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To: DEM:Mining Reg Rehab
Subject: Proposed Woodside mine

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you to express my dismay at the proposed gold mine at Woodside.

In my 19 years living in SA and in particular living in the Adelaide Hills, I have seen its reputation as a food and wine tourism destination grow and grow.

When we take our holidays overseas, we look for provenance-based, food and wine destinations to visit. Where the natural beauty of the region flows thru into the culture, food and drink.

We have such a special region here, as the push for World Heritage listing shows. The thought that people are considering risking all that for some quick profits from mining are just so short sighted and disappointing. The economics of the short term Terramin profit vs the long term value of this region is a simple equation. The mine does not make economic sense for our State.

My main concern is the risk to our water table and how that may then affect all the surrounding agricultural businesses (which provide the unique and beautiful visual amenity of the Adl Hills that the tourists come for). Independent studies have shown that those risks cannot be mitigated or be overcome with any guarantee. Therefore I don't see how you have the right to take that risk as government representatives of all of us.

Please don't make a short sighted decision that we will all have to pay for over many, many years to come!

Regards
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