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To: DEM:Mining Reg Rehab
Subject: Proposed Mine Site - Woodside, SA Terramin Mine

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to register my strong opposition to the proposed Terramin Mine in Woodside, SA. I have lived in the Adelaide Hills for nearly 20 years and we, as well as our many international guests, have come to regard the area as outstanding both for touristic and wine opportunities for the region. If South Australia is going to be held in regard on both a domestic and international stage, we need to protect the industries that are clearly succeeding and not be diverted by short-term projects which have the potential to derail our existing industries.

1. Impact on Underground Water

The salinity of bores in the region varies dramatically with large differences even between bores a few hundred metres apart. The idea that Terramin can extract large amounts of water from the rock aquifer, then re-inject it under pressure and not affect the salinity or levels of local bores just **defies logic**. There will clearly be a shandyng effect on local bores. This decrease in water quality will likely have a dramatic effect on local vineyards and wineries.

The potential damage to this precious rock aquifer that is the lifeblood of the local area makes the project completely unsuitable for this area.

2. Effect on Tourism & local businesses.

Local businesses, **IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT** to the proposed mine attract thousands of visitors a week to the local area. Bird in Hand winery, Art Wine and Petaluma winery, with their cellar doors and restaurants have developed this area in to one of the most thriving wine and food hubs in the Adelaide Hills. To drop a mine with all the noise from blasting (twice a day minimum according to Terramin's own report (Terramin MLA 3.1.2), dust, trucks coming and going, increased traffic etc will have a dramatic effect on these businesses, and as a result a knock on effect to all local Woodside businesses. Add to this the visual impact. These facilities have outdoor areas that serve wine and food that look immediately on to the proposed mine site. Visitors instead of having the beautiful outlook that they have now will be looking directly at the proposed mine, and can watch the mining trucks rolling by whilst listening to the blasting, drilling etc. The video taken from the Bird in Hand winery during Terramin's drilling of a very small test bore shows the potential noise pollution that will occur. This will decrease the quality of a visit to these wineries and reduce tourist numbers dramatically.

3. Completely against the recent "Adelaide – Great Wine Capitals of the World"

The state government recently invested a lot of time and money in getting Adelaide named as one of the "Great Wine Capitals of the World", one of only 10 in the world. This was achieved by the proximity of Adelaide to the great wine areas of the Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Langhorne Creek and the Adelaide Hills.

This was a great achievement, and will have a very positive effect on bringing overseas tourists to the Adelaide Hills region.

It then is completely illogical after all that has been achieved to put an industrial mine site right in the middle of one of the Adelaide Hills most popular wine tourism destinations

4. Potential for more Mines in the Adelaide Hills – totally unsuitable development for a food bowl and tourism destination.

There are many places in the Adelaide Hills that will have mine deposits (e.g. Jupiter Creek Gold diggings near Echunga). If this mine is approved, many more applications for mines in the Adelaide Hills could potentially occur.

In a region that has worked very hard to become one of the states premier tourist regions this would be further damaging to the reputation of the region and have a significant negative impact.

5. Long Term damage to Adelaide Hills Tourism

Wine and Food Tourism is a rapidly developing area throughout the world. The Adelaide Hills region is well placed to benefit from this over a long term. Developing mining in such a small, specialist region such as the Adelaide Hills will do long term damage to the regions image and to the tourism it generates.

To approve this proposed mine would represent very short term thinking by the State Government – a short term cash grab for mining royalties versus a long term, sustainable tourism business that will benefit South Australians for many generations.

I am **very strongly opposed** to the proposed development of the Terramin Gold Mine at Woodside.

Jane McLaren