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Dear Sir,

Re: Rex Minerals Application for Mining Lease Proposal – Hillside, Yorke Peninsula

The detrimental effect the Hillside mine will have on agricultural production is obvious. I wish, however, to comment on two other matters:-

1. The so-called transparency of statements made by Rex Minerals.
2. The dramatic effect the mine will have on the residents of Pine Point, the township nearest to operations.

Whilst Rex may have complied with terms of consultation by virtue of numbers of public meetings etc, there has been no real community consultation. To hold meetings in the totally unaffected towns of Minlaton and Kadina is ludicrous, as confirmed by the few numbers in attendance. Adelaide is closer to the proposed mine than Kadina. There has been zero consultation and/or information provided to Pine Point residents over the entire period.

An attempt by Rex to gag comment by a member of the YP Landowners Group at a public meeting at Ardrossan on 3rd November was improper and cast severe doubts about their continual statements of transparency.

At that same meeting, Rex stated that the open cut mine was to be 2km x 1km (a very substantial and sudden reduction of the real 2.4km by 1.2km).

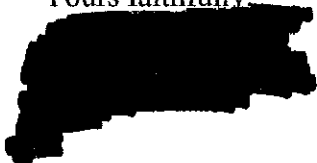
Data provided states that extreme wind conditions would occur on only 3 days of the year. Such data also indicates that the highest winds recorded between December 2011 and January 2013 were 36 to 39kmh. Anyone believing those statements could not possibly have visited this area for more than a very short period of time.

With regard to the impact the mine will have on Pine Point and its residents, I refer in short to my own situation. Due to sudden and unexpected circumstances, it is necessary that my wife and I move nearer to Adelaide. To sell our home (our only asset) will be nigh on impossible if the mine goes ahead, rendering our relocation out of the question and leaving us with a rather worrying dilemma.

This is not just a plea from me. It will have a similar effect of many of the other 130 homeowners here. In my opinion, it would be immoral to force people into such a situation.

I therefore implore you to not approve the proposal by Rex for Hillside.

Yours faithfully,

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John Bell.