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Sent: Thursday, 29 August 2019 3:56 PM
To: DEM:Mining Reg Rehab
Subject: Bird in the hand mine

My name is Ron Hall. I have lived in Woodside with my wife for 17 years. I work locally in Mount Barker. I strongly oppose any mining as proposed by the mining company which wish to reopen Bird in the hand mine.

I have seen this area change from a sleepy dairy and farming area when i was in the army barracks near by, into a vibrant mecca for people from allover the world to visit our wineries and cellar doors, cheese makers, etc, and just enjoy the country air. Would the french allow mining under the Eiffle Tower, or we a rig in front of the Opera house? No, because it would be an act of such obvious stupidity it would not even be contemplated, yet we reach this stage here where we have to write in and beg your department to not act on this insanity . You already have the goose laying the golden egg for you and you want to put that at risk?!!

The government would like the money from royalties if they mine and extract gold, makes sense. But a gold mine already exists in the area, the tourist industry,which is growing and employing more all the time; which has no end date, enhances the reputation of state and country and has no risks. The implications for a mishap are unthinkable. Our water resources cannot be tested by this short term endeavour, to make a few rich.

You know the arguments against. Trucks clogging local roads, noise pollution, contamination of water resources, dust pollution.To allow this mine to go ahead would be an act of treachery to the interests of the voters of this area, and would never be forgotten. Allow it at our peril and your own.