Saturday, July 11, 2020

Dear Greg,

Thank-you for giving us the opportunity to have our mining issues contribute to your presentation at the Parliamentary Meeting. We are very grateful and have no problem with you using our names.

Below are some minimal calculations and figures that you requested.
Animal losses 25 to 30 head/$2000 and ongoing until rehabilitated = $60,000.00
Time spent on Administration yearly: 36 days/$350 day = $12,600.00
Time spent checking the lease over last 18 years 1320 hours/$45 per hour = $59,400.00
(25km one way) (time only, no fuel included)

Devalue of Property:
Believe no neighbours would consider purchasing property and believe present mining situation would devalue property by $4,000,000.00.

These costs to our business don’t account for the emotion and stress we encounter which could all be avoided if the Departments did their job.

Should you require further clarification, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Regards

Cameron & Jude Hicks
Cow removed from mining pit

Cow too weak to move bogged in mining pit
Jude Hicks trying to move bogged cow in mining pit

Sites of dead carcasses in mining pit
Bogged and dead kangaroos in mining pit.

Dead cow in mining pit