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Minister's uranium approval ignores community opposition

The Australian and West Australian Nuclear Free Alliances (ANFA and WANFA) have today condemned the State approval of the Toro Wiluna uranium mine proposal and the incomplete uranium transport plan.

Kado Muir Chairperson of WANFA said "This uranium mine will not impact on Minister Marmion, or the Directors of Toro Energy but it will impact on the communities from Wiluna right through to Adelaide and Darwin."

"As a Traditional Owner south of Wiluna I don't want uranium transported through my country. We've stood up strongly against uranium mining on our country we won't just sit back and let uranium go through our country. This industry is dangerous and unwanted."

"The Minister has ignored us time and time again. He won't ignore his friends with holiday houses in Margaret River when they say no to a coal mine. But when we say no to a uranium mine in outback WA, when we invite him out to speak with us – he's happy to ignore us" Mr Muir concluded.

Mitch Co Chair of the Australian Nuclear Free Alliance said "The science and economics of transporting uranium from WA to Darwin and Adelaide does not add up. It is not the safest or the quickest route it puts too many communities and farmlands at risk."

"If there's an accident on the Nullabor who's going to be there to clean it up? Have Toro spoken to emergency service and councils along the route? are these workers trained to deal with radiation? have they spoken to the truck drivers and grey nomads? do they even know about this proposal?"

Peter Watts, ANFA Co-Chair warned "I have a uranium mine on my country in South Australia, we've seen what it does to the country and the people, it's not right. The Environment Minister is supposed to protect the environment you just can't do that with a uranium mine we've seen firsthand that environmental protection and uranium mines can't co-exist."

"We just can't let another uranium mine open in Australia. We need to put an end to this industry now. I visited Japan this year and I saw what our uranium has done, this has gone too far and needs to be stopped."