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Solidarity statement from WANFA to the people of Japan

The Western Australia Nuclear Free Alliance (WANFA), made up of Australian Aboriginal Traditional Land Owners and their allies, met from 2-4 April 2011 on Nyoongar lands near Perth.

The nuclear disaster unfolding in Fukushima Japan was constantly in our thoughts. We wish to express our profound sympathy for the people of Japan at this time.

We express also our profound regret that Australian uranium bought by TEPCO could be what is contaminating your sea, your water, your food chain and your gene pool.

We cannot stop earthquakes and tsunamis. We can – and we must – stop nuclear dangers.

We pledge to redouble our efforts to ensure that uranium from our state of Western Australia never inflicts the terrible damage you are now experiencing.

We are determined to stop Australian uranium being exported. Uranium mining causes environmental and cultural damage in Australia, and can lead to long-term damage overseas.

On a good day Australian uranium becomes radioactive waste. On a bad day it becomes fallout.

We pledge to work together to promote and build safe renewable energy power stations, as we work to close the uranium mines in Australia and help in your efforts to close nuclear power stations in Japan.

Members of our Alliance, including its Chairperson Della Rae Morrison recently travelled to Tokyo, Hiroshima, Osaka and Yokohama making allies, friends and links between our countries.

WANFA wants to strengthen these links through solidarity, joint efforts and future exchanges.

WANFA urges Japan to follow in Germany's footsteps to shut down the nuclear power plants. It's not too late.

Our countries are linked by the ocean, our peoples are linked by a history of surviving the impact of nuclear explosions, and we are linked through a shared hope for a nuclear free future.

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