

2nd November, 2013

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MS GAIL GAGO

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MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD & FISHERIES



Dear Ms Gago,

RE: PROPOSED MINE IS A DANGER TO AGRICULTURE, FOOD & FISHERIES

I am a resident of Central Yorke Peninsula. There is a proposal for a Mining Licence to be granted to Rex Minerals (Hillside Mine) on Yorke Peninsula for an open cut mine 2.4km x 1.2km x 450m deep.

In my opinion the Mining Licence should not be granted for the following reasons:

Loss of sustainable farming land: Australia has less than 6% left. Yorke Peninsula is known as the "Barley Capital of the World"! The proposed mine will destroy 3000 ha of prime cropping land.

Toxic Dust Contamination – Cropping: Copper & Uranium are toxic. Dust will settle on developing and ripening grain. Will it then become unviable or a health risk?

Toxic Dust Contamination – Marine Life and Gulf Waters. The proposed mine is adjacent to Gulf St Vincent, less than 1 km away. What affect will the dust settling on the gulf waters have on marine life, sea grasses, fish, crabs etc? Will they have toxic levels or be wiped out over time?

Marine Park nearby: Ardrossan (proposed port for loading ore) has a marine park nearby. What will happen if a spill or accident takes place? It is proposed that a pipeline will take the slurry 12 km to the port, if a spill or leak occurs, the natural fall of the land will take it straight into Gulf St Vincent.

Rezoning of Land: There is a proposal to rezone nearby land from farming to mining. This is outrageous and should not go ahead.

THE RISKS ARE TOO GREAT.

The products from sustainable agriculture and fishing in our region far outweigh a short term (15 year) mining operation that has the potential to ruin our gulf waters and farming land forever.

I beg you to do what you can to make sure this mine does not go ahead. Submission deadline is 8th November, 2013.

Our Council's motto is: **Yorke Peninsula – Agriculturally Rich, Naturally Beautiful.**
Please let's keep it this way.

Yours faithfully,

Kay Klopp

