

# Review of: "Customary Land Tenure, Mining, and the Development Question: Insights From a Transitional State"

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- **Introduction:** *The introduction effectively sets the stage for the discussion on mining, land tenure, and development in post-colonial Zimbabwe. However, it could benefit from a clearer articulation of the specific research questions guiding the study.*
- **Literature Review:** *The literature review provides a rich synthesis of existing scholarship on land tenure, livelihoods, and mining development under neoliberalism. However, it would be beneficial to provide more critical engagement with the sources cited, evaluating their methodologies, theoretical frameworks, and limitations to strengthen the analysis.*
- **Methodology:** *It is okay, as it outlines the research approach, including data collection methods and geographical focus.*
- **Conceptual Framework:** *The article effectively employs the Sustainable Livelihoods Framework (SLF) to analyze the complex dynamics of mining, land tenure, and development, which is good. However, it would be beneficial to elaborate on how specific components of the SLF (e.g., assets, capabilities) are operationalized in the study context and how they contribute to understanding the research questions.*
- **Research Findings:** *This is good as the findings shed light on the institutional framework governing mining and land tenure in Zimbabwe, highlighting significant gaps and challenges, particularly in terms of compensation for affected communities. However, the presentation of findings could be enhanced by providing more explicit connections to the theoretical frameworks and literature reviewed earlier in the article. All in all, the findings are well presented.*
- **Conclusion:** *The article would benefit from a conclusion that synthesizes key findings, discusses their implications for theory and practice, and suggests avenues for future research. Additionally, it could offer insights into potential policy recommendations or interventions to address the identified challenges in mining and land tenure governance.*
- *Overall, the article provides valuable insights into the intricate relationship between mining, land tenure, and development in Zimbabwe.*