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To: DEM:Mining Reg Rehab
Subject: Mining at Woodside

Dear Minister

I am writing to express my concern at the proposed mining at Woodside. I appreciate that as a Government you would be keen to promote industry and jobs but this is not the best way to go. I live at Littlehampton which is very close to Woodside. It's a growth area in terms of population with Mt Barker predicted to be the second largest city in SA in the foreseeable future. It is also in an area that is fast developing into a tourist, wine and fine dining destination.

When I bought my house 13 years ago, Littlehampton was a small village - during the intervening period this has changed dramatically. The Adelaide Hills region has developed into a destination place and becoming synonymous with high quality wine and food trails, beautiful country weddings and events and tourism. The jobs generated from these industries is huge, sustainable and growing.

Whereas mining has a major negative environmental impact, limited employment given new mining technology and is short term. During my life I have seen first hand how mining towns come and go. Yes, the argument is that the environmental impact will be minimal and that the area will be restored but I haven't seen this happen. In fact in a number of cases it's been the reverse with mining companies going out of business before adequate restoration is completed. The impact on our water sources is also crucial.

I ask that you make the Adelaide Hills region embargoed from mining exploration and mining. There will be economic gains and related job growth if this area is developed as high end tourism, winery destination. For the long term health of this area and economic growth of South Australia, I urge you to intervene and veto this so called 'development'.

Your Respectively

Leonie
Sent from my iPad