



PERTH INDYMEDIA

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Independent Media Center

Perth indymedia is a collective of media makers and trouble makers dedicated to breaking the deadlock of the mainstream media on peoples minds.

We are apart of Indymedia, a collective of independent media organizations and hundreds of journalists offering grassroots, non-corporate coverage. Indymedia is a democratic media outlet for the creation of radical, accurate, and passionate tellings of truth.

We work out of a love and inspiration for people to who continue to work for a better world, despite corporate media's distortions and unwillingness to cover the efforts to free humanity and the earth.

The goal of indymedia is free speech through open and democratic creation and sharing of information. The IMC movement started with coverage of the N30 WTO protests in Seattle. It played a huge role in getting accurate, up-to-date information out from behind the corporate media curtain, and worked so well in Seattle that indymedia centers have become a vital part of radical movements worldwide. At every major demonstration and in many areas around the globe, IMCs provide frontlines coverage of issues and events that continue to be ignored by the mainstream corporate media.

"DON'T HATE THE MEDIA, BECOME THE MEDIA!"



Housing protests set Cape Town ablaze

Housing protests in Gugulethu and Khayelitsha set Cape Town ablaze today (Monday 23 May 2005) as residents burned tires in Landsdowne Road, Khayelitsha as well as Gugulethu. In Gugs, the whole of NY1, the township thoroughfare, was blockaded every 100 metres with piles of burning tires. Residents were expressing anger at the lack of service delivery in terms of houses as well as water and electricity for informal settlements.

These protests follow similar actions over recent weeks in Port Elizabeth, and have been further inflamed by the "N2 Gateway" housing project that plans to build 16 000 houses in Cape Town in the coming years. Long time shack dwellers and backyard residents are incensed that residents of shacks that burned down in the Joe Slovo informal settlement in Langa are going to be housed before people who waited for housing much longer than them.

The surface story of rivalry over a waiting list, however, hides a much deeper vein of anger that comes from grievances that today, 10 years after the first democratic elections in South Africa, people still have to be exploited by backyard-landlords, walk kilometers for water even in the cities and shit in a hole in the ground (or a bucket).

Town 2 residents graphically illustrated their discontent today when they dumped the excrement from their buckets in the house of Ward Councillor Phakamile Kula. Burning barricades of tyres were met with force by the South African Police Services and City Police, with 15 residents being arrested.

Similar force was used to disperse any sign of residents gathering in Gugulethu. A group of visiting journalists who were greeted with stun grenades fired by SAPS when a crowd gathered around them (one journalist was hit in the leg). This violent reaction did little to stem the protest, whose amorphous nature can maybe be summed up by the fact that 'the committee' co-ordinating the mounds of burning tyres and rubbish as yet doesn't have a name. As an organization, though, it has undergone a baptism of fire, first organizing a protest that aspired to block one of Cape Town's major highways, the N2, and now facing the protest of 20 comrades arrested, another at least 20 injured, and a township that feels like a warzone.

Full article: <http://www.indymedia.org/en/2005/05/116077.shtml>

Photos here: <http://southafrica.indymedia.org/news/2005/05/8255.php>

WA Mining Industry Boss Urges Yellowcake Mining Rethink



Nuclear Watch: Western Australia's mining industry says it is "philosophically wrong" to place a blanket ban on uranium mining. The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of WA says the price for the mineral is at an all-time high and it is in demand throughout the world.

WA has two uranium reserves, one in the Northern Goldfields and another in the East Kimberley. Western Australia is the last frontier for the nuclear industry - no uranium mines have ever gone into full production in Western Australia. The people of WA

express their anti-nuclear feelings in a variety of ways. From moves in state parliament, support for mine blockades, Nuclear Free Zone declarations to street theatre, the movement for a nuclear free future has a strong base in the local community. Uranium is found right across WA, from the Kimberley region of the far north-west down to the Goldfields east of Kalgoorlie. The heaviest concentrations are found around the large Yeelirrie deposit in the mid-west, and it is here that many of WA's most advanced proposals are found...

Whilst the State Government banned the mining of uranium in 2002, the Chamber chief executive Tim Shanahan says the issue needs to be brought to the attention of the general public.

"Western Australia's very prospective for uranium, there are a whole range of issues that surround uranium and its application for nuclear power - how that interacts with greenhouse gas emissions and various other advantages that might come from nuclear power generation is something the broader community needs to discuss," he said. A spokeswoman for State Development Minister Alan Carpenter has previously said that under a Gallop Government there will be no uranium mining in WA.

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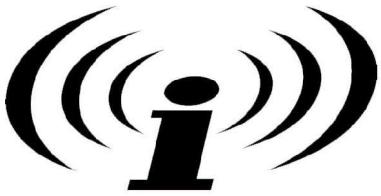
Where the parties stand:

<http://www.mp.wa.gov.au/rchapple/news/2005/partypositionsonnukes.html>

Mining ban philosophically wrong:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200505/s1373075.htm>

ANAWA Maps: <http://www.anawa.org.au/galleries/maps.html>



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Indymedia Arts Wire

Denying Reasonable Existence

BY ARMED POET

Good evening and thankyou for the convenience.
Weight of trinity in the divine adolescent pool of wonder.
So you should escape the barbed wire silence.
Reign down clarity, for whose world do thy plunder?

Debrief a nation that has not stopped.
Convalescent priest creates a flux.
Ran through nonsense to come to point.
Neither you nor I have known our luck.

Reefer grin standing with a celibate twin.
Noun of excellence becoming sound of decadence.
Moist connection, drive shaft feels broken.
Facial recognition, she was alone in a forgotten sentence.

Your solace ego formed a welfare state of fraud .
Signed up for subversive behaviour next to you .
A kiss to whisper poems of my revolution.
Not yet removing myself, we shall see it through.

Before the marching band gets bored.
Clash and bang the wheels of time.
Pen drew blood, counting sheep, the score.
Pardon the fierce diplomacy but words rhyme.

Better, the skills of grace and will.
Advertising sacrifices to your kingdom.
Uneducated Freudian fraud finds sex.
Socratic talent to ask and convince in question.

Within the party they sanctioned murder.
Optimism is the opiate of the people.
Try as you might, hearing noise you recognise.
The sight of more momentary cog denial.

