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To whom it may concern,

Myself and my family have lived in Alice Springs for 23 years.

If MPSF was closed we would be unable to visit with Garry and Genny Jesser who have mined in Mintabie since 1996.

The opportunity to visit Mintabie has given insight into a township and way of life that is unique.

I find the history of the town and how the mining is done to be fascinating and would be unimpressed by the closure of Mintabie Opal field. Which would deny that opportunity to other people, both Australian and from around the world.

The opportunity to visit and witness opal mining at Mintabie has been what has drawn people into the opal mining industry.

The loss of yet another opal field in South Australia makes other fields nervous for their own futures, they could well wonder "what is the agenda of the government"

This nervousness slows investment and work in the industry.

Loss of Mintabie would create a sizable hole in the availability of quality opal to the world market.

I would not visit Mintabie if I had to stay at Marla.

Rectify the drug issue through policing, closing Mintabie will only move the drug trade to another town, in this case Marla.

Sincerely Michael Plekker

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