



# Learnings on Regulatory Transparency for the South Australian Mining Sector

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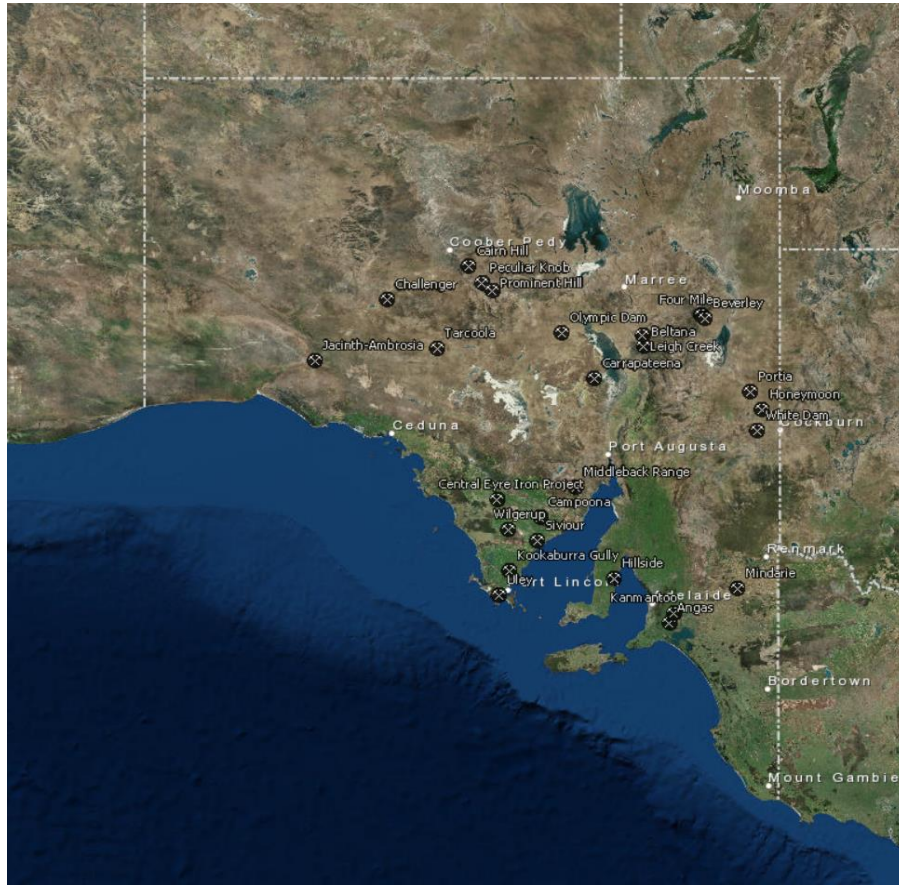
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# Learnings on Regulatory Transparency

- Transparency – even for Government is about building and establishing relationships and trust with people.

# South Australia





# OZ Minerals Carrapateena Copper Mine

160km North of Port Augusta

Semi arid rangelands



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# Yorke Peninsula Broadacre cropping

Grain and sheep  
Tourism



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# South Australia's Regulatory Tool for mining

*SA Mining Act 1971*

*Mining Regulations 2011*

- Development Approvals
- Environmental Protection
- Access to land
- Royalties

# Moving towards Transparency

## Publication via internet

- Processes and Policies
- Guidelines
- Application decisions
- Approval Conditions
- Assessment Reports
- Operational Approval Documents
- Compliance Reports

# Case studies

## Our recent journeys

### Hillside Copper Mine Yorke Peninsula

- Prime cropping and grazing land
- High level of public engagement
  - Close to local towns
  - Close to SA's capital city
  - Popular holiday destination





# Hillside Copper mine

Mining proposal put out to the public for comment

200+ public submissions received

- Decision for transparency
- Public submissions published on Dept. website
- Public meetings
- Public Assessment Report
- Publication of tenement conditions
- Long intense, resource heavy process

Significant learnings

# Central Eyre Iron Project

Broadacre cropping

6hrs drive north and west of Adelaide, SA

## Putting learnings into action

- Community engagement plan
- Visited local community - workshops
- Government website – single point of truth
  - Application status information
  - Supporting Information
- Published
  - Submissions, responses
  - Decision
  - Conditions
- Spoke with affected landowners at decision
- Followed up with community



# Freedom of Information Request

Both case study applications - no challenges to decisions received

## Freedom of Information Request

Request for information from a member of the public – not all information available to public

### *Freedom of Information Act 1991*

“Promotes openness and accountability of government agencies and thereby enhance respect for the law and further good government”

### Ombudsman’s findings on the FOI challenge:

*“Noted a significant amount of information pertaining to the project had been published electronically”*

*“Considered the objects of the FOI Act have largely been achieved by the agency publishing a large amount of material relating to the project”*

# The Future

Continuous review of our processes within the *Mining Act 1971*

- Leading practice ESIA
- Early engagement with stakeholders
- Publish more information

## Challenges

- Keeping up with community expectations
- Resourcing
- Accessibility – access to internet

## Solutions

- Keep legislation and processes up to date
- Systems focus – gain efficiency via web portals and automation to support processes
- Establish, build and maintain relationships with people



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