

MINING ACT REVIEW

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please may I make
COMMENT ON THE MINING ACT 1971

In respect to the current ACT there are
areas that can be improved on.

1/ THE ACT NEEDS A SINGLE INDEPENDANT
NEUTRAL BODY THAT GRANTS MINING
APPROVAL WHEN ALL CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN
AGREED TO AND SIGNED OFF.

2/ THE ACT NEEDS A NEUTRAL ADMINISTRATOR
WHO CARRIES OUT COMPREHENSIVE
IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS
AND REGULATIONS TO INSURE THEY HAVE
BEEN COMPLETED CORRECTLY.
THE ADMINISTRATOR NEEDS TO BE
PROPERLY RESOURCED.

3/ THE ACT NEEDS TO DEFINE CLEARLY
AND PRECISELY ALL THE REGULATIONS AND
CONDITIONS FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.

4/ ALL REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF
THE PROGRAMS FOR ENVIRONMENT
PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION BE
PUBLISHED AND MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE
TO ALL. SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO GRANTING
MINING APPROVAL.

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5. ALL LAND IN USE FOR COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE FOOD PRODUCTION SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM MINING.

6. ANY MINING ACTIVITY THAT INTERFERES WITH OR CHANGES CURRENT GROUND OR SURFACE WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY SHOULD STOP IMMEDIATELY.

7. ALL LAND OWNERS SHOULD HAVE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO PUT THEIR CONCERNS TO THE INDEPENDANT ADMINISTRATOR OF REGULATIONS, WITH THE RIGHT OF REPLY.

8. A SEPERATE INDEPENDANT NEUTRAL OMBUDSMAN SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO HELP LAND OWNERS WHEN DISPUTES ARISE.

9. YOU MAY FEEL THE CURRENT ACT COVERS THESE AREAS. HOWEVER HISTORY HAS PROVEN THE WORKING BODIES INVOLVED ARE NOT NEUTRAL. NOR ARE THEY INDEPENDANT OF GOVERNMENT. THE REGULATIONS ARE NOT CLEARLY DEFINED, NOR ARE THEY PUBLIC. NOR ARE THEY ALWAYS CORRECTLY ENFORCED. DUE MAINLY TO A CONFLICT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST.

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10. MINING IS NORMALLY VERY SHORT TERM 10 - 40 YEARS MINES CAN NEVER BE FULLY REHABILITATED, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A VISIBAL SCAR.

WE CAN NOT EAT MONEY OR MINERALS. FOOD PRODUCTION IS LONG TERM INVESTMENT 10 - 1000 YEARS AND CAN BE PERMINATELY SUSTAINABLE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. QUALITY FOOD AND WATER IN THE WORLD IS GETTING HARDER TO PRODUCE AND FIND. AS THE SCARCITY BECOMES MORE APPARENT THE SOCIAL EFFECTS WILL DEVISTATE OUR WORLD. HISTORY WILL PROVE THIS TO BE TRUE.

YOURS SINCEERELY KEN POBKE
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