

## Ten Reasons Why Jabiluka Should Not be Mined

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 The Mirrar people, Aboriginal traditional owners of the area, are unequivocally opposed to the project.

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- A number of dangerous sacred sites would be disturbed by any exploration and mining in the Jabiluka area.
- The Mirrar organisation, Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation, is challenging the validity of the Jabiluka Mineral Lease in the Federal Court.
- The 1982 Pancontinental/Northern Land Council Agreement to mine at Jabiluka was obtained only by coercing the Mirrar traditional owners. The agreement does not enjoy the confidence or support of traditional owners.
- The ERA preferred 1997 proposal and ERA's fallback proposal are fundamentally different to the 1982 agreement and are likely to be legally challenged as not being subject to the 1982 agreement. This is a new proposal and should be fully reviewed.
- The social and economic problems facing the Aboriginal community in the Kakadu region are complex and ongoing. The recent Kakadu Regional Social Impact Study has found there has not been any net economic gain for Aboriginal people in the region from uranium mining.
- 7. The Jabiluka mine would have a significant and long-term impact on the cultural and natural world heritage values of Kakadu National Park. The Ranger/Jabiluka project areas would be a uranium development province within Kakadu for an additional quarter of a century.
- Mining operations at Jabiluka would result in the creation of an additional 20 million tonnes of radioactive tailings which will eventually seep and erode into Kakadu and contaminate the natural resources of the Mirrar people. These tailings retain almost all their radioactivity for hundreds of thousands of years.
- Ranger has been plagued with significant water management problems since the mine began and regularly releases contaminated water into Kakadu against the wishes of Aboriginal people - Jabiluka adds to the problem.
- The Jabiluka ore-body is a worker health and safety hazard due to its high radioactivity. Proposals by ERA to address this are not international best practice and are insufficient to ensure worker health and safety.

## JABILUKA BLOCKADE

## **NEEDS YOU NOW!**

are arriving. A blockade of mining giant North Ltd is currently underway at 476 St Kilds Rd Melbourne. North is the company behind the controversial Jabiluka uranium mine development The blockade has successfully caused significant disruption to North's deadly "business as uspal" - however we atill need more people there to make it solid, especially in the mornings between 6.00 and 9.00 am when North employees

We need your presence on Wednesday and Thursday mornings - if we get sufficient numbers then we will be able to shut North down completely We know it's tough getting up in the middle of the right for a protest - but we can offer you breakfast and comradeship. So rise early, and Join us in taking a stand against Jabiluka

It Isn't all protesting down at the blockade - we're also holding a "festival for justice" with speakers, workshops and film screenings every day and night. Highlights over the next couple of days include: - Jabiluka Action Group meeting 6pm Tuesday · A women's breakfast out the front on Wednesday morning Screening of films including Stonewall, Global Insights and direct action footage from around the world · Free Bands all day Thursday from 1pm including Musiki Manjaro, Dead Heart and Lothlorien

Come down to

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(24 hours a day till Thursday night)

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