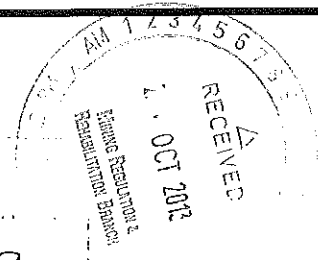


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Subject: No Hillside Mine



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Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to express my general dismay at the governments consideration to offer Rex Minerals a licence for an open cut mine at Pine Point, York Peninsula.

Having been a visitor to the Yorke Peninsula as a holiday destination for the last 25 years and now a land owner within 5 kilometres of the proposed mine, I cannot believe that the State Government would even consider allowing a mine of this size to be developed in such a pristine farming, tourist, commercial fishing and densely populated area.

I am not a Greenie and fully support the general activities of mining companies in Australia – however I draw the line when what are effectively, dirty, dusty and sometimes potentially damaging operations being set up in areas as beautiful and environmentally sensitive at the Yorke Peninsula. I agree that mines have a place and are required for the general prosperity of the state, but why on earth would a government entertain, allowing an open cut mine to be established this close to people’s houses and farms. We have already seen the damage iron ore dust has done to Whyalla and coal dust has done to communities in the Hunter Valley, yet Governments like the Labour Party in this state continue to happily put Royalties before people’s right to live peacefully and safely in a rural environment. Mining in SA should be contained to the far North where population levels are lowest. To destroy an agriculturally rich area like Addressan / Pine Point and put at risk the health of local residents and marine life for a 15 year mine - is nothing more than the actions of a broke Government putting short term Royalties before the longer term greater good of a region.

Tom Koutsantonous can talk all he likes about how heavily environmentally regulated mining operations are and how we all have nothing to fear, however I wonder whether he would like a mine this size within 5 kilometres of his house. We drink rain water collected from our roof and are well aware of how hard the wind blows in the region – so to suggest that the EPA will be able to model exactly how much copper and other mineral deposits, as well as general dust, will land on my property is ridiculous. Not to mention police the mines activities. Environmental accidents happen with mines all the time regardless of EPA guidelines, so please don’t allow this madness to occur in our back yard.

Regards,

Gary Mitchell

PS this is not a whinge at progress, rather a letter hoping to stop a potential mining disaster destroying a region that my children and grandchildren deserve to enjoy.

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