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Sent: Thursday, 7 November 2013 3:57 PM
To: MINEN:Minister Koutsantonis' Office; DMITRE:MiningRegRehab; Zeman, Nathan (DMITRE)
Subject: Grave concerns with the Hillside mining - Yorke Peninsula
Attachments: Rex Minerals mining.docx

Dear Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP,

I am writing to you in relation to the proposal of the Rex Minerals Hillside Mine on the Yorke Peninsula. My family owns a property within close proximity of the proposed mine site and we have significant concerns if the mining goes ahead. A large number of other residents also share the same concerns, one of the most important being health and safety.

We are gravely concerned about the pollution that will be created from the processing of the minerals from the mine site. This will release toxic chemicals into the environment and will become a health hazard for so many residents. I spoke to a Rex Minerals representative who informed me that Uranium will also be mined. The inhalation of uranium particles can cause cancer. Uranium is highly toxic and attacks the inner organs. Studies show that that uranium causes birth defects and the risk of leukemia is increased
<http://www.ipnw.org/pdf/uranium-factsheet4.pdf>

Even smaller amounts of mining uranium will be a health risk to us all. This is not something we can accept. Would you feel okay if mining, including uranium was happening in your back-yard?

The mining will also create enormous dust pollution which will be blown huge distances due to the strong winds we experience over at York's. In particular, contaminated dust will settle in our water supply. The dust will also end up in the ocean where so many of us go swimming and fishing. It won't feel safe to breathe the air anymore....

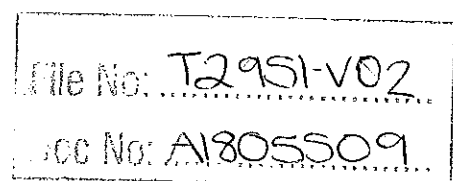
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In one of your interviews, your key message relates to what is economically best for South Australia – what about long term sustainable farming being best for South Australia, versus quick money through mining? Then what happens after the 10-15 year mining completion –once that beautiful piece of land is carved up - it's gone forever.

What about having a healthier South Australia as opposed to people becoming vulnerable to life-threatening illnesses, diseases and loss of livelihood as a consequence to the mining? We urge you to please strongly reconsider this project.

Please understand that this is our home. We have lived here for years and want to live a healthy and happy lifestyle, without worrying about the detriment that this mine will cause and the physical effects on our health.

Mining has its place, but in its place.



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