



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

**RE Rex Minerals' Mining Lease Proposal for the Hillside Copper Mine, Yorke Peninsula**

We ROGER & KAYE FRANCIS....., am aware of Rex Minerals' mining lease proposal to establish an open pit copper mine at Hillside on Yorke Peninsula near Pine Point. I understand that proposed mine will cover an area of approximately 3,000 hectares and will comprise: an open pit 2.4 kms long by 1 km wide by 450 metres deep; three waste rock piles, the highest reaching 115 metres; a large crushing, grinding facility; a flotation and magnetic separation processing plant; a large tailings dam to hold processing by-products; two 12 km pipelines to carry the ore concentrate to Ardrossan and return seawater to the mine; a filtration plant, storage sheds, water storage ponds and a seawater intake system at the port; major road realignments of the Yorke Highway and Minlaton turn-off.

I wish to lodge my objection to this mine development proposal because of the following:

- Loss of prime agricultural land
- Detrimental impact on tourism and associated loss of tourist dollars
- Inappropriateness of locating a mine of this size in a populated rural area, within close proximity to towns and holiday settlements
- Detrimental effect on people, crops and stock from exposure to hazardous dust
- Groundwater contamination and lowering of the water table
- Contamination of St Vincent's Gulf and its marine life
- Health impacts associated with exposure to contaminated dust, constant noise, contaminated rain water tanks and sleep deprivation
- Noise pollution
- Visual pollution
- Vibrations from blasting a least once every two days
- Inadequate provision for rehabilitation of mine site, resulting in long-term irreversible damage to environment
- Risk that local community will be left with huge clean-up bill if the mine closes prematurely
- Devaluation of surrounding properties including agricultural land and coastal residences
- Creation of hazardous road junction at proposed Minlaton diversion at Pine Point
- Increased heavy vehicle traffic and road damage for the life of the mine

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- ( ) Lack of effective community consultation and transparency
- ( ) Damage to social infrastructure
- ( ) Detrimental impact on flora and fauna

Comments: I CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO  
WRECK FOREVER PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND  
FOR THE SHORT TERM GAIN OF A MINE  
IT DEBIES BELIEF THAT FOOD IS OF LESS  
IMPORTANCE THAN MINERALS

I therefore petition DMTRE to disallow this proposal and I look forward to a favourable consideration of this submission.

Yours faithfully,

Signed.....

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