

Wednesday 13th May 2015

The Hon. Ian Macfarlane
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

RE: Proposal to Commonwealth Government that Badja Station, Western Australia, be a location considered for a National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

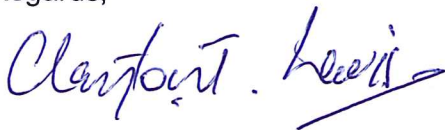
On behalf of Widi Traditional Owners, I register our strongest opposition to the suggestion recently put forward to the Commonwealth Government by Gindalbie Metals Ltd regarding the development of a 'National Radioactive Waste Management Facility' at Badja Station, south of Yalgoo, in Western Australia.

We are the Widi People, the Traditional Owners for this area. There has been no consultation with us about this proposal. The proponent has displayed an appalling level of disrespect for us as the custodians of this country. If there had been consultation, the proponent would be aware that we completely reject our ancestral land becoming a dumping ground for radioactive waste.

It is paramount that the Commonwealth Government fully comprehends that this site (Badja Station), and its surrounds, are our ancestral home. It is where we hunt and gather for bush tucker and traditional medicine, and where we maintain significant cultural heritage links that we hold close to our hearts – these links support our children and families' well-being. It is our cultural obligation and responsibility to oppose any negative impacts on our country. These ground disturbing activities should be avoided at all costs to uphold the cultural and spiritual survival of the Widi People. We are strongly opposed to uranium dump sites and mining in our country, and all over the planet, and vehemently oppose any dumping of nuclear waste in our homelands.

I reaffirm our request that you reject the nomination of Badja Station, and any other proposals for radioactive waste storage in the Widi Peoples' traditional country, and please notify us of any other proposals you are aware of that may impact on our country.

Regards,



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