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Yeelirrie traditional custodians vow to fight Cameco proposal

The West Australian Nuclear Free Alliance, an alliance of Aboriginal people across WA opposed to uranium mining, today send a warning to Cameco after the announcement of the \$430 million US sale of the Yeelirrie deposit.

Kado Muir, WANFA Chairperson said "My family and Yeelirrie traditional custodians have fought against this mine for over 40 years. Right now we are [walking as part of a celebration that Yeelirrie has never been mined](#). As a traditional custodian of the land my family will continue to fight against any uranium mine at Yeelirrie."

Mr Muir went on to say "In 2010 the Yeelirrie traditional custodians told the Central Desert Native Title service that they strongly oppose the uranium mine and should no longer engage with BHP Billiton over the uranium mine. The opposition to the mine at Yeelirrie has only grown since then."

"The WA Government and Cameco must be aware that uranium mining is a sensitive topic - the State does not have a mandate and the Company does not have a social license to operate a uranium mine in WA. Today as we walk from Yeelirrie to Leonora we carry the message across the world that uranium mining is not welcome in our home."

Richard Evans Koara elder said "Cameco never contacted the original people, the first people of this land about Yeelirrie. They need to consult the 'Wati Lore and Culture Association' about all of this, about the whole area."

"Yeelirrie in my language mean place of death. Yeelirrie was a no go zone for my tribal people. I am happy that while the uranium is in the ground it is safe, I'm concerned what it's going to do when it comes out of the ground. Now if it's going to start affecting people in another country, destroying their lives, like at Fukushima, I'm concerned about that, because it's my mother earth could be doing that, (that makes my mother a killer)."