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DSD via email, RE: Mining Act Review Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the discussion papers on the Mining Acts Review, and for the extension to comment to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

Nature Foundation is a fundraising not-for-profit charity. It has assisted in the protection of more than 1.1million hectares of high conservation value South Australian ecosystems in partnership with the resources sector, state and commonwealth governments, its diverse and growing membership and generous philanthropic donors. Nature Foundation continues to develop its relationships with local communities including primary producers and pastoralists, Aboriginal communities and visitors, by way of example.

Nature Foundation enjoys a positive relationship with the Department of State Development and the mining sector. For ten years, Nature Foundation has been assisting mining and petroleum companies discharge their SEB Native Vegetation legislative obligations, under the delegation of DSD.

Additionally, Nature Foundation's Witchelina and Hiltaba Nature reserves are located in the regions likely to be of great interest to the mining and resources sector. We are aware of the large Magnesite deposit on Witchelina which could be a potential mine in the future. The review is an opportunity for the Foundation to consider its position on mining not only on its nature reserves, but also across the landscape more generally.

We are encouraged by the diversity and depth of submissions to date, as this is sure to result in a wide-ranging, deep and useful conversation. At this stage of the process, Nature Foundation has no specific comment to make, and respectfully asks to be included as a stakeholder throughout. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance on any matter.

Regards,



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NFSA CEO



