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I write to make a submission concerning the mining act S.A., as requested.

Reference: *The Border Watch* - Letters to the Editor 22 Feb 17 pg 8.

I am not against mining. As an (agriculture) land holder where mining is being sought, I make these comments.

All the weight is with the miner. As the land owner cannot succeed in denying mining on agricultural land, whatever the miner wants (in the end) succeeds. So the sheer disruptive and inconvenience factor is considerable to no adequate recompense.

Landholders are forced to consult a lawyer, as miners approach landholders with various beads and mirrors, and a "sign here" contract on the back of an envelope as a fair deal. Thus being forced to consult a lawyer, the land owner is not adequately recompensed by the miner, who (as mentioned above), can offer what they choose (and do) and the landowner has to then to decide whether to pursue more legal redress, at their own (considerable) expense. The out-of-pocket expenses in the initial stages are staggering, even before any contract is (hopefully mutually) concluded by consulting lawyers.

Before a mining lease is initiated/enacted an amount of money should be established by the miner, (they the miners initiate these applications; a farmer is happily farming and don't need the disruption), however, on application, such a fund should be established to fund the landowners legal fees prior to a sod being turned. This initial fund would avoid the unsolicited landowner having to put up considerable money to even talk about a contract. This is unfair and unnecessary as it is a cost the landowner cannot avoid. Further, the miners idea as to what is offered, according to the current act, is not realistic to the actual costs.

My point is that miners have control of the situation and landowners are forced to respond at their expense and at the forced disruption to their farming enterprise. After all these years of mining you would think there would be a formula for such processes, not to the detriment of the landholder.

We are in the initial stages

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