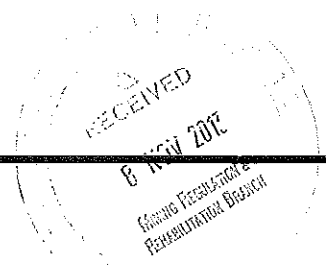


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Please find attached a submission from Primary Producers SA on the Hillside Mining Lease Proposal by Rex Minerals.

If you could send a reply email acknowledging receipt of this submission, that would be greatly appreciated - and please contact us if you have any queries.

Best regards,

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## Submission re Hillside Mining Proposal – Ardrossan

Primary Producers SA is the peak body for primary producers in South Australia. Relevant to the Ardrossan area, Grain Producers SA and Livestock SA are members of PPSA.

### **Local Engagement**

PPSA would like to stress the importance of local consultation and local opinions. The Ardrossan area has a very strong community, and many farmers and residents have spent a lifetime in the area. Their views are far more important than those of us who live elsewhere. This has been a difficult issue for many locally, and we just ask that their views, although not all consistent, are treated respectfully and given strong consideration.

### **Value of Agriculture in the Area**

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There is no doubt that this is prime farming land. The quantity and quality of the grains grown in this area are a major contributor to the local and State economy – and this value accrues annually. This should be considered in any decisions re mining and, if approved, then the impacts on this production and the producers must be minimised. Included in this is any possible impacts on food quality and safety from surrounding farms.

There needs to be a balance reached between the project needs and the long term needs of agriculture in the area.

### **Environmental**

This project will in itself have a significant environmental impact. If approved, it is vital that the impacts are strongly regulated, monitored and that compliance is enforced.

## **Triple Bottom Line**

This project has risks from economic, environmental and social aspects – and they all need careful consideration and each should be addressed satisfactorily by the proponent.

## **Farmer Rights**

This particular project will potentially impact on agricultural production more than any mining project in South Australia. Given this, the issue of farmer rights is very important. If the project is to go ahead then conditions need to reflect the potential impacts.

Issues to be addressed include:

- Proper compensation
- Consultation on proposals and conditions
- Conditions to include land access provisions
- Rehabilitation
- Dust issues
- Dispute resolution
- Enforcement in cases of non-compliance

## **Summary**

Primary Producers SA acknowledges that mining has a large role to play in S.A.'s economic future. But so has agriculture, and with projects such as this the merits of each need to be considered.

Stringent conditions, strict compliance and the respect of farmer rights are all vital if this project is to be approved.