

Dept. Energy and Mines
To the Mintabie Review

Mary Kopczynski

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Mary Kopczynski and I have a small claim on the field that is currently being worked. So, of course, if the MPSF is closed I will lose my claim.

My partners have bought equipment to mine and they will be left out of pocket if they have to leave.

If the MPSF were to close you would be destroying a working opal field and destroying the hope of a better future for me and everyone else in Mintabie.

To close the MPSF would be to deny the world of Mintabie opal which is recognised internationally as an amazing resource.

Closing the MPSF would stop a lot of people who depend on opal to run their businesses.

As it gets harder for people to live here everything will start to pull back and services will deteriorate.

Already I can see mental impacts on people who may lose their homes and businesses. As we get closer to June 2019 these impacts will hit home harder. I don't know how people will be able to handle it.

If people aren't allowed to live here it would be a big impact on the essential services for Far North SA. We would lose both the CFS and SES.

Marla is not an option at all. Marla services would be stretched beyond its' limits. The sewerage and water wouldn't take it. And there is nowhere to live in Marla. It is just not an option.

It is self-evident that without a MPSF there would be no tourism.

In my opinion the whole transition process has been immoral and indecent.

Your own Dept. research has indicated that the MPSF is still a viable field. If given the opportunity much more excellent opal can be mined for the world market.

The opportunity still exists for Mintabie, APY, Traditional Owners and the Govt. to meet and try to find a solution moving forward before any final decision is made.

We need to be able talk together if we want to live together into the future.

Mary Kopczynski

