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Dear Mr Howe

Re: Rex Minerals Mining Lease Proposal for the Hillside Copper Mine, Yorke Peninsula.

I write to register my astonishment that this proposal is even being considered, and to petition the department to disallow the proposal.

My understanding, having briefly perused the documents forwarded to us on CD are that the proposed mine will;

- cover an area of **3000 hectares** of what is currently **prime agricultural country** on the Yorke Peninsula;
- comprise an open pit that is **2.4 km long, 450 metres deep and 1.2 km wide**. This will create a pit that is more than **three Westpac buildings in depth** and a width that is virtually the distance from **North Terrance to Victoria square!**

Furthermore, I have substantial concerns regarding;

- allowing blasting at least once every second day with concomitant increase in dust and noise;
- substantial increase in traffic;
- potential effects on local flora and fauna;
- substantial devaluation of surrounding residential properties;
- potential contamination of both ground water and St Vincents gulf;
- loss of tourism and associated revenue to local business;
- the complete and irreversible destruction of the highly active local community;
- the irreversible effects on highly productive agriculture land, and the loss of potential for further agricultural use of the land.



In the driest state in the driest continent, where there are vast tracts of our state that can not sustain agriculture, and in an era where food security is paramount, I am astounded that removing the long term agricultural potential of this highly productive land in the search for short term monetary gains is being considered.

Given these reasons, I again ask that the department strongly consider denying Rex Mineral's application for this mine.

I look forward to your favourable response.

Yours sincerely


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cc Pine Point Progress Association
c/o Yvette Bright