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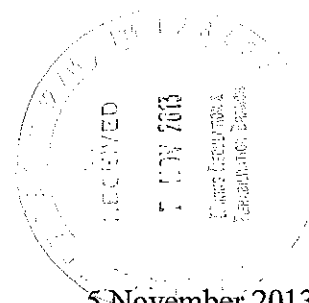
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To Mark Howe
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Dear Sir,

I am a fifth generation farmer near Maitland and I also have a holiday property at Black Point. I am extremely concerned about mining on Yorke Peninsula particularly in regard to the proposed Hillside mine and any future mines. My concerns are not limited to, but include the points below:

- Hydrology problems testing based on 200mt, the mine is 400mt.
- Mine footprint has significantly increased in size, the potential for run off has increased via seven runoff creeks in to the Gulf.
- Rex Mineral's answer to dust suppression is with 2 water trucks to control the dust from 60 x 200 ton trucks - this is totally unacceptable.
- Use of sea water throughout the production plant & exiting in the seas – major concern for marine life & sustainability.
- The tailings dam which covers 1000 acres of land is to be clay lined. Best practise is double poly lined.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my further trepidation in regards to:

- *The future*

Rex has only mentioned the one mine. An ASX press release clearly states that Rex Minerals will pursue another 50 target sites on YP which looks very promising for them.

This process would involve building hall roads to the various mines to accommodate the 200 ton dump trucks. These sites include 1.5 km North West of Ardrossan, Port Julia, Maitland & Port Victoria.

After the mine is to close in 15 years, the tailing dam & all the waste rock heaps will remain open and will not be refilled. There will be no re-vegetation of the area which in turn will affect wildlife as well as the aesthetic aspect of the area.

- *Rezoning*

The District Council has been approached to rezone 5000ha around the mine. This

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would allow a rezoning to mineral extraction. This process has been floored with 3 councillors not declaring they have had Rex Minerals shares. Now the 3 councillors cannot participate in discussions around the mine but it is a genuine concern that some of the process for Rex Minerals may have been compromised.

- *Government Policy*

There appears to be no policy to protect prime agricultural land in South Australia. The Minister has had no previous involvement with land owners in regards to the proposed mine.

- *The community consultative group*

This was a group formed by Rex with some landowners to discuss the mine with the community. I would suggest the group has been established as a partnership between Rex Minerals, Regional Development Australia & the remainder of the committee was weighed to produce a pro-mining result and farmers & land owners have not engaged in this forum.

- *The future of farming*

Our company (Anna Binna) farm 7 properties around Maitland, Ardrossan and Port Victoria & can assure you agriculture is more sustainable than ever. We have seen crippled yields double in 10 years on the properties we farm at Ardrossan. This has been replicated at Port Victoria. We retain all crop residues & the mulch layer increase fertility & prevent erosion from wind and runoff. The mulch layer of straw also prevents the loss of moisture during the summer; this combined with summer weed control, explained the massive yield increases in what would have been rain fall limited farming land.

We aim to produce food for human consumption; this includes pasta & bread wheat, malt barley, canola & lentils. There are many professional farming businesses similar to ours developing on the YP.

I believe the agriculture sector on the YP is more sustainable than ever and can coexist with tourism which is the other major industry on the YP.

Lastly, but certainly not least of all, if Rex Mining agrees to all the conditions, who will police, audit and hold the mining operations to account. Is there to be regular surveillance to make sure all the stated rules and regulations are being followed? Does the government have the staffing to adequately monitor these processes?

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I would like to thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion and I trust you will study everything I have identified and make sure you take this into consideration.

I, and the other people who have submitted concerns, as well as the general population of the area, sincerely hope you re-examine and visit the area concerned to see the risks to the precious and stunning environment we have, which the Australian policy says it wants to preserve.

Benjamin Wundersitz

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