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FROM RAW MATERIALS TO WAR MATERIALS

Today ANAWA, along with many other concerned groups and local citizens join FANG (Fremantle Anti-Nuclear Group) in defending **Fremantle's Nuclear Free Zone**. The peaceful action will oppose the presence of the **nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS George Washington** at Fremantle Docks E Sheds at 10.00am.

The Anti-Nuclear Alliance of W.A. highlights the link between proposed uranium mines opening up in W.A. with a possible end result - nuclear weapons production by client states.

“As Western Australians we should be concerned about the possibility of our raw material, uranium, ending up as war material, in nuclear weapons. We must protest the presence of these warships in our harbor because they represent the worst aspect of the nuclear chain – the capacity to launch nuclear weapons,” stated ANAWA spokesperson, Kate Vallentine.

Currently Australia exports uranium to the United States. Fortunately, Western Australia is not engaged in such contracts at the moment, but if the Barnett Government has its way, we will be.

There is no way that anyone can prove that Australian uranium does not end up in our clients' nuclear weapons programmes, despite international safeguards.

“How can we take the risk of our uranium being used to make the most deadly weapons on the face of the planet? We don't need to be part of this dangerous business,” concluded Miss Vallentine.

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Ban Uranium Mining  **Permanently**