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SUBMISSION ON THE MINING ACT 1971: REVIEW

I believe that there should be NO mining on agricultural Land. This is 'Exempt' land under the Act. Agriculture and Mining CANNOT co-exist. Agriculture is sustainable and promotes the land and Mining destroys it. There should be NO open cut mines with tailings dams and waste rock piles as Mining and its infrastructure destroys agricultural land.

The Department of State Development, DSD, cannot be the Administrators and the Regulators of the Mining Act. There is a huge conflict of interest.

There must be an Independent Regulator. An Independent watchdog looking after the Environment, our Air, Water, Land, Land -owners, Farmers and food producers, Fishermen, our Oceans, and Tourism.

Farmers should have the right to farm and have their land and businesses protected. They feed the World and earn export income for the state of South Australia. A record harvest for 2016/2017. Billions of dollars benefit will flow on to many sectors of the state.

Clean Air, Water and Food are basic human rights and are essential to sustain life.

These must be protected.

Exempt Land needs to be protected.

We have been farming for many years. There needs to be much better consultation with the Landowners., and a clear and defined process is required.

The cost of the Wardens Court and Environmental, Resources & Development Court must be at Exploration and Mining Companies' expense.

The Exploration Program for Environment Protection and Rehabilitation (PEPR) must be supplied with all access forms from initial contact.

We should not be liable for any costs incurred to protect our homes, our businesses, our workplace, our retirement fund, nor to live with the threat of a lifetime's work being destroyed.

In many cases, generations' of lifetimes' stewardship is at risk of being destroyed.

I also believe that an Independent Mining Ombudsman is required and needs to be appointed.

Exploration and Mining companies must be held liable and financially penalised for contamination, impact and devaluation of land, air, waterways including underground water.

I am very concerned with the timing of this Mining Review being held, and as to why is there such a rush with the deadline.

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