

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**

I, JAMES WILLIAM LODGE, 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 **FOREVER - USELESS LAND**
- (✓) Detrimental impact on tourism and associated loss of tourist dollars **TOURISTS WILL AVOID US**
- (✓) Inappropriateness of locating a mine of this size in a populated rural area, within close proximity to towns and holiday settlements **THIS IS A DISGRACE**
- (✓) Detrimental effect on people, crops and stock from exposure to hazardous dust **URANIUM @ 10,000 parts per 1,000,000 REX TELLS LIES**
- (✓) Groundwater contamination and lowering of the water table **ALREADY LOWERED DURING TESTING**
- (✓) Contamination of St Vincent's Gulf and its marine life **- DISASTER**
- (✓) Health impacts associated with exposure to contaminated dust, constant noise, contaminated rain water tanks and sleep deprivation
- (✓) Noise pollution
- (✓) Visual pollution **WHAT WE DO TO DESERVE THIS**
- (✓) Vibrations from blasting a least once every two days **JUST WHAT WE NEED**
- (✓) Inadequate provision for rehabilitation of mine site, resulting in long-term irreversible damage to environment **COPPER KILLS - IMPOSSIBLE RETURN**
- (✓) Risk that local community will be left with huge clean-up bill if the mine closes prematurely **IT CAN NOT BE CLEANED UP - FENCE IT OFF WITH KEEP OUT SIGNS**
- (✓) Devaluation of surrounding properties including agricultural land and coastal residences **ALREADY HAPPENING - PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO LEAVE**
- (✓) Creation of hazardous road junction at proposed Minlaton diversion at Pine Point **LEAST OF OUR CONCERNS - WE DONT NEED A MINE**
- (✓) Increased heavy vehicle traffic and road damage for the life of the mine **ROADS ARE A MESS ANYWAY**

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- (✓) Lack of effective community consultation and transparency ONLY ON REX'S TERMS
- (✓) Damage to social infrastructure NEVER BE THE SAME
- (✓) Detrimental impact on flora and fauna WHAT GROWS IN COPPER & OVERBURDEN HEAPS - VERY LITTLE

Comments: WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD ALLOW THIS LARGE COPPER MINE TO BE BUILT HERE OTHER THAN ENVIRONMENTAL VANDALS. ANYONE SUPPORTING THIS MINE SHOULD BE NAMED ON A REGISTER SO THEY CAN BE MADE ACCOUNTABLE AS THINGS GO WRONG.  
A DESPERATE GOVERNMENT LETTING \$ SIGNS GET IN THE WAY OF SENSITIVE ISSUES IF ANYONE WANTS TO MINE OR WORK IN ONE LEAVE AUSTRALIA'S ARABLE LAND. ALONE & TACKLE THE OTHER 95%. DRIVE 6 HOURS NORTH TO THE DESERT - SIMPLE REX MINERALS HAVE A SECRET AGENDA TO EXPLOIT UP TO ANOTHER 50 SITES AND TURN OUR FARMING LAND INTO A RABBIT WARREN. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

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

Yours faithfully,

Signed.....

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Date: 28/10/2013.....