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**Sent:** Thursday, 5 September 2019 8:46 PM  
**To:** DEM:Mining Reg Rehab  
**Subject:** Proposed gold mine at Woodside

Dear Sir/Madam

We are Adelaide Hills residents living less than 2km away from the proposed gold mine at Woodside.

We would like to express the following concerns with regard to the mine:

1. Living less than 2km away we have concerns for the noise, dust and trucks that will impact our quality of life at home. If Bird in the Hand have a concert we can hear it sat on our deck, which means we will hear the noise and rumble of the trucks from the mine whilst sat on our deck. The difference between the concerts and the mine is there are very few during the year and they finish by 10pm. In addition a medical condition within the family will be impacted by the dust.

2. **Jobs/economic gain** - The mine is short term. The Adelaide Hills economy thrives from tourism and agriculture, the potential loss of jobs in these industries - who wants to sit at a winery where you will hear the rumble of the mine (Bird-in Hand and Artwine) and what will the dust do to the vines - does not balance out for a short term gain of 5-6 years of job opportunities at the mine. What guarantees will be given that jobs will go to local Adelaide Hills residents? Please see facts below:

- Over that time, Terramin estimates a net profit of \$150m plus \$33m on wages and salaries for a total contribution of \$183m over five years.

Over the same time:

- The economic value of existing agriculture in the Inverbrackie district is forecast to be more than \$800 million in Gross State Product;
- The total employment contribution made directly and indirectly by these businesses is expected to reach 772 full time equivalents (FTE) in the Adelaide Hills and 885 FTE jobs in South Australia as a whole; and
- Capital expenditure planned by businesses in the area is forecast at approximately \$50 million

3. **Water** - Building regulations are stringent for the watershed zone, how is it therefore acceptable to dig a 500m deep hole for a 5-6 year project? The effect on immediate businesses (wineries, farmers, animals) as well as the supply of water from up to a 20m decrease/increase in the water table from the mine is of major concern.

CDM Smith Australia Pty Ltd's Assessment Report (6/11/2017) identifies properties within 600m-2km of the mine may be impacted from a drying out or water logging from the change in water table. This includes our property, what insurance and payments will be provided to owners and businesses, if the dramatic change in water table causes issues with our land and property?

The Assessment Report identifies weaknesses with the proposed method of re-injecting groundwater back into the local aquifer - what processes will be put in place to address these issues particularly injecting potentially contaminated water back into the aquifer? An aquifer used extensively within the locality, for providing both irrigation and drinking water. The majority of locals outside of the main Woodside township are not connected to any other water supply and are therefore 100% reliant on this at risk aquifer.

**Preferred Solution**

We ask that the mine does not go ahead, there is a short term gain for a much longer term loss to both the local area, businesses and home owners.

If the Government does not support the local community and goes ahead with the mine, the minimum that needs to be undertaken are:

- the weaknesses in the project need satisfactorily addressing and
- a compensation program put in place for losses to the local area, businesses and home owners where values in land/property are reduced and issues experienced due to the mines activity.

Regards

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