

INFORMATION SHEET

PERSONAL IMPACT STATEMENT: HILLSIDE MINE PROJECT

WHAT ?

A Personal Impact Statement is an optional resource, which may help any individual within the community who wishes to reflect and express how the development of the project may be impacting on them personally at any stage (either in a positive way or negatively). It is a tool to capture your views, feelings and your personal experience, pose questions and to assist to identify what further information you may require or referral to others who may be able to assist.

WHY?

Hillside Mine Community Voice (HMCV) members recognise that everyone has their own story: that there are people in the community who have and may be personally impacted as a result of the development of this major new industry. That people's personal feelings, views and individual context are important considerations to be acknowledged throughout the process.

While the environmental, service and other issues, risks and benefits have been thoroughly identified during the feasibility and exploration stage of the project (environmental protection, impact on farming/tourism/roads/housing/transport/water/dust/tourism etc.), it is important that all parties are aware of, be sensitive and give consideration to the personal (especially emotional health and wellbeing) of people within the community.

The statement is one way- for individuals to sort through thoughts, feelings and ideas, to express their view point, to request information, raise questions and inform the ongoing communication strategy. Sometimes, simply writing this type of statement helps in the process of working through thoughts and ideas and to identify further questions, information, support you may need or work out next steps you wish to take. It may simply be the process of writing down the personal circumstances-which in itself assists in sorting through what is impacting on you or your family or relationships with others in the community *and* you may decide not do any more than write things down.

From writing the statement, this may help to draft any letters or request for information from the company, Department State Development (The Regulators) or from HMCV. You have the option to submit the statement to any of the stakeholders-however this is not a requirement.

HOW?

The statement template can be downloaded from the Hillside Mine Community Voice webpage on the Yorke Peninsula Council website. www.yorke.sa.gov.au

Complete the statement. If you require assistance in developing your statement, consider contacting: Rural Business Support - John Christenson, Ph: 1800 836 211

Save your statement. If you choose to submit your statement you can specify who you would like to be made aware of your circumstances or respond to the questions you raise. An authorisation form must be completed, if you wish the statement to be directed to HMCV or to other relevant parties.

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