to be classed as Mining. This is setting a terrible precedent! The reason behind zoning these areas is to PROTECT this land and not have it pillaged for short term economic gains by a few.

I would like to think that you, also as proud South Australians would be concerned for the generational farmers and young families that will be affected by this mine including in the future my own. Rex Minerals have stated on the ASX website that they will "aggressively" target 50 other sights on YP once the initial licence is granted. I think that by providing this licence the South Australian government will effectively kill Tourism and Agriculture on the Yorke Peninsula.

Please do not approve this mine or indeed any future mine that would impact and affect so many South Australians so negatively.



Yours faithfully
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