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Mr. Mark Howe  
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Dear Mr. Howe,

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

I, Andrew Charles Gordon, am aware of Rex Minerals' mining lease proposal to establish an open pit copper mine at hillside on Yorke Peninsula near Pine point.

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

- 1 The loss of prime agricultural land, it has been said that by the year 2040 that agricultural production will have to increase by 50% to feed the world and as less than 6% of Australia's land mass is suitable for growing crops, any loss of prime agricultural land in Australia should be a concern to us all.
- 2 ~~Concern of dust, the Yorke Peninsula is a very windy place, if dust from the mine settles on crops in the area and then contaminates grain delivered and exported, it will jeopardise not only grain from the Yorke Peninsula but from all of Australia and we will no longer be clean and green and markets will dry up. If this was to happen or if a farmer's grain was rejected, who will compensate the farmer or the grain industry?~~
- 3 Detrimental impact on tourism and shack owners, who will compensate the shack owners if the values of their properties fall, or they can no longer rent them out at Rogues Point, Pine Point and Black Point due to dust, noise, blasting, etc. Many houses on the Yorke Peninsula rely on rain water which may also be contaminated.
- 4 Contamination from run off and pumping, there are several water courses on the proposed mine site, if the run off or the water that will need to be pumped from the pit contains any copper this will have a devastating effect on the marine environment.
- 5 Rex has only spoken publicly about Hillside, but it has told the ASX that it has some 50 sites on the Yorke Peninsula; if Hillside was to go ahead then it will be the thin edge of the wedge and will lead to the devastation of the land and farming on Yorke Peninsula.
- 6 I have a property ten kilometres from Hillside and over sixty years ago the council dug two rubble quarries on the property, in those quarries no grass grows, sheep will not even go there, it is a waste land. For Rex to say that it can be rehabilitated Hillside is just pie in the sky, Arrium's over burden hills have had trees planted on them and they are not successful. If Rex does finish with the Hillside sight there will not be enough money left to truly rehabilitate the sight and it will be left up to the community to clean it up at the tax payers' expense.
- 7 The land Rex will ruin, could produce crops for hundreds of years into the future and bring an income to the farmers and businesses that the farmers use on Yorke Peninsula, Rex will

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make money for its share holders and overseas investors with the State Government taking its share for the short fifteen year life of the mine, leaving it so that it will be very poor grazing ground for the rest of time.

In conclusion a mine should not go ahead at Hillside, it is highly populated with many retirees along the coast, and very expensive holiday homes, it is privately owned agricultural land that is under cultivation that is needed for Australia's and the world's food security into the future, you can't eat copper. It will not blend in with the lifestyle or amenity of the area and will cause more problems in the area into the future than the copper is worth. It is a short sighted project with no outlook for the future prosperity of the Yorke Peninsula.

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Andrew Gordon