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Calls for Labor to send uranium miners packing

The West Australia Nuclear Free Alliance today welcomes the election of a WA Labor Government and looks forward to ending the threat of uranium mining in the state. Communities in the Goldfields and Pilbara have struggled with the threat of uranium mining for the last 8 years and are relieved that the end is in sight.

"The Labor party policy is really clear, not only does it reject uranium mining but the party's policy also supports Traditional Owners rights to say no to mining. We look forward to working with Labor to implement these policies" Kado Muir, West Australia Nuclear Free Alliance chairperson said.

"None of the four projects in WA have final approvals to mine, they don't have a social license to operate and none of them are under construction. In the lead up to the election Mark McGowan was clear that projects that don't have final approval would not be allowed to go ahead. None of these projects have final approval and we look forward to a formal announcement from the Labor Government that none of these projects will proceed under Labor."

Vicky McCabe Co-Chair of the Australia Nuclear Free Alliance said "There is a great feeling of relief to my family who have fought against the Yeelirrie uranium mine for over 40 years, and no doubt is good news for other families in the Goldfields and Pilbara. Uranium mining is different to other mines I don't want a toxic legacy here for my grandchildren. Uranium is the new asbestos."

"My message to Labor is don't let this happen to our country - it's time to deliver on your promises, keep WA nuclear free and reinstate the ban on uranium mining."