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Comments: I'm Catahalas Oliveira. I'm a Human-Rights Advocate and Minister, and a teacher. I'm extremely concerned with the further development of the Hermosa mine by South 32. I'm particularly concerned about the water, air, and land pollution this mining project will do to the environment. There's much research already done on past mining projects, and despite the new advancements proposed by South 32 in containing some of the damage, there needs to be more thorough study and follow-through research to determine that the actions done in this mine, do not compromise the health of the people, animals (water and land) and the environment in the grand region surrounding Patagonia. It's time to not repeat history of harm and become more intelligent in how we explore natural minerals and metals from the Earth. Please study the impact of increased air, water and soil pollution in the area, and it's impacts specifically in the human and animal populations. All lives are interconnected, and damaging one aspect of the eco-system, creates further impact on economic, cultural, and social systems. More specifically, the creation of underground utility lines in the area, and the potential contamination to the water shed, which supplies life line to all in the region. In sum, please do a more thorough and truthful study on the impacts to water, soil, and air pollution in the area caused by the mine. Thank you