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To whom it may concern.

As 4th, 5th and 6th generation farmers we would like you to consider our concerns with the Mining Act Review.

The above mentioned Act fails to recognise the protection of Agricultural land.

Protection of Agricultural land must be paramount.

GPSA "Strongly advises that Agricultural land in South Australia should be protected from exploration and mining". The South Australian Government should provide protection for valuable agricultural land and the environment.

Yorke Peninsula is one of South Australia's prime agricultural areas. It is responsible for a substantial contribution to the states grain production and income.

"The grains industry has an export value of \$2 to \$2.5 billion annually. There are 98.4 million hectares of land within South Australia. Of this, 4.2 million hectares is used for grain production. The ability to be able to protect this land for future production is a priority for GPSA. This is evidenced by the release of the GPSA Draft Mining Policy in 2015 in which we emphasise our belief that mining and agriculture cannot co-exist and therefore we do not support mining on agricultural land. "
[http://grainproducerssa.com.au/uploads/media/Projects_and_Policy/Submissions/160202_GPSA_Submission_on_the_CEIP_\(F\).pdf](http://grainproducerssa.com.au/uploads/media/Projects_and_Policy/Submissions/160202_GPSA_Submission_on_the_CEIP_(F).pdf)

Agricultural sustainability and food security should be prioritised when considering the placement of any industrial development. By removing Section 9AA of the Mining Act, you can ensure that Agricultural land IS exempt. *"shall be exempt from mining operations in pursuance of this Act and, unless the benefit of the exemption is waived under section 9AA"*

Mining should not impact, nor compromise agricultural production and farming practises. Rather adopt mining practices on non-arable, sparsely populated areas, avoiding impact to the Agricultural industry.

We fully support the submission made to the Department of State Development, on our behalf, as members of the Yorke Peninsula Land Owners Group.

Regards

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