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We are Adelaide Hills business owners and source most of our supplies for our take-away, from local, clean, green organic growers. We are completely blind-sided by the lifting of the GM moratorium when the Parliamentary Committee still hasn't concluded and made its recommendations?! This is deeply concerning, disrespectful and unprecedented? This says to us that somehow public consultations are just a "whitewash"?! No wonder people do not trust politicians.

We attended the public meeting last night at Woodside, mainly to find out more about the Terramin project. We came away absolutely gobsmacked that anyone could even consider allowing this decimation of a community, its multi-million dollar wineries, its ambience and its environment to be impacted in such a shocking way? The film of the noise from the drilling of a test bore, on the mine site, was confronting to say the least.

It is clear from maps of the aquifer, that this is a very complex system of underground water supplies, in the Adelaide Hills water catchment that supplies Adelaide city with water.. There is pristine water and unusable water. If the mine is going to drill over 400 metres through this, there will be irreversible damage, in our view, and this will decimate local growers who rely on bore water. This risk is just too great! Who paid for the positive hydrology reports? Wise people always say "Follow the money"!

We were concerned that no one seemed to have a satisfactory answer to how any decimated businesses would be compensated? How many mining companies have declared bankruptcy and walked away from disastrous outcomes? Destroyed and contaminated water aquifers cannot be repaired. When the mine was worked decades ago, underground water levels dropped significantly, and we believe that bores from Balhannah to Nairne to Birdwood were impacted? The mine was closed as a result, and imagine how many more businesses have started up and are growing food, since then. How can that income and food supply be put at risk? This is insane! Our own property has no mains water and is 60% reliant on a bore.

We were also concerned that no one would say what allocation of water has been given to the mining company? Why?

Over the last few years, Woodside has seen a massive increase in tourism and there is no doubt that a working mine with noise, trucks, dust and very bright lighting at night, will put people off. What about the impact on the people who are now living in the houses on the former Inverbrackie detention centre site?! What about the impact on wildlife and birds?

Local real estate agents have put on the record that property values in the Woodside area will be very negatively impacted. Why did Terramin oppose a multi-million dollar expansion of the Bird-in-Hand winery? What is really going on here? Is there an agenda to expand this mine at some point? We do not believe that it is a five year project, and even if it was, why would anyone potentially destroy a community and its environment on such a short project?

We can understand the depth of feeling of the adjoining, very lucrative wine businesses as it is a well-known fact that "Dusty vines make dusty wines"?!

Woodside is now essentially a small residential suburb in the Hills. The government simply cannot permit a mine to be reopened so close to houses, properties and tourism outlets.

In our opinion, this proposal is unconscionable and must be stopped.

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