



## **MEDIA RELEASE** **Friday 5th June 2009**

### **BUMP is Born on World Environment Day!**

**The Anti-Nuclear Alliance of Western Australia (ANAWA) is today launching the Ban Uranium Mining Permanently (BUMP) Campaign today outside Parliament House at 11am.**

This launch comes at an opportune moment being World Environment Day and hot on the heels of BHP's announcement of their intention to mine the Yeelirrie uranium deposit.

"We are launching the BUMP Campaign on World Environment Day to bring attention to uranium mining as a very serious environmental issue. From the mining to the milling and transportation – radioactive particles and gases would be released into the atmosphere, exposing the environment and anything within it, including humans, to radiation," said Kate Vallentine, BUMP spokesperson.

ANAWA is an umbrella group that represents 12 environmental and community organizations that are working on nuclear issues. Today representatives from some of these groups and MP's who are speaking out on the issue of Uranium Mining in WA will be at the launch in support of the BUMP Campaign, including the Hon. Dr Sally Talbot MLC, Shadow Minister for Environment, Lands, Youth; Hon Giz Watson MLC (North Metropolitan); Peter Robertson - The Wilderness Society WA State Coordinator and Natalie Lowrey WA Uranium Free Advocate - Conservation Council of Western Australia.

"Despite all the hype, the Barnett government does not have a mandate to mine uranium in Western Australia. This minority government needs to understand that more people in WA oppose uranium mining than support it. The public has the right to be heard," Miss Vallentine concluded.

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