

Media Release

Mining on Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary

‘Seeking a Balance’ - 2 Weeks Only for Public Comment

http://www.arkaroola.com.au/documents/FINAL_90507_Northern_Flindersv11_WEB.pdf

Following the publication of the SA Government Proposal *Seeking a Balance – Conservation and resource use in the Northern Flinders Ranges*, Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary fears it is now under greater threat from mining than previously.

The proposal claims to be about balancing conservation with resource development in the northern Flinders Ranges. Ironically it appears to deliver much more for mineral explorers and miners at the expense of the environment and ecotourism.

The document proposes a set of inconsistent and incompatible management policies and access zones which will be the basis of decisions concerning access to exploration and mining in the future.

Until mining of any description can be achieved sensitively, without any surface impacts, we believe it has absolutely no place in the Arkaroola mountain landscape.

With just two weeks left for submissions, we ask journalists to put the spotlight on this proposal, which is untenable in its current form, and to encourage your audience to act now, before it is too late.

Our Special Edition of our E-newsletter, *From the ARK* is attached. For more information on this important issue please see <http://www.savearkaroola.com.au>

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