

For the Dept. of Energy and Mines

To the Mintabie Review Panel.

My name is Bill Hume. I came up to Mintabie from CooberPedy seven years ago to mine for opal.

I am involved with a company that is currently doing a huge cut. We expect to be finished in two years barring breakdowns.

We have already spent \$120,000 on diesel and expect to use twice as much again.

We have committed our lives, our money and our machinery to finding opal for the world.

Where does that leave us if you are going to shut the field.

I haven't got the money to move somewhere else.

You tell us to go and live in Marla but where. There is nowhere in Marla to live and I cannot afford a room in the Complex.

The best thing is for the Govt to help us work it out with APY so that we, the miners, can stay in Mintabie and keep working.



Bill Hume

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