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Dear Sir,

**RE: Rex Minerals Hillside Copper Mine
Proposed Mining Lease
Public Comment**

I am writing to object to the proposed Hillside Mine going ahead, especially as it would affect a great area of our pristine coastline on the Yorke Peninsula.

The proposed mine is between Rogues Point (only two kilometres north); which has a population mainly consisting of families and retirees, Pine Point, (two kilometres south) which has a population of mainly retired and elderly people and Black Point, (known as 'Millionaire Row') which consists of VIP businessmen from Adelaide who have built very large, expensive holiday homes on a very beautiful and pristine beach.

However; what concerns me the most is the threat to our prime agricultural land, our food bowl for the future, as it is affecting nine farming properties of which over 2,500 hectares are needed just for overburden and a tailings dam. It would be an environmental disaster as this land could never be returned to farming again.

I have lived on our farm, which is only 800 metres away from the proposed mine, for fifty years. My late husband, Harold, was born on this farm; he was the third generation of farmers and has now passed it onto his son. My husband passed away only a couple of months ago from ill health and stress. He is the second farmer to pass away, as our neighbour (on the other side of the proposed mine) passed away from stress and ill health twelve months ago. The proposed mine is in a densely populated farming community and another two farmers are currently suffering ill health and stress.

My late husband and I built a new home on our farm twenty four years ago and planned a beautiful home with seventy feet of full-length glass windows across the front to capture the million dollar view over St. Vincent Gulf. We have a fantastic view all the way from Port Wakefield in the north, across to Adelaide and as far south as Port Vincent. We also established a beautiful one acre garden around our house which we open to the public from time to time to raise money for charities.

Therefore, as a seventy five year old woman I am very concerned with the proposed mine going ahead due to the dust, not only from the mine but also the uranium, which is of high levels and will be carried in the dust. Also of concern are the lights, noise and the high overburden which will destroy my beautiful view.

I would also like to mention that I have never received any 'Community Surveys' from Rex Minerals on their proposed mine. This also seems to be the complaint from most people in the wider community

If the Hillside mine goes ahead, it will set a bad precedence for the rest of Yorke Peninsula as 90% of it is covered by a Mining Exploration Licence.

The proposed mine would destroy my very soul, as well as my peace and tranquillity of life on my farm in my retirement years.

If necessary; I will fight it all the way, because I believe in fighting for my children, their children and our future generations.

I am not against mining on land that is not producing food, (as demonstrated in outback Australia, where the majority of large mines are situated) but I am against mining on prime agricultural land that is producing food for the future. Mining is only a short term venture, whilst farming will go on for the next 100 years and more if the Governments will look to the future of our food producing country, especially our very highly productive land here on Yorke Peninsula.

The District Council of Yorke Peninsula's slogan is:

Agriculturally Rich, Naturally Beautiful.

Yours sincerely,

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Christine Davey