



Graphite mining plans outlined

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LINCOLN Minerals' mining lease proposal for its Kookaburra Gully graphite mine in the Koppio Hills should be lodged later this month.

Lincoln Minerals managing director John Parker said the proposal was largely complete and being finalised by consultants Parsons Brinckerhoff.

Lincoln Minerals Australian Graphite, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lincoln Minerals, plans to submit the proposal later this month subject to final input from the community and government agencies.

Following ongoing consultation, the company is proposing to move and enlarge the waste rock dump

and tailings facility to accommodate the proposed seven-and-a-half-year mine life plus a suitable buffer, minimise impacts to farmland and reduce haulage distances.

The total area of the mine site and all associated infrastructure is still less than 250 hectares.

Groundwater surveys and modelling have been completed.

Dr Parker said Lincoln

Minerals was confident about the proposed mine, which would create opportunities for the region.

"It will be a significant new industry and development for southern Eyre Peninsula," he said.

The plans will be outlined at community drop-in sessions this week.

People can drop in to a session to talk to the project team and provide feedback at the Tumbly Bay

RSL Hall on Thursday from 5pm to 7pm with a presentation at 5.30pm, or the Yallunda Flat Showground Hall between 10am and 12 noon with a presentation at 10.30am.

For information about the sessions contact community engagement advisor Stephanie Luyks on 8405 4405 or email sluyks@pb.com.au or visit www.lincolnminerals.com.au