



SUBMISSION ON REX MINERALS PROPOSED HILLSIDE MINE

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To Whom It May Concern

We would like to voice our opinion on the proposed Rex Minerals proposed Hillside copper-gold mine near Ardrossan.

We are against the mine proceeding!

Having been residents of Price on the Yorke Peninsula for six years, we have partaken in the local community with the Price Golf Club and Progress Association. We have also worked and volunteered in the wider communities.

We believe that the short term gain of millions of dollars to vested interests associated with the mine is offset by the long term effects of the mining operation and that this offset will forever be borne by the residents that live within tens of kilometers of the mine. Long after the mine is gone, we will have to live with the effects. These effects range from the inevitable leaking of mine leacheates to surrounding agricultural land and pristine marine environments, to the loss forever of the agricultural land that the mine physically displaces and that mine spoil displaces, to the weathering and erosion of the spoil into surrounding areas, and dust blowing to the surrounding areas with the strong winds that are common to this area.

The jobs that will be provided really are a pittance in the scheme of things as no doubt many jobs will go to 457 visa holders and fly/drive ins from Adelaide or other places. In any event the mine life is so short that most people will just be starting families and taking on mortgages when they will lose their jobs or worry about being retrenched as the mine starts winding down in ten years. What we need here are sustainable jobs that can be taken up by local people.

We have a clean and green image here on the Peninsula. "Agriculturally rich, naturally beautiful" is how council promotes our district and the mine flies completely in the face of that concept. This district will one day be the "Gold Coast" of South Australia and we owe it to our children to pass the environment in at least as good a condition as how we found it. There are enough places to mine copper and gold that do not impact directly on local communities and the Company should have never even considered doing this here. Copper and marine life do not go well together. We have a very important Blue Crab fishery here that we can not afford to jeopardise in any way!

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We feel strongly about this and hope the relevant authorities do take our opinions into consideration.

NO MINING ON YORKE PENINSULA!



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