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Community Action Group angry

The Port Lincoln Council's decision to not oppose the exporting of iron ore has angered locals.

The council is saying it is too early to come to an informed decision about whether or not Centrex should be allowed in Port Lincoln.

Spokeswoman for the Community Action Group, Gyn Hyde says the council should take a stand.

"The councillors are not prepared to be brave enough to take that stand right now and then take the stand to the state government.

"If they are not prepared to take that stand at this stage then we will as a community and so will the fishing industry and the tourism industry.

"We have a few strategies up our sleeves but we will consolidate those efforts and make it happen because the council has not listened to the people."

Directors back on Eyre Peninsula

FREE Eyre directors Susi Tegen and Mike Wake are on the Eyre Peninsula this week visiting farmers to encourage them to invest in the FREE Eyre initiative.

Mr Wake says the majority of people he has spoken to are enthusiastic about the ideas they have presented.

"We realise that the majority of people are tied up with seeding at the moment but it has been fantastic that people are willing to stop for half an hour and have a listen to our story and give us an update and suggest who else we should be talking to."

Managing Director, Susi Tegen, says the idea of FREE Eyre is to keep the locals in control of what happens with their farms and encourages farmers and business people on Eyre Peninsula to invest.

"I think the important thing for FREE Eyre is that we would like local people to invest because it is an Eyre Peninsula business and it's an Eyre Peninsula dream.

"We would like this to be owned by people who have an interest and that is why we have such great people as Mark Riccuito and John Fitzgerald and the Wakelin boys supporting us because they believe in this region and they believe in it doing well and they believe in it thriving."

She says investing in FREE Eyre will allow farmers to make their own decisions.

"The FREE Eyre company will continue to be incubator of ideas and will develop some local solutions that will allow us to take control."

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