

# Public Submission Cover Sheet

## Mining Proposal and/or Management Plan

### BIRD-IN-HAND GOLD PROJECT

USE THIS FORM AS: A cover sheet to accompany a written submission

Terramin Australia Ltd and Terramin Exploration Pty Ltd (together known as 'Terramin') is proposing development of an underground gold mine near Woodside and the processing of ore at existing facilities located at the Angas Zinc Mine in Strathalbyn.

On 21 June 2019, Terramin submitted applications for a mining lease and a miscellaneous purposes licence. The submission of applications for the Bird in Hand Gold Project by Terramin has initiated a comprehensive technical assessment of those applications by the South Australian Government under the *Mining Act 1971* which includes a period of statutory public consultation.

*Written submissions are invited from members of the public on these applications.*

## Making a Submission

We value the community's input, information provided in submissions is vital to the assessment processes.

Please follow the steps below to make an effective submission.

**1. Review Terramin's application for an ML and/or MPL**, available at [http://energymining.sa.gov.au/bird\\_in\\_hand\\_gold\\_project\\_consultation](http://energymining.sa.gov.au/bird_in_hand_gold_project_consultation)

**2. Decide whether or not to include personal information in your submission**

South Australian Government agencies ensure the protection of personal information by adhering to the South Australian Department of the Premier and Cabinet [Information Privacy Principles Instruction](http://dpc.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/pubimages/Circulars/PC012_Privacy_0.pdf) ([http://dpc.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/pubimages/Circulars/PC012\\_Privacy\\_0.pdf](http://dpc.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/pubimages/Circulars/PC012_Privacy_0.pdf)).

When you make a written submission, that submission becomes a public record. Your written submission will be provided to the applicant and will be published on the DEM website. This includes:

- the content of your submission and any attachments - including any personal information about you which you have chosen to include in those documents.

If you wish for your personal information to be withheld, **you must**:

- request that your name and contact details be withheld from publishing by ticking the relevant box in the form below; and
- **not include** personal or identifying information in your submission or attachments.

We will not accept offensive, threatening, defamatory or other inappropriate material.

### 3. Make a submission

To make a written submission, please use this **cover sheet** to accompany your written submission. Your submission can be provided in any written form, including a letter or email.

Alternatively, make an online submission by accessing the DEM website [http://energymining.sa.gov.au/bird\\_in\\_hand\\_gold\\_project\\_consultation](http://energymining.sa.gov.au/bird_in_hand_gold_project_consultation)

and following the instructions.

**Provide your written submission to government using any of the following methods:**

By mail to:

Mining Regulation  
Attn: Business Support Officer  
GPO Box 320  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

By email to:

[DEM.MiningRegRehab@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEM.MiningRegRehab@sa.gov.au)

On line submission:

[Make a submission online](#)

## Public submission

### Section A: Contact details

Please complete the following information. Your contact details will be used by the South Australian government to acknowledge your submission. Those marked with an asterisk '\*' are mandatory. **Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.**

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|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Title   | [Ms ]         |           |           |
| *Name   | [ ]           | *Surname  | [ ]       |
| Organisation  | [ ]           |           |           |
| *Street / PO Box  | [ ]           |           |           |
| *Town / Suburb  | [ ]           | [SA ]     | [5244 ]   |
|   |               | *State    | *Postcode |
| *Email address<br>(mandatory for<br>electronic submissions) | [ ]           | Telephone | [ ]       |
| Submission date   | [27/09/2019 ] |           |           |

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### Section B: Privacy

Please select **one** of the following options:

*I understand that my submission will be published on the DEM website and provided to the applicant, **but** I require that the government **withholds my name and contact details**. I understand that it is **my responsibility** to ensure personal information is not included in the body of my submission, any footers or headers or any attachments.*

## Section C: Submission

In addition to the submission lodged by my husband as part of our local community, it must not be downplayed that we also have our own personal objection, as Bird in Hand Road Woodside residents, living less than 400 metres away from the proposed Terramin Bird In Hand mine.

The proposed mine has already impacted our family financially, as anecdotally our house and property opposite the site devalued by approximately one third (\$1m) the day that the proposal was lodged with government. You may suppose that, as we are not planning to move any time soon that this wouldn't matter. However, unforeseen circumstances such as accident, death or ill health to a member could mean the necessity to move into a small holding in the area, a nursing home, or local retirement village. In such case we could need to realise the equity in our home at short notice.

We are in the age bracket where retirement is imminent, and we personally had planned to move to a smaller, more manageable house in the area within 5 to 10 years, to release funds to self-fund our twilight years and use some savings held in our home to realise our dreams to travel.

On the home visits to us, as well as in their correspondence, Terramin management always referred to the fact that they would be "in and out within 5 years" and that we "wouldn't notice any impact on your lifestyle". However, shockingly, Terramin recently sent a request for us to sign a blanket waiver for the term of 20 years for Terramin to conduct mining activities within the vicinity of 400 metres of our home. This is a very different proposal, with major negative impacts to us.

We now face the prospect that we may have to stay locked in to our property into our mid-late 80s as we would not be able to afford to sell at massively reduced property values. Staying would mean that, as elderly retirees, we would not physically or financially be able to responsibly manage or comfortably live on our land and large house.

How could our family be expected to thrive living in "daylight" for 24 hours, 7 days a week over a number of years under football stadium type lights?

The predominate direction of wind in our area would mean that the dust from the huge mullock would blow directly across the road and into our house. We have already been dealing with the millions of weed seeds from the Terramin land on which the mullock would be situated that has been mismanaged and weeds let go, resulting in a massive influx of weeds germinated in our gardens, vines and pasture over recent years. This has cost us time, money and frustration to try and combat and restore our well tended property.

This clean and quiet environment in which we have chosen to live is important to us in terms of our quality of life. We bought in this peaceful locale over 20 years ago for similar reasons as many of our community; peaceful lifestyle, low traffic, healthy air, low noise levels, a natural environment (no street lights, low traffic), an enthusiastic, vibrant and strong family dynamic, great sporting clubs and beautiful farmland, parks, as well as thriving local businesses in which to raise our family. The Terramin proposed mine puts this all at risk.

Our country roads, environment and amenities are not set up nor equipped for continual heavy vehicles 24/7, or the many shift worker vehicles.

As a family we strongly oppose the negative impacts that the proposed Terramin mine will have on our water, our income, the value of property, the amenity, and quality of our life. We urge the Government to put people and water security before profit of one of the most toxic industries in gold mining, and comprehensively reject the Terramin Mining Lease Application.