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Via email: [DSD.miningactreview@sa.gov.au](mailto:DSD.miningactreview@sa.gov.au)

Dear Mr Koutsantonis

## Re: Submission into the Leading Practice Mining Act Review

We welcome the opportunity to provide you with a written submission into the current review of the *Mining Act 1971*, the *Mines and Works Inspection Act 1920* and the *Opal Mining Act 1995*.

Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland (RDAMR) is the primary economic development agency for a region that is home to some 70,600 people and over 6,100 businesses, which generates an economic output of \$3.6 billion per annum.

Whilst mining activities have not traditionally been a focus of the Riverland and Murraylands, we, as the key Regional Development organisation are cognisant of the benefits and impacts of any mining activities in the region.

### Key considerations for this region are:

- Mining activities on productive agricultural properties should be carefully assessed on the long term impacts.
- Appropriate compensation to be paid for loss of income and impacts on businesses affected by mining activities.
- Proper assessment on the impacts on natural resources (eg. ground and surface water) and existing infrastructure (eg. roads and electricity supply) prior to any mining activities being approved.
- Rehabilitation of mining sites be enforced through Bonds or similar.
- Commercial activities, eg Tourism, accommodation, etc. around mining activities be allowed, within normal parameters.

In closing, we thank you for the opportunity to submit to the review and look forward to hearing of the outcomes in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

