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To whom it may concern,

Myself and my family have been mining opal at Mintabie since 1996.

If MPSF was closed this would mean a potential loss of substantial income.

I have a collection of machinery and equipment, smaller than some others, that would have to be moved and then stored at added expense.

Mintabie has some of the world's best opal. Whenever we travel to other fields people there want Mintabie opal, they can't get enough of it.

Many companies are losing money by not delivering fuel and food to Mintabie. These services have been eroded over the years by the loss of businesses in town.

Marla has not enough land available to accommodate everyone from Mintabie. Mining from Marla is not viable from the logistics of leaving equipment at Mintabie and daily transporting of smaller equipment and tools. Both vehicles and equipment would be shaken to pieces in a very short time.

I don't know why tourism has not been promoted. I have heard that permits from the police station at Marla are hard to get. Mintabie businesses have offered in the past to be sub offices for the issue of daily permits to genuine tourists.

The closure of Mintabie Township will bring an end to Mintabie opal mining for me, the regular trip from Alice Springs to Mintabie is the extent I would choose to travel and neither my knowledge of mining or my equipment would transfer to any other field.

Other things to be taken into consideration, is that there seems a lack of concern by government and little police action over the importation of drugs onto the APY lands including, through Mintabie.

Sincerely Garry Jesser