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**To:** 'Justin & Karen Stirk'

**Subject:** RE: PROPOSED SOUTHWELL MINING

I find the fact that mining on private farm land, without having to own the land ( that is the company or individual who obtains a licence from the state-probably with bribe) entirely unacceptable. Commercial farmers in South Africa are being placed under enormous strain by the present government through their unacceptance of farming's tremendous importance to the future food security of our country, as well as job creation. Mining licences will only add to this disregard by damage to farm land, and the security of livestock and crops ( stock and crop theft will increase proportionately to foreign workers on site, who owe the farmer no allegiance)

Rural roads that Nlambe is already not able to adequately maintain, will get progressively worse. Foreign workers will further spread contagious human disease amongst a rural community that is already under stress from contact with those in surrounding towns .Heavy trucks and other mining equipment will be an added hazard on roads that are barely wide enough for the traffic that is already involved.

If mining were to take place anywhere ( the Southwell community categorically reject this taking place on our farm land), that land should be owned by those who are intent on derogating that specific area, and not encroaching on land that is privately farmed and owned.

I therefore object most strongly to this happening in Southwell

Dennis and Moira Stirk

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