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## Opening for more ore out of Lincoln

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MORE mining companies will be able to apply to ship iron ore out of Port Lincoln, the State Government says, in a rebuff to the Eyre Peninsula fishing industry.

Lincoln Minerals chief executive John Parker said he would apply to export from Port Lincoln for his company's Gum Flat project, if the mine proved viable.

Planning approval for Centrex Metals to export from the port was granted last October, prompting a petition from 4000 against the deal. The licence stipulated the deal was only for 10 years and only from the company's Wilgerup project.

The Opposition has announced it would block any further mineral export applications.

Resources Minister Paul Holloway said the approval was a "necessary first step" to create confidence in the iron ore industry which he hoped would lead to a new, privately funded port.

Tuna baron Hagen Stehr said: "This is short-term gain for long-term loss. It will have a detrimental effect on the seafood industry."