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Mr Shaun de Bruyn
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Dear Shaun,

In light of the interest expressed by Tourism Eyre Peninsula to receive as much input as possible into future development of tourism on Eyre Peninsula, I put forward the suggestion that we establish a "Hard Rock Trail" on Eyre Peninsula, in a similar vein to the recently established "Seafood and Aquaculture Trail". I can envisage that it could become part of a State – possibly even interstate – trail in the future.

A trail on Eyre Peninsula has the potential for four distinct sections in the information brochures:

- Scenic rock formations – for those who just like the views
- Geological information – for those with a greater interest in geomorphology
- Minerals and Resources – for those interested in jade, mining etc.
- Aboriginal Heritage – for those interested in seeing ochre, flints, spearheads etc., and discovering the Dreaming history associated with the rock formations.

The four areas could be incorporated into one 'trail', but allow for a variety of interests to be catered for, and therefore be more appealing to a wider range of visitors to the region. This could be achieved with appropriate symbols located on the Eyre Peninsula map, similar to the use of symbols on your excellent "Seafood and Aquaculture Trail" map. The Gawler Ranges, for example, would show all four symbols. Some of the unique features of Eyre Peninsula which could be included in such a trail are:

Scenic Rock formations	Geological locations of interest and registered Geological	Minerals/Mining	Aboriginal Heritage

	Monuments of SA		
The Bluff near Port Neill	Cape Carnot & the volcanic rocks along the east coast	Cowell jade	Gawler Ranges Aboriginal art etc.
Murphy's Haystacks	Mount Wudinna (SA Geological Monument)	Ochre deposits	
Gawler Ranges (of course)	Port Neill	Kaolin (white clay) deposits – various locations	Poondana near Minnipa

Talia Caves	Ucontitchie Hill (SA Geological Monument)	Uley Graphite Mine near Port Lincoln	
Polda Rock	Pildappa Rock (SA Geological Monument)	White sands – Port Neill and Tumby Bay in particular	
Redbanks near Arno Bay	Yarwondutta Rock (SA Geological Monument)	Granite in central EP and Calca	
Lock's Well	Tcharkulda Rock (SA Geological Monument)	Iron Ore mined for steelworks – Iron Knob	
Cliffs near Kiana	The Murrawijinie caves north of Nullabor, Koonalda and Bunaby Blowhole	Glyn Francis' gem collection at Iron Knob	
Cummings Monument Lookout	Moody Tanks near Port Neill	Iron Knob Tourist Centre for heaps of information	
The Knob and Point Gibbon near Cowell			
Caralue Bluff near Darke Peak			
Carrapee Hill Conservation Park			
Sir Joseph Banks Island Group – interesting rock formations and colourings			

It is clear that a reasonable amount of research would be required to determine the locations of the geologically important sites on Eyre Peninsula. The SA Museum will be of great assistance and I am sending a copy of this letter to the Director, Tim Flannery, for his suggestions and support. The University of Adelaide's Geology Department conducts annual field trips to Port Neill with its fourth year students and would probably

be able to help in this area. There have been preliminary plans made by the Port Neill Progress Association and the Geology Department to establish a marked walking trail around the headlands of Port Neill to highlight the unique rocks that are found there (which could ultimately be included in a Trail). There is already an existing "Mount Wudinna Geological Trail" that could be incorporated into a peninsula-wide project. Interest has also been expressed by members of the Iron Knob Progress Association.

If the interest generated by the "Seafood and Aquaculture Trail" is anything to go by, the establishment of another trail with such a contrasting theme should encourage even more people to visit the Eyre Peninsula. I believe overseas specialty tours may even be interested.

If I can be of any assistance in further developing this idea, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Liz Penfold MP

c.c. Mr Tim Flannery, Director, South Australian Museum
Mr Martin Hamilton-Smith, Shadow Minister for Tourism

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"Visioning the future for Eyre Peninsula is exciting, with many possibilities in a wide range of fields coming to fruition in 2003."

Tourism: Let's develop a mineral and/or hard rock trail similar to the seafood and aquaculture trail launched last year, taking in Cape Carnot where the oldest rocks in South Australia have been identified in Whaler's Way, Cowell jade, granite in central Eyre Peninsula and Calca, kaolin (white clay) deposits at various locations, ochre, and graphite near Port Lincoln. Limestone caves at Koonalda could be opened for tourists to visit. The white sands at Port Neill and Tumby Bay are a beachcomber's paradise.