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Dear Sir,

I wish to make a few points on the review of the 1971 Mining Act review. The amount of time for submissions to be received is not sufficient given how much farming and grazing has changed since the 1971 edition. The value of the clean , green produce that Agriculture gives to South Australia and Australia as a whole continues to grow . And we as farmers continue to fight to get the real value that we contribute to the country be recognized. We employ and buy from other value adding industries and keep our spending money local.

Agriculture and mining cannot co- exist when dust and potentially dirty water can contaminate our stock feed and crops. High value and high producing farming areas should be exempt from all mining activities. The modern way farming is done with minimum till for cropping and using lick feeders and hay feeders for stock has lifted the production in all areas of agriculture. What comes out of this review needs to tell me what you think is exempt land , because I live and work in Primary production and I cant see where mining can fit into this Food and Fibre producing land.

The arable area of farming is shrinking on a daily basis with the expanding towns and cities covering valuable land with houses . We need to keep as much as we have left to feed and clothe our ever increasing population . The growth in yields achieved by agriculture since 1971 has been extreme and the Mining Act has fallen behind to recognise this . Any mining on farmland completely destroys the structure of the soil and is valueless afterwards.

Living and working on a farming and grazing property is more than a business, but a way of life to love and care for the land we live on. History and heritage of a family farming business over many generations doesn't get the recognition that it should. There is no place in farming for any new mines in highly productive parts of South Australia.

I believe that an independent mining ombudsman is needed to support the farmer when approached by a mining company. To let him know all his rights and what regulations the miners need to follow. A lot of stress and worry is thrust upon the farming family when approach by a mining company. All legal costs and support needed by the farmer should be covered by the mining company or government.

I believe that the report to the government should be made public and any changes done by another 3 to 4 month consultation period before the new Mining Act becomes law. We need to get this right for all the concerned parties so we can all work in harmony. The new act needs to be easy to understand and implement . Mining has a lot of work to clean up its expired and closed mines before it can move forward and start new ventures.

Kind Regards Phillip McCracken

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