



'Holes' in mine story

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A COMMUNITY meeting held by Bauxite Resources Limited in Bindoon this month failed to address the concerns of the community, according to the Residents for Responsible Mining group.

Group convenor Derek Gascoine said the majority of questions from attendees were hostile to the concept of bauxite mining in the Shire. "The consensus of R4RM members present is that the meeting was a token gesture on the part of BRL," he said.

BRL managing director Dan Tenardi said the company would work towards establishing a community consultation committee to have input into their operations in the region.

He said it would also allow residents to tour its properties to see exactly what was happening on site with a minimum impact

mining program.

"We want to hear from the community face to face and work together to find solutions and correct any misconceptions," Mr Tenardi said. He said most questions were answered during the meeting, but some were taken on notice and would be answered within weeks.

Mr Gascoine said he was concerned that there was a lack of information available to the meeting, and the company's presentation "did not address the valid concerns of the community."

"Major concerns... included the sourcing of industrial water, dust and noise emissions, die-back spread, salinity, trucking frequency, road safety, road degradation and... lack of information about BRL's plans after stage two," Mr Gascoine said.