



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 February 2017 2:22 PM  
**To:** DSD:Mining Act Review  
**Subject:** Leading Practice Mining Acts Review

Dear Minister,

I am writing a to voice my concerns over the Mining Act 1971.

My family owns and operates farming land in the Yallunda Flat / Koppio Hills which is located at Sections 162, 489 & 490 Hundred of Koppio. Our family home is situated on section 162. We, Steven, myself and our son Adam are currently leasing farming land which is neighbouring a of proposed mine site.

I have attended many community consultation meeting which have been held within our district. At one meeting, Dr John Parker quoted that there is a 5.7 km radius of area that may be effected from the mining site. Our family home is within this area and we are concerned of what effect the dust that comes from this graphite mine will have upon our livelihood.

At present, our farm produces cereal crops, fat lambs and wool. Last year the wool that we produced had a yield of 73.9 % with a micron of 20.7 and in 2015 our yield was 75.2 % with a micron of 19.9. We are proud to be an Australian business that is able to produce a clean product that is exported from our country. Remember that the proposed graphite mine is across the road from where these breeding ewes graze. We are concerned about how the graphite mine/dust will contaminate our clean wool. Is the mining company going to compensate the loses that we may occur from their dust affecting the wool that we produce? Are we going to be another family that will be forced from our farm?

The water that our livestock drink comes from nature soaks, creeks and dams. I am very concerned what will happen to our underground water system if this mining company is allowed to make an open pit mine. In 2016 we received 664 mls of rainfall which became extremely wet. I am worried how this mining company is going to cope with their waste water during winter. Is this water going to leak into our natural creek systems and poison our natural vegetation and habitat?

We do not have any mains water supply to any of our properties so we rely on the rainwater that we catch on our roof tops and dams. Is this going to be contaminated by the dust produced from the graphite mine?

Productive Agriculture land has been apart of Eyre Peninsula farming for hundreds of years producing clean green products to feed our country and the rest of the world (and will continue to produce food for the next hundred years). I feel that it is UNJUST that our government can give a mining company the approval to destroy our land with a mine with a short life span.

Our wish is to be able to pass onto our grand children a parcel of productive land that has NOT been tarnished with Mining Dust. PLEASE CONSIDER OUR ENVIRONMENT AND LET THE AUSTRALIAN FARMERS CONTINUE TO PRODUCE FOOD TO FEED OUR COUNTRY.

Yours faithfully

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