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Attention Mr Mark Howe

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the Rex Minerals Mine that is going to be established almost or our door step. We live at James Well, which is approx 5ks north of the site.

Our main concerns are for the environmental damage both to land and sea. This mine is proposed to have a 15 year production life. Is this land going to be able to be regenerated as farm land? Is it going to be regenerated in any form, as our information is, that it is going to be left just fenced off at the end of production? We also have major concerns on the dust and noise. James Well does not have water connected here, so we all rely on our rain water tanks for drinking, and everything else in the household. We are happy with this situation, as we have spent considerable money on making sure we have sufficient water for our needs. Once again we have been told that there will only be two water tankers controlling the dust from this mine, which doesn't seem adequate for a mine of the size it is going to be, and considered how strong the south westerly winds can be here. Noise being another factor that should be considered. How often are they going to blast? We know that will cause our homes to shake, and no doubt on still nights, we will be able to hear trucks etc working.

We bought and built here seven years ago, because of the quiet and peaceful lifestyle. We can see that the traffic will become considerably worse, especially if rental properties are rented out to workers. With shift work, there will be vehicles coming and going all hours of the day, and of course the main highway will be much busier too, once again adding to the noise factor!

It is a crying shame that a big mine is going to be established in such a pristine location, a location that will never be farmed again or be able to be restored to its former self. This area is a farming/ holiday/ retirement area, and should remain so. We hope be expressing our unhappiness on these matters, that Rex Minerals will be held to account for all these concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

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