

# WORRIED ABOUT URANIUM?

**YES!**

So are most Australians according to a recent Morgan Gallup Poll. And we aren't alone. Millions of people all over the world are saying they don't want uranium or nuclear power. They say the dangers are too great and there are much safer ways of providing energy.

**Fraser has tried to pretend the issue has been settled**

The Liberal/National Country Party coalition government has made an undemocratic decision by allowing mining to go ahead without adequate public discussion. They have ignored the public's concern and tried to discourage public debate, by using intimidation methods e.g. secret dossiers on anti-uranium protesters.

**The Labor Party and the Democrats at least favour a moratorium**

This allows some time for people to consider the risks and hazards involved in uranium mining and nuclear power, and to reach an informed decision in due course.

A vote for the Liberal/National Country Party coalition on December 10 is likely to be interpreted by them as a "go ahead" for their reckless policy.

## **BUT THE ELECTION CANNOT SETTLE THE ISSUE**

\* BECAUSE there has not been time for most people to become informed on this issue, which poses questions vital to the future of our society

\* BECAUSE none of the major parties has yet reached a uranium policy acceptable to the hundreds of thousands of people who want uranium kept in the ground.



**Whichever Party wins this election, the fight against uranium mining will go on.**

**The Movement Against Uranium Mining is determined to continue the fight until a total ban has been achieved!**

**JOIN US! (see overleaf)**

# WHY ARE PEOPLE WORRIED?

The FOX REPORT (a government inquiry into uranium mining) and government reports from the United States and Britain on nuclear power tell us that:

**1. Exposure to plutonium and other deadly radioactive wastes from nuclear power reactors can cause cancer, leukaemia and birth deformities.**

**2. There is at present no safe method of disposing of high-level radioactive wastes.** Because the wastes will remain highly dangerous for more than ¼ million years, we are knowingly passing on a deadly pollution problem to all future generations.

**3. Nuclear Power stations are not safe from human error, bombing or earthquake.** Several small-scale accidents have already happened. A major accident or earthquake would cause death and devastation on a massive scale. The bombing of a nuclear power reactor would have 'unthinkable consequences' according to the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

**4. Uranium mining and nuclear power contribute to the proliferation of nuclear weapons.** Ten kilograms of plutonium will make a bomb large enough to destroy a city. Once our uranium has been exported, there is NO WAY of ensuring that it cannot be diverted to making nuclear bombs for

warfare or terrorist attack. Safeguards only provide "an illusion of protection".

**5. The Nuclear Power industry is a threat to freedom throughout the world.**

Because of the tremendous risks involved, growth of the nuclear power industry (including uranium mining) must lead to increasing restrictions to civil liberties and to oppressive social controls. That way leads inevitably to a police state.

**6. Who would benefit from uranium mining?** NOT the Aboriginal people of Arnhem Land – their tribal land and way of life would be destroyed by the mining. NOT the unemployed – uranium mining would create very few new jobs. NOT the people of Australia generally – the economic benefits to us would be minimal. NOT the future generations who would live (and die) under all the threats and hazards created by the nuclear power industry.

**7. Our uranium is not needed to help solve the world's energy problems.** Only solar and other forms of renewable energy, together with energy conservation, can do that. Alternative energy sources are available NOW!

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP KEEP URANIUM IN THE GROUND

- JOIN US! Contact MAUM for information on MAUM local, workplace and campus groups near you.
- Help distribute information; leaflets, stickers and badges etc.
- Use every opportunity to stimulate involvement and debate on the issue.
- Help raise funds or make a donation.
- Organise film showings or discussions at your workplace or in any community organisation. MAUM can supply speakers and films.
- If you have any spare time or skills, let us know! We rely on voluntary help.

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Home phone ..... Work phone .....

- I would like to join MAUM and enclose \$10  
(or \$2 for pensioners, students and unemployed)
- I enclose a donation of \$ .....
- I would like more information about uranium mining & nuclear power

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