

AS ALWAYS THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY. HAVING READ THE SCOPING REPORT AND IN PARTICULAR THE REASONS FOR THE THE EXISTENCE OF THE PROPOSED MINE, ALLOW ME TO TELL THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY.

4.7 I SEE THAT 3 PERMENENT JOBS WILL BE CREATED. BECAUSE OF ADVERSE FARMING CONDITIONS, THE NUMBER OF FARMERS HAS DECREASED OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS AND SO HAS EMPLOYMENT. IF ONE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THAT AT LEAST 7 CHICORY, PINEAPPLE AND VEGETABLE FARMERS IN THIS AREA HAVE EITHER GIVEN UP FARMING OR CHANGED TO ANOTHER LIFESTYLE, THEN THE LOSS IN JOBS COULD BE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 250. THESE PEOPLE COULD BE EMPLOYED INSTEAD OF BENEFITING PEOPLE FROM THE BATHURST TOWNSHIP WHICH IS ABOUT 30 KM AWAY.

4.11 IT WOULD BE VERY INTERESTING TO HAVE A MEETING IN OUR COMMUNITY HALL AND FOR S.A. LIME TO EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF THIS SUB SECTION. COULD BE QUITE A HEATED DEBATE.

5.8 THIS IS IN COMPLETE CONTRADICTION TO THE REPORT UNDERTAKEN BY GAVIN ANDERSON ON BEHALF OF C E S IN THEIR WINDFARM APPLICATION ON THE SAME FARM. ANDRE HAS THE REPORT.

5.10 UNDER EMPLOYMENT PROFIE I SEE THAT AGRICULTURE IS NO LONGER A MAIN EMPLOYER. FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS LIVED IN THE AREA FOR 35 YEARS THIS IS PATENTLY OBVIOUS. WITH FEWER FARMERS TO BUY LIME AND THE EXISTING MINE CLOSED, SURELY THIS IS ENOUGH EVIDENCE IN ITSELF THAT A NEW MINE IS NOT NEEDED.

5.11 THIS PARAGRAPH REALLY NEEDS TO BE CAREFULLY EXAMINED. THE DR01949 GRAVEL ROAD WHICH THE PROPOSED MINE WILL USE IS IN A SHOCKING CONDITION. SO MUCH SO THAT UNTIL A FEW YEARS AGO THE FARMERS PAID FOR A GRADER TO MAINTAIN THE ROAD AS BISHO DID NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO DO SO ITSELF. A CAREFUL INSPECTION BY ALL PARTIES OF THIS ROAD IS NECESSARY BEFORE THIS POINT CAN BE PUT TO BED.

6.1 ROADS. WHO IS GOING TO UPGRADE THE DR01949 WHEN IT CANNOT EVEN BE MAINTAINED ?

6.2. WHERE IS THE HERITAGE I E A ?

6.3 AGAIN WHY ARE WE GOING TO UPLIFE 3 LOCAL INHABITANTS NAD NOT THE OTHER UNEMPLOYED ? NOTHING MORE THAN POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY.

7. THIS END USER PARAGRAPH IS VERY MISLEADING BECAUSE AS PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED THE FARMING SECTOR IS CONTRACTING. FARMERS SELLING TO THE STATE AND LEAVING THE FARMS FALLOW. THE PINEAPPLE INDUSTRY (THE MAIN BUYER) IS IN RAPID DECLINE. THE FRUIT IS NO LONGER CANNED BUT TURNED INTO JUICE. A FACTOR NOT MENTIONED IS THAT THIS MINE WILL PRODUCE CALCITIC LIME. THE PINEAPPLE INDUSTRY NEDS DOLOMITIC LIME WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN TRANSPORTED INTO THE AREA. THE CHICORY INDUSTRY IS IN A BAD WAY. THE STORAGE SHEDS ARE FILLED TO CAPACITY AND CHICORY SA IS UNABLE TO PAY THE PRODUCERS. THIS IS BECAUSE NESTLE IS IMPORTING CHEAP CHICORY FROM INDIA. FROM ABOUT 100 PRODUCERS A FEW YEARS AGO, APPROXIMATELY 30 ARE STILL PLANTING. MANY ONCE PRODUCTIVE UNITS HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO GAME FARMS. THE ABOVE REASON IS PARTLY WHY THE PREVIOUS LIME MINING LICENSE HOLDER DID NOT RENEW HIS LICENSE. AS FAR AS SAND SALES ARE CONCERNED, THERE ARE OTHER REGISTERED SAND PITS IN