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I am forwarding my submission on the review of the mining Act. 1971

The Mining Act 1971: Review.

The Act is presently defined as:

"An act to Regulate and control mining operations; and for other purposes".

Shouldn't this read "regulate and control all involved in mining operations." Land owners and mining operations alike.

- Why now and why such a rush?
- Mining and Agriculture CANNOT co-exist. Rehabilitation of mining operations has shown Agriculture cannot replace mining. The topsoil is destroyed.
- A precise interpretation of the mining act.
- What is exempt land? Can we find out if our land is exempt before we are approached by mining companies?
- What is the definition of exempt land?
- Better consultation with the land owner. What rights do we have?
- A clear and defined process is needed.
- The cost of the Wardens Court and Environment, Resources & Development Court to be at exploration and mining company expense.
- The exploration PEPR (Program for Environment Protection and Rehabilitation) must be supplied with all access forms from initial contact.
- It's own home and farming business, with generational ties to our heritage and future.
- The process of the act needs to be clearer and easier to understand.
- The Department of State Development, DSD, cannot be the administrators and the regulators of mining act. A huge conflict of interest.
- There must be an independent regulator for the mining act.
- We believe that an independent mining ombudsman is needed.
- DSD response document from the submissions to be available to the public before being presented to Parliament.

Working for the best outcome from the mining Act for the Agricultural industry.

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