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Gold Mine ----- Woodside

In the 1930's decade when this mine was de-watered the descendants of those affected can recall being told that this de-watering reduced their bore water supply to the extent that bores were dried out.

I have established vineyards on my 92 acre property at 10A Drummond Road Woodside which adjoins the mine to the east. From it I supply quality grapes to leading SA winemakers and failure to drip water these vineyards in the height of summer would result in a massive loss of income and inability to meet financial commitments. Recovery action would need to be taken. Accordingly, I object to any approval for the mine to de-water the aquifer.

The government, over the last ten years has restricted and to this day annually monitors the use of bores in the Mount Lofty Ranges. It limits property owners to the use of designated amounts of water. While these designated amounts seem to have met the requirements of property owners so far, it is hard to understand how a single mining company can be granted a license to take a large quantity of water from the aquifer to meet the need of their proposed operation. To extract the water, store it, and then put it back is totally unproven.



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