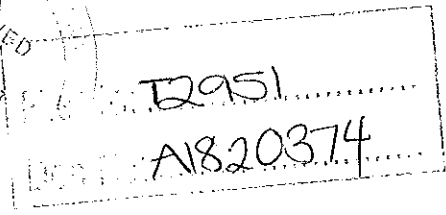


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Dear Sir

Proposed Rex Mineral's Copper Mine, Yorke Peninsula

We are the Registered Proprietors of [REDACTED], Rogues Point. Our Family has held tenure over this site for over 50 years and we use the property regularly for short and extended holiday purposes.

We have obtained details of the Rex Mine Lease Application and are currently attempting to peruse all of the documentation. Because we do not have the necessary expertise and are not familiar with many of the terms and measurement units used throughout the literature, we are relying on the technical review by Government to ensure that the rights of citizens are protected.

We feel that mining fertile land, which could still be producing food for many hundreds of years to come, in exchange for 15 years of profits mainly for the owners and its foreign investors is not in Australia's best interests. We appreciate that the area for the proposed mine is a minor percentage of the overall farming land on the Peninsula, nevertheless, to proceed down this path is to establish an undesirable precedent and it should not be supported.

We do not believe that the mining operations could possibly have any benefits for the Tourist Industry. Most tourists come to the Peninsula in search of peace and quiet, rural scenery and a clean environment. When it is remembered that after 15 years, the mine site will be left as a wasteland with a 440m deep septic pit, its effects can only be seen as prejudicial to the long-term future of tourism.

Set out below, are our objections to the proposal on several matters, which we see as being particularly relevant to our current situation.

Noise. (Ref. Section 8.3.2.2) The application acknowledges that some noise levels will increase and that "mitigation measures will not remove all noise and vibration impacts". Rex admits that "**strict compliance with the planning criteria under worst case conditions is neither reasonable or practical to achieve**" Rex advises that the noise emissions are likely to be perceived as "a mid-frequency broad-band hum, intermixed with occasional short term peak noise events" The risks are rated Moderate to High and rely upon monitoring and mitigation by Rex. These forecasts are not to our advantage and do not bode well for our future quiet and peaceful enjoyment of our property.

Air Quality (Dust) (Ref. 8.3.1.4) The application notes that "Outright compliance with all air quality assessment criteria cannot be demonstrated" It goes on to say that compliance with assessment criteria in bad climatic conditions "could not be demonstrated" It continues, "without monitoring and operational controls it is **likely that impact levels will occur which could have negative impacts on the health of the local community**".

The risk is rated Moderate to High and would be worse on days of high wind speeds. Anybody familiar with the Yorke Peninsula would attest to the fact that high wind speed days are the rule rather than the exception and along with the previous predictions in this matter, the application forewarns of another loss of amenity for us.

Rainwater Pollution. (Ref. 8.3.1.3) Rex admits that this is "possible". Protection relies on testing, monitoring and the installation of first-flush systems if necessary. Protection also relies on dust control being maintained by Rex and the registration of Public Complaints. The risks are assessed as Low and the contamination by metals and chemicals is also classed as Low. Nothing in this section of the application suggests that it represents a safe situation for us.

Blasting. (Ref. 8.3.3.2) The impact on public amenity of blasting, vibration and air over-pressure is described as "unlikely". In the event of an adverse impact, Public Complaint may be necessary to require action by Rex to comply with its Drill and Blast Management Plan. There is nothing in the application to ensure that our environment is protected in this matter.

Increase in Traffic. (Ref. 8.3.15.2) Increases in Traffic are estimated as, Light vehicles, less than 5%, Medium Traffic, between 8% and 21% and Heavy Traffic between 4% and 11%. The projected movements per day to the mining lease are 160 Light vehicles, 20 Buses and 20 Heavy vehicles. This can only add to noise, danger and inconvenience for the local community and visitors.


Rehabilitation of Site. As we understand it, Rex does not intend to back-fill the Mine Pit, nor import suitable extra topsoil to ensure effective rehabilitation of the site, this would not appear to be a satisfactory situation. This phase of the mining process always seems to fall short of the conditions required by the approvals and compliance should be ensured by the lodgement of a Bond, Bank Guarantee or similar legally binding agreement by Rex.

Our family takes holidays at Rogues Point because of the Peace, the Quiet, the Clean Air and Environment and because it is detached from the bustle and pace of city life. It would seem that those conditions we have enjoyed for over 50 years would be put at risk by the proposed mining operations. Nothing in the application gives us any confidence that our current situation would be preserved if the mine is permitted to proceed.

In the matters that are of particular concern to us, the mitigation of any adverse impacts relies exclusively on Rex fulfilling the testing, checking, monitoring and mitigation works it has offered in its proposal. We believe that there is a Conflict of Interests between Rex's role as Owner/Developer (responsible for Profits) and its role as Environmental Controller for the project. We believe that an Independent Professional should be responsible for Policing and Certification of Environmental matters.

If the mine proceeds under the terms and conditions outlined in the application, then we can only foresee a potential loss for our health, safety and amenity and a reduction in our property value. We request that your Department refuses approval of the Proposal.

Yours faithfully


DK Field


SJ Field

Date

Also for, PC & L Field, DR Field, DJ & SE Trueman and AM & MP Field
As Tenants in Common.