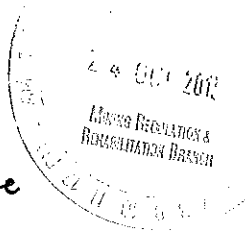


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Dear Sir,

I am not opposed to mining generally but I am definitely opposed to open cut mining on prime agricultural land such as Yorke Peninsula.

I was born in the farm house near Pine Point nearly 84 years ago. There were six boys in our family so only one could carry on the family farm. The rest of us had to go out and buy our farms if we wanted to carry on in agriculture.

I sharefarmed for six years at Hillside which was then owned by Mr J. L. (Lith) McKay until I had saved enough money to put a deposit on a small farm at Clinton Centre. Five years later a property came up for sale at Sandilands. I knew this property very well as it was not far from where I was born, and two of my brothers had share-farmed it previously so together with my wife we bought it in 1963.

It only had a bachelor's quarters for residence, a few low sheds and poor fences, but over fifty years we have built it up to what it is today.

To see this property destroyed by open cut mining would be just too much to accept. Why can't the mining be carried out in the pastoral country where there are plenty of minerals and the country cannot produce crops?

If mining can be prevented from taking place at Ankaroola and again at various places in Tasmania surely Yorke Peninsula would have a stronger case than any of these, because it is "Agriculturally rich and Naturally Beautiful." Many Adelaide people have beach-houses along the coastline close to the proposed mine site.

For a long time I have thought that the ALP have had a vindictive attitude towards farmers — this has got to change!

I drive a Holden car, not an imported one, have done so since 1950, because I believe Australia needs its own car industry. I don't believe in selling off our assets to foreign investments. What will be left for our children and grandchildren?

I hope that commonsense will prevail and that we will be able to preserve the wonderful asset we have

Yours most sincerely



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