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Standing up for regional South Australia by safeguarding our most productive agricultural land and groundwater.

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An elected Hurn Liberal Government will commission a fully independent vulnerability assessment into the impacts of rare earth strip mining on the Limestone Coast, within its first 100 days.

The Limestone Coast produces around one third of South Australia's agricultural exports from just two per cent of the state's land mass, through its world-class beef, dairy, forestry, wine, potato and lucerne industries.

Primary production is the backbone of South Australia's economy, supporting thousands of jobs and regional communities, and we must ensure we are not putting that vital economic contribution at risk into the future.

Local farmers, community groups and residents in the Limestone Coast have been calling on the Labor Government to investigate the impacts of rare earth strip mining on the Limestone Coast; however their calls have gone unanswered.

Only a fully independent, transparent assessment can give the community confidence that decisions about mining are based on science, not politics.

Under a Liberal Plan, we will:

- Commission a fully independent vulnerability assessment into the impacts of rare earth strip mining on soils, groundwater, ecosystems, public health, and long-term regional economic and social outcomes on the Limestone Coast.
- Place a precautionary pause on new rare-earth strip-mining licences and approvals in the Limestone Coast until the independent assessment is completed and publicly released.

Only the Liberal Party can be trusted to stand up for the interests of regional South Australia.

This is part of our plan for safer suburbs and stronger communities.