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The Anti-Nuclear Alliance of W.A. is watching closely the pathways of prospective uranium miners in this state as both Toro Energy and Mega Uranium release their scoping documents for projects at Wiluna and Leinster, respectively.

“It appears that the race is on between BHP Billiton, Toro & Mega to be first cab off the rank in W.A., but it is still a long way from scoping documents to dirty mines, “ said ANAWA chairperson, Jo Vallentine.

“None of the issues of concern to the community have been addressed by either the government, regulators or companies, which relate to water usage, waste storage, and transport via Kalgoorlie to either Adelaide or Darwin.

“Even the Minister for Mines, Norman Moore, is on record expressing concern about the transport route going right through the town of Kalgoorlie, and the local Mayor has said he does not favour Kalgoorlie being the transport hub for yellowcake.

“Toxic materials pose risks to the community, risks which in this case, are totally unnecessary. The world is not experiencing a nuclear renaissance as the nuclear industry would have us believe. There are in fact less nuclear reactors operating each year, as ageing reactors are shut down and new ones face huge cost blowouts and delays in construction.

“These companies are trying to exploit Western Australia’s huge reserves of uranium before the door is shut firmly in their faces by global public pressure demanding safer ways of making energy.

“In their quest for quick sales of dangerous materials, they risk contaminating the land, and causing yet another layer of dispossession to the indigenous people of this country, who have already suffered greatly at the hands of the nuclear industry. They also make available Australian uranium for use in so-called “depleted” uranium weapons which leave a dreadful radioactive legacy.

“We will continue to strenuously resist uranium mining companies’ attempts to get established in this state, “ Jo Vallentine concluded.

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