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Dear Mr Howe,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Rex Minerals Hillside mining on Yorke Peninsula.

My main objection to Rex Minerals mining going ahead on Yorke Peninsula is that it is in such an agriculturally rich area. Yorke Peninsula is one of Australia's prime agricultural regions, contributing \$400 million to the state's economy each year.

Yorke Peninsula consistently produces a quarter of the state's grain harvest each year. **The region's rich limestone soil makes it some of the best farmland in Australia.** Whilst mining offers short term financial gains, if the mine goes ahead it will ruin the agricultural land **FOREVER**. I am not opposed to mining in general, but **the land and coastal areas of Yorke Peninsula are just too precious** to be adversely affected by mining on the Yorke Peninsula.

Yorke Peninsula is also well known for its beautiful beachside tourist destinations and the mines would have a devastating impact on the environment of these tourist areas.

In recent times mining was prohibited in Arkaroola in order to protect its natural state. Surely there is also reason for it to be prevented here in the beautiful Yorke Peninsula for environmental reasons to keep the beaches and land pure **AND** to keep one of Australia's richest agricultural areas alive.

The **impacts of the mine** are a great concern. Others have said of copper mining... "Huge amounts of dust are generated The transportation of dust can cause reduced visibility, coating of houses, vegetation damage and numerous health impacts... Airborne toxins can harm both workers and citizens located at **distant locations** from the mine.
(academics.uww.edu/cni/webquest/Fall03/mine/penny2.htm)

The toxic dust from the proposed Rex Minerals mines can affect the surrounding crops and also the population of Pine Point, Black Point, Ardrossan and other areas, including along the beautiful coastline. The dust from the mines can potentially go onto the bunkers and into the air at the major Ardrossan silo, affecting the quality of the grain held there. The noise and vibrations can be heard and felt from some distance away.

I enjoy holidays at Yorke Peninsula due to its clean, healthy fresh air, beautiful country side and Black Point beach . It is also the livelihood of generations of family farms. Please preserve our beautiful coastal and farm land that is Yorke Peninsula; just 2 hours from Adelaide. I do hope you will give this your deepest consideration.

Kind regards,

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