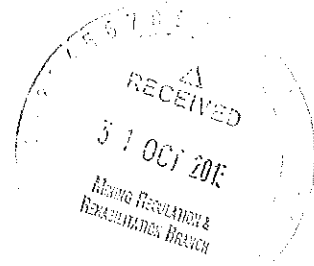


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27<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

Dear Sir,

Re; The Hillside Mining Proposal by Rex Minerals on York Peninsula

We the undersigned are concerned about a number of aspects of this proposed mine and wish to bring these to your attention in the hope that you will take them into account when considering the proposal.

Firstly we feel the period for public consultation should be extended significantly. Rex has had a number of years to gather the information contained in their document and sufficient time should be granted to the community to give due consideration to the impacts and safeguards as well as the benefits to both the local community and the State as a whole. Sometime towards the middle of 2014 should give sufficient time to consider a document of this size.

We recognise that mining is important for the economic development of the state, therefore consideration needs to be given to the benefits to be gained by this proposal over its relatively short life (factoring in the economic loss of 3-4 thousand hectares of productive farm land) as compared to the continuation of agriculture over the longer term (many hundreds of years).

We feel that the potential environmental impacts of this mine have been significantly understated and therefore the proposed safeguards and mitigation measures are inadequate to achieve the outcome expected by the community at large.

The proposed mine will be the largest open cut mine in Australia ( Olympic Dam will fit into it) measuring 2.4Km wide ,1.4Kms long and 700m deep and only 800m from the coast line of St. Vincent gulf. It will be 14km from Ardrossan, 7Km from Black Point, 4km from Pine Point, 5.5 km from Rogues Point, 6km from James Well, only 20km from a Marine Park and

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approximately 70 km from Adelaide as the wind flies. The plan is for a total area of 3-4 thousand hectares of productive agricultural land to be rezoned and included in the site to provide a 400 ha tailings dam, radioactive rock dumps and overburden heaps as high as 120m, a crushing plant and a pipeline to the Port of Ardrossan all of which will necessitate the realignment of the Yorke Highway and the St.Vincent Highway.

Many other ore bodies have been identified nearby and the company has told the ASX that they have plans to expand their operation to include these in future.

A development of this nature and size will change the amenity of the area by the loss of a significant area of prime agricultural land, the visual impact, noise nuisance from machinery / blasting/crushing and toxic dust (containing Copper concentrates and radioactive Uranium and other heavy metals) which will affect all the local communities both near and far. The toxic dust will pollute the local rain water tanks, the gulf waters and marine environment and on occasions even reach Adelaide. We believe that all of these impacts need to be reassessed and stricter safeguards, monitoring and policing need to be put in place if this project is to proceed.

Mining accidents do happen. Any accident in this important, pristine and sensitive region could have devastating consequences so, on balance, and without the opportunity for a more thorough assessment of the proposal, we feel strongly that it is inappropriate at this site.

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There are other regions where mining is appropriate with little or no risk to the surrounding environment and neighbouring communities, so we feel that York Peninsula should be saved and preserved for agriculture and tourism,

Yours sincerely,



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