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This is about priorities.

What does the public, the state government and the Treasurer Mr Koutsantonis see as the future for Yorke Peninsula and perhaps all arable land south of Goyder's line?

Traditionally the Yorke Peninsula has been Adelaide's playground -- fishing, boating, summer holidays unspoiled beaches and quaint country towns. Since the Copper boom of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century the wealth of the area has been derived from primary production -- sustainable and environmentally friendly.

Our treasurer Mr Koutsantonis sees SA becoming "the copper mining capital of the world". But at what cost? Huge holes in the ground, huge trucks lumbering to available ports on old worn out narrow roads or needing new direct wide roads to ports, to accommodate the very large trucks cutting through existing farmland. Open cut mining is cost effective but would leave the landscape in a very different state to that of the labour intensive underground mining of yesteryear. The increase in job opportunities is a fantasy -- the modern mine runs on minimal staff. In 25 years, if mining is allowed on arable land south of Goyder's line the copper will be all gone. Short term gain to the state's coffers but long term pain. Gone will be Yorke Peninsulas natural beauty and some of Australia's best cropping country raped and ruined forever ----- forever.

Please think about it and consider Mr Weatherill, Mr Koutsantonis and Judge Cole what you are proposing—a short term influx of income as opposed to a long slow steady income from primary production available to our great state for the next one thousand years and beyond.

Please find some other way to reduce South Australia's increasing debt.

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