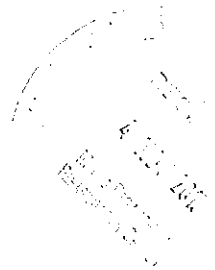


Mr. Mark Howe
Mining, Regulation and Rehabilitation Branch,
Department for Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy,
GPO Box 1264, Adelaide. 5001



Dear Mr, Howe,

RE Rex Minerals' Mining Lease Proposal for the Hillside Copper Mine, Yorke Peninsula

I, SHARON MARY POLKINGHORNE, am aware of Rex Minerals' mining lease proposal to establish an open pit copper mine at Hillside on Yorke Peninsula near Pine Point. I understand that proposed mine will cover an area of approximately 3,000 hectares and will comprise: an open pit 2.4 kms long by 1.2 kms wide by 450 metres deep; three waste rock piles, the highest reaching 113 metres; a large crushing, grinding facility; a flotation and magnetic separation processing plant; a large tailings dam to hold processing by-products; two 12 km pipelines to carry the ore concentrate to Ardrossan and return seawater to the mine; a filtration plant, storage sheds, water storage ponds and a seawater intake system at the port; major road realignments of the Yorke Highway and Minlaton turn-off.

I wish to lodge my objection to this mine development proposal because of the following:

- Loss of prime agricultural land
- Detrimental impact on tourism and associated loss of tourist dollars
- Inappropriateness of locating a mine of this size in a populated rural area, within close proximity to towns and holiday settlements
- Detrimental effect on people, crops and stock from exposure to hazardous dust
- Groundwater contamination and lowering of the water table
- Contamination of St Vincent's Gulf and its marine life
- Health impacts associated with exposure to contaminated dust, constant noise, contaminated rain water tanks and sleep deprivation
- Noise pollution
- Visual pollution
- Vibrations from blasting a least once every two days
- Inadequate provision for rehabilitation of mine site, resulting in long-term irreversible damage to environment
- Risk that local community will be left with huge clean-up bill if the mine closes prematurely
- Devaluation of surrounding properties including agricultural land and coastal residences
- Creation of hazardous road junction at proposed Minlaton diversion at Pine Point
- Increased heavy vehicle traffic and road damage for the life of the mine
- Lack of effective community consultation and transparency
- Damage to social infrastructure
- Detrimental impact on flora and fauna

Comments: See attached


I therefore petition DMITRE to disallow this proposal and I look forward to a favourable consideration of this submission.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs S. M. Polkinghorne


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Nov 2, 2013

Re Rex Minerals' Hillside mine proposal

Dear Mr Howe,

I have a life interest in a freeholded coastal zone shack at 77 Main Road (Lot 3) Pine Point which is at the bottom of the cliff in close proximity to Rex Minerals' land. The owners, my husband and brother-in-law have already submitted their objection to the mine development to you.

I feel if this mine were to proceed we would need to withdraw the development proposal we have been working with Council and the Coast Protection Board to achieve for the past two years.

We had hoped to upgrade the residence from its present dilapidated condition to contribute to the built landscape and amenity of the area and to be able to enjoy retirement there within the decade.

~~I believe an open-pit mine would cause considerable environmental disturbance.~~ While it is a grave threat to the lifestyle and industry of many people, particularly farmers, I am personally worried about noise, light, dust and rainwater pollution and the potential effect on the blue swimmer crab stock. I don't feel Rex has explained their waste management plans very well at all. The Gulf must be going to suffer I think.

I am also personally concerned about the impact on property values and tourism. We free-held in good faith in the 1990s and are entitled to certain expectations. We fear our considerable investment in time and expense will be wasted.

More broadly, I am concerned for our neighbours and friends, especially those whose livelihood will be compromised. I am concerned for the economy of Yorke Peninsula in the long run and don't understand why established and sustainable industries should be compromised for short term and private gain.

Many detrimental aspects have been raised in the relatively brief public consultation period and it is curious that they had not been raised previously by Rex's independent consultative group. Community interest would clearly be better served if the proposal was for an underground mine and I question the social licence for a project that puts shareholders before community.

Yours faithfully,


Sharon Polkinghorne