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BHP's bet not worth the gamble

The Anti-Nuclear Alliance of W.A. is steadfast in its opposition to any uranium mining in Western Australia in the face of BHP Billiton's push to open the Yeelirrie deposit by 2014. BHP is using money and jobs to gloss over the very real and dangerous long term effects of uranium mining.

"In these challenging economic times we can't sacrifice our health or the health of subsequent generations for the sake of a few quick dollars. You can't have uranium mining without causing an unmanageable and sickly problem for hundreds of thousands of years. It's just not worth the gamble" said Kate Vallentine, spokesperson for the Anti-Nuclear Alliance of W.A.

While the Barnett government is keen to promote any kind of mining at any cost, so many questions remain unanswered about the highly controversial mining of uranium, which everyone knows is in a different category from any other mining, because of the radioactivity involved, and potentially released, at all stages of the process.

"Let's not forget that the minority Barnett government is going against the tide of public opinion on this issue. Most Western Australians do not support pressing ahead with this dirty, dangerous and unnecessary mining process." Kate Vallentine concluded

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