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We Can't Close the Gap by Digging a Deeper Hole

The Western Australia Nuclear Free Alliance (WANFA), made up of Aboriginal Traditional Land Owners from the Pilbara, the Kimberley, the Goldfields, the Gascoyne, and the South West sends a clear message to the Australian Uranium Summit that uranium is bad for business and bad for communities.

The Indigenous Dialogue Group, a non representative group employed by the Australian Uranium Association will be attending the summit in Perth 13th – 15th April 2011, the WANFA committee, made up of Aboriginal West Australian's from every corner of the State reject any authority the Indigenous dialogue group has on this issue.

Della Rae Morrison, WANFA Chairperson says "The Indigenous dialogue group does not represent Western Australian Aboriginal people; they do not understand real opportunities for Aboriginal people. Trading off our country for short term profits and leaving behind a radioactive legacy is not real opportunities for the Aboriginal people of West Australia or communities."

"As Traditional Owner's and Custodians of the land, our job is to stop uranium from our country contaminating people and lands here and overseas and we take this job seriously", said Kado Muir, Traditional Owner of the lands around Yeelirrie.

"The nuclear industry and companies like BHP, Toro and Mega are on notice: they are not welcome and they will be opposed."

"Before any approvals of uranium mines we should have a public inquiry on this divisive and potentially devastating industry," concluded Mr. Muir.

Since the beginning of time, Aboriginal people have looked after country. Still today, with new technology, new ways and new friends, Aboriginal people continue looking after country. In Western Australia looking after country means preventing uranium mining.

We are determined to stop the poison of uranium mining in Western Australia and demand the WA government commission an open and independent public inquiry into uranium mining.