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Sent: Saturday, 8 February 2014 2:29 PM
To: DMITRE:MiningRegRehab
Subject: Kara Resources Mining Lease MC4322

Attention; Mark Howe
Business Support Services Officer
Mining Regulation and Rehabilitation Branch

Dear Mr Howe,

As a member of the Greenock Heritage Group, I object to the proposed Mining Lease on the grounds that it could cause irreparable damage to the built heritage of the area and destroy the rural amenity of the Nain hamlet.

There are significant heritage buildings in Nain that are within two kilometres of the proposed mine.

1. Nain Lutheran Church built in 1856. It is the oldest Lutheran Church still in use in South Australia and the second oldest Lutheran Church in the southern hemisphere.
2. Zum Schalen Wege Lutheran Church (now in private hands) built in 1861
3. The Lutheran Manse, the original section being built in 1862

These buildings have very simple foundations and it is probable that they will not be able to withstand the constant explosions from the proposed mine. Over time, the damage could be very serious. The question needs to be asked as to who would compensate the owners of these heritage buildings if such damage occurs. Moreover, it would be a tragic loss to the Barossa area if any of these buildings were irreparably damaged over time.

Nain also has two cemeteries that date back to the 1850's and it is probable that the constant explosions from the proposed mine would damage the fragile headstones.

The southern fence line of the proposed mine has a dry stone wall that was built in the mid 1800's and is of significant heritage value to the area. Although there are quite a few such walls on the eastern side of the Barossa Valley, I believe that this is the only one on the western side. I could not see it surviving, once the mine was operational.

In summary, the risks to the built heritage in the Nain area from the proposed mine are of such a high level that the mine should not proceed. Furthermore, the noise, dust, traffic and explosions will destroy the wonderful rural amenity of the Nain area.

Yours faithfully,

Mick Schluter