

## Matthew DiMaggio - Submission Details for company The Wilderness Society Newcastle ( org\_object)

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 NSW Planning,

The Wilderness Society is completely opposed to this mining proposal.

The Wilderness Society (TWS) believes:

- \* That uranium mining encourages an unsafe nuclear fuel cycle, that is both ecologically unsustainable and a threat to human health.
- \* That, despite the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and associated treaties, there is a continuing link between the nuclear energy industry and nuclear weapons development and proliferation.
- \* That effective long-term nuclear waste storage processes or facilities do not exist.
- \* That nuclear energy is not an answer to the enhanced greenhouse effect.

TWS opposes the development of uranium mines in all areas of high conservation value, whether currently legally protected or not.

TWS opposes the development in Australia of any further uranium deposits.

TWS supports greater scientific research of the effects of both removal of surface and groundwater for use in uranium mining activities, and the contamination of surface and groundwater supplies by current mining operations. In this respect, TWS urges the use of the precautionary principle.

TWS opposes the continued profligate use of slowly-renewable water from the Great Artesian Basin for current uranium mining ventures in the absence of both adequate scientific knowledge of the ecological and hydrological effects of such high water use, and the calculation and full financial cost-recovery (including environmental opportunity cost) for water so used.

Key points of objection to the Dubbo Zirconia Project:

1. The radioactive materials associated with the project are of major concern. Toongi has the largest deposit of uranium in NSW.
2. The project will disturb 170 ha including three endangered ecological communities.

3. The management of tailings and waste water leachate is high risk. The need for an annual water use of 4,000 million litres of water per year is significant. The possible impacts on the health of Wambangalang Creek and Macquarie River are high.

4. TWS is not satisfied that the Aboriginal traditional owners have been included in the decision or the cultural heritage impacts, that span further than the sites in the exact vicinity of the mine footprint. Traditional Owners must be provided with full and comprehensive information concerning the full environmental consequences of such activities relating to their land and resources.

5. Impacts on groundwater have not been clearly identified.

6. The impacts of the proposed pipeline and powerline have not been included in the impact assessment.

7. Gibb's economic assessment of the net benefits of the Dubbo Zirconia project are based on qualitative speculation rather than socio-economic analysis compliant with NSW government guidelines. This must be resubmitted.

Yours Sincerely,

Naomi Hogan

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Submission for Job: #5251 Dubbo Zirconia Project

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Site: #2675 Dubbo Zirconia Mine; Toongi Road, Toongi

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