



Media Release
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Wiluna locals unhappy on uranium plans

Wiluna locals have sent [letters to both WA Environment Minister Bill Marmion and Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke](#) inviting them both to Wiluna to discuss the proposed uranium mine by Toro Energy.

Wiluna local and senior law man Glen Cooke has been very critical of the consultation process and is now seeking consultation from the Ministers, with the support of others in the community.

Mr Cooke said "Toro Energy they only talk to a few people, always the same people. It's not right, the people from Bondini's* sometimes they don't know about meetings, or their not invited to meetings or they can't get to meetings. This is not right."

* the community closest to the proposed mine

"Marmion and Burke they will be making a big decision that will affect our community our dreaming and our health. Before they make a decision on what happens in our community, before signing away our country from many thousands of kilometers away they should come and look us in the eyes."

Kado Muir, Chairperson of the West Australia Nuclear Free Alliance and Ngalia man said "The decision by EPA to approve the mining and transport of uranium has sent a shiver of fear through Aboriginal communities in the Goldfields. Our families in Wiluna face the prospect of having their country and environment poisoned by the Toro mine, while those of us living in Leonora and Kalgoorlie can only live in fear and hope that the road trains driving through our town does not have an unfortunate accident.

"The trucking of uranium down the Goldfields highway, sneaking around the back of Kalgoorlie and scurrying out of the State to South Australia along the Eyre highway is a striking commentary on the 'not in my backyard syndrome'. Lead exports through Esperance and Fremantle demonstrated that industry and Government owned ports can't cope with Lead, how will they ever transport uranium safely, it's like playing Russian roulette with a loaded gun.

"This is an irresponsible politically motivated decision by the EPA to pander to Barnetts 'development at all costs' agenda for Western Australia.

"The EPA needs to redeem its legitimacy and hold a full public enquiry as provided for under their Act into the wider environmental and public health consequences of uranium mining in WA" Mr Muir concluded.

(the signatures on this letter are only a few of the many many people in Wiluna who are concerned about the uranium mine at Wiluna- due to bad timing and meetings).

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