

To the Mintabie Review Panel.
Dept. of Energy and Mines

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My name is Richard Morton.

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I have lived and mined in Mintabie for over 20 years.

There is just no way I could move my machinery, home and contents if the Mintabie Opal Field is closed.

And I have nowhere to go.

I am also Unit Manager for the Mintabie SES. Our Unit covers an area from Cadney Park to the NT Border including all of the APY Lands. If Mintabie goes so does this essential service for Far North SA.

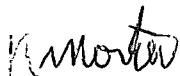
We still haven't been told anything about what will happen if Mintabie is closed. I know this though, an opal field needs an Emergency Services Unit.

I can't see why the Govt can't help Mintabie people negotiate with APY to let us stay and mine.

The MMPA already provides all of the services to run the town and can help the APY with other administration processes.

If Mintabie miners are allowed to stay then there should be nothing to stop the Field staying open.

Sincerely,



Richard Morton