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Woodside and the Adelaide Hills are a unique environment anywhere in the world, in the 130 years since the closure of the mine, families have used the land in and around the area in question to operate environmentally sustainable and responsible largely agricultural businesses. In recent years with the growing wine industry, 3 of the finest, award winning South Australian wineries have operated cellar doors within a few hundred metre's of the proposed Terramin mine site, to think that a mine would be allowed to open, is beyond rational thought. The existing businesses, Artwine, Petaluma and Bird in Hand Wines for example have been producing wine grapes for over 21 years and have operated a cellar door for 12 years, this is already 2-4 times longer than the proposed 5 year life of the mine.

The grapes produced on this land and wines made from them are an ideal way for this clean, green land to be used, it's sustainable and could reasonably continue in the same way for hundreds of years, as it has been used agriculturally for the last 200 years or longer. Introducing a modern mine into this mix for 5 years and damaging the environment, causing unknown damage to the water aquifer and negatively impacting the incredible work done to the tourism industry that has been developed in the region amongst so many other things, by allowing a 24hr 7 days a week operating mine, is a demonstration of short term, blind stupidity , lacking any vision for the future.

The South Australian Government under the Water Allocation Plan has legislated protection for the fractured rock aquifer that lies beneath the region. To allow anyone to blast and drill through the aquifer using untried and untested technology to reinject water underground in this situation and in this location, puts at enormous RISK the water quality, the water table and as such the wineries, agricultural enterprises and properties that use this water in the region.

The South Australian Government also, through the South Australian Tourism Commission recently released a proposal to grow the state's visitor economy by \$5.6 billion (\$5,600,000,000.00) to 12.8 billion by 2030.

<https://tourism.sa.gov.au/news-and-media/news/2019/aug/06/tourism-industry-targets-128-billion-by-2030> To reach this target, a 77% increase is required across the state, approving the Bird in Hand mine could only have a negative impact of the local tourism industry and as such employment, for a wide range of age groups and skill sets of people in the area also. As a region, Woodside and the Adelaide Hills is on the doorstep of the Adelaide metropolitan area, some may argue it's almost part of the metro area, as such it's easily accessible to residents from the metro area, approving the mine will impact the regions ability to attract visitors, local and from afar, who would want to visit a winery and listen to the constant 24hr a day barrage of noise from a mine, coming from as close as an area a couple of hundred (100) metres away.

Although not working in one of the 3 wineries previously mentioned, I have a child working in a winery based in the Adelaide Hills, their continued employment and the employment of 1,000's of other youth employed in tourist related businesses will be placed at risk and in jeopardy, if such a proposal was to receive approval. The hundred or so jobs proposed will not go close to replacing the job losses caused by the damage to the tourism industry in the Woodside region.

As a result of the mine negatively impacting the Woodside region, how will Terramin compensate

- property owners should land values in the area fall?, how will they compensate
- the local population if jobs disappear,
- businesses if tourism drops,

and repair the aquifer if damaged and compensate those affected ?

Lastly, a couple of queries from Terramin's MLA submission and Quarterly and Financial Reports.

Upon reading Terramin's latest Quarterly Report's "Forward Looking Statements" (Q2 2019), I would ask how Terramin would or should expect anyone with an interest or enquiry about Terramin's proposal or MLA to trust or have any confidence that the Bird In Hand MLA will be upheld and followed through as proposed.

Terramin's MLA submission states Terramin envisages or predicts that there will be no negative impacts on the water quality and water quantity to the families and businesses that depend on the Aquifer. Understanding that Terramin are proposing using the untested technology to do this, and that Terramin's MLA is full of disclaimers of Terramin and their consultants not taking any responsibility for their water modelling and impacts on the community, how can the community have any confidence that damage will not be caused and that Terramin will take the appropriate responsibility when required.

In Terramin's statement in the Q2 2019 quarterly report "The Bird-in-Hand Scoping Study **envisages** trucking of high grade gold bearing material from the mine site to the Angas processing facility", that Terramin only **envisages** that this will occur is alarming and goes against a significant part of the Terramin MLA proposal and demonstrates that Terramin cannot be trusted to hold to the agreements they have made. Together with Terramin's "Forward Looking Statements" not taking "*responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the material contained in this document and exclude all liability whatsoever (including in negligence) for any loss or damage caused*", I'd like Terramin to provide information and the supporting documentation to demonstrate how the directors and employees of Terramin themselves will uphold the agreements made both verbally and documented within the MLA submission and at the meetings held with various community groups.

On page 41 of Terramin Aust's 2018 FY Financial Results, Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, 2 (c) Going Concern, it states that the Group's current liabilities exceed the assets by \$19,900,000.00 as of 31st Dec 2018, and that the director's are aware additional debt or equity will need to be raised within the next 12 months to continue as a going concern. With no other investors being taken on (as per page 3 of Q2 2019 Quarterly Report), if unexpected additional costs are accrued or damage is caused to any part of the environment, neighbouring properties or businesses, through works stated or not stated in any documentation, how will Terramin resolve any issues satisfactorily. My concern comes from what would be Terramin's willingness or (potentially lack of willingness) to maintain the business as a going concern to resolve the issues, rather than taking the alternate option of walking away from the business and the issues remaining at the Bird in Hand mine site and local area. I would like Terramin to provide information and the supporting documentation to demonstrate how Terramin will take the appropriate legal and moral responsibility if such a situation was to arise.

Finally, can Terramin please explain and justify their reasoning for opposing or failing to agree with a proposal from a neighbouring winery, Bird in Hand, to build \$30 million door development on their site. As I understand all other neighbouring property owners approved and accepted the plans put forward by Bird in Hand, but Terramin would not, due to not being given enough time. Terramin were given the same time frame everyone else received and that was required by council, however it would appear that Terramin want to play by two different sets of rules. Terramin here by their own actions showed that Mining and the Wine industry working side by side are incompatible.

Keep Woodside Mine Free!

Except from Terramin Q2 2019 Quarterly Report

Forward Looking Statements

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