

There are a lot of factors on our side in the campaign against the Jabiluka uranium mine.

For starters, there's the absolute determination of the Mirrar Aboriginal people to stop the mine, as part of their fight for survival. The opposition of the Mirrar to the mine is more than just a political and moral obstacle for the company; it is also proving to be a massive financial obstacle to the Jabiluka project proceeding. This is because Energy Resources Australia (owned by North Limited) wants to dig up uranium at Jabiluka, and truck it to their existing processing mill at the Ranger uranium mine. The Mirrar people have refused permission for this to happen (one of the few things about the project they have the legal right to say "no" to). As a result, ERA has to build a new mill at Jabiluka. This is set to cost the company over \$150 million – more than doubling the cost of the project.

This is especially a problem for the company, because the world uranium market is in a deep slump. According to the world's peak uranium industry group (the London-based Uranium Institute), supply will exceed demand for the next decade or more.

These factors, combined with the ongoing national and international campaign against Jabiluka, have forced down the share price of North and ERA. Late last year,

ERA's shares

were described as one of the year's "dog" stocks.

In short, the company is

the already in serious trouble on the Jabiluka project. The Mirrar people aren't going to drop their opposition, the world uranium market isn't getting any better in the near future, and the company is facing a concerted, public campaign of opposition.

By coming to this rally, you've already joined the movement against the Jabiluka uranium mine. In this broadsheet, the Jabiluka Action Group tells you about a couple of other things you can do to shut the Jabiluka mine once and for all. The Jabiluka Action Group calls on all who oppose the mine to join our blockade of North Ltd. Starting from overnight on Sunday, North's headquarters will be surrounded by a 24-hour peaceful assembly of protesters until about 10pm on Thursday 1 April. We'd like to see you down there any time you can make it – certainly Monday morning is the

most crucial time. If we can shut North down then, we have a good chance of shutting them down for the rest of the week.

Don't feel as though you have to be in the frontline to be part of the blockade – your presence as a supporter or witness to the action is just as important. If you can't

make it down, join the virtual blockade of North or fax us a message of support - details inside.

North paid \$24,000 this week for a

in '99!

full page ad in the Herald Sun denouncing our action. We don't have anywhere near those sorts of funds or influence in the media – what we do have is the strength of our convictions and the knowledge that **we are part of the majority of Australians who do not want the Jabiluka mine to proceed.**



Green Room (Dave Steel)
Greg Arnold's Bicycle
Iana Atkinson
Brojga Boys
... and possible surprise guests

Speakers and events planned for Palm Sunday rally:

Chair of proceedings: **Dave Sweeney**, Anti-uranium campaigner, Australian Conservation Foundation

At the state library:

Speakers: Annette Xiberras, Wurundjeri people (traditional owners of Melbourne), **Bishop Michael Challen**, Anglican Church, **Dr Allan Roberts**, Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Monash University, **Greg Combat**, Assistant Secretary ACTU.

At the festival after the rally in Tom's Reserve (diagonally opposite National Gallery of Victoria on St Kilda Rd):

Speakers (interspersed with bands): **Monica Morgan**, Yorta Yorta people, **Fiona Hallam**, Jabiluka Action Group, **Senator Lynn Allison**, Australian Democrats, **Daniel Wronoff**, Anti-uranium spokesperson, **Friends of the Earth** (speaking about the proposed radioactive waste dump at Billa Kalina, SA), plus others.

Bands (from 3.30 – 10.30):

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Dead Heats
Paul Hester's Largest Living Things
Deborah Conway and the City of Women

After the rally and into the evening:

The Jabiluka Action Group (JAG) invites everyone to stick around, or to come back later, to help us establish the blockade of North Ltd overnight. When the bands finish at around 10.30, the first blockade meeting of the week will convene in the park. From there, we will march down to North Ltd at 476 St Kilda Rd.

Come down to **overnight activities** which could include a talent quest – "JAG Unplugged" – we invite anyone with a guitar, a voice, a performance of any kind to entertain and inspire blockaders overnight. We'll have fires, and will need your help to set up marquees etc and get us started.

Blockade of NORTH LTD

MARCH 28 — APRIL 1 1999

476 St Kilda Rd Melbourne

The most ambitious act of civil disobedience against the Jabiluka mine that's happened in Melbourne: a chance to learn, to meet people, to make a bit of history; the Herald Sun has already denounced it as "a fun, big demo"; and it's part of a struggle that we all have a stake in winning.

Community Radio 3CR (855AM) will cover the Palm Sunday rally live, 1:30pm to 2:00pm.
Monday Breakfast show will be covering the blockade live on the spot — tune in if you can't make it down.
TUNE in every day at 7:50am and 3:50pm for updates live from the blockade.

Stop Jabiluka

Help to run the blockade: Circumstances permitting, we will have regular blockade meetings at around 9am each day or as required. **Working groups** (including food, camp logistics, and publicity) will invite all to participate in the practical work of this major act of civil disobedience.

All people welcome at all times — the themes are only a guide to the activities. **Please note: no drugs, no illicit drugs.**



After the **Palm Sunday Rally and Festival** ends around 10.30 we will move on to North's headquarters to establish the **blockade**

overnight . . . BYO sleeping bag! (your own bowl and spoon could be useful too . . .)

Messages of support should be faxed to (03) 9416 2081. Don't forget to call talkback radio and the press to get our message out about why we're blocking to stop Jabiluka!



why blockade?

- The Jabiluka uranium mine (owned by North Ltd's ERA) has led to Aboriginal people being arrested as "trespassers" on their own land.
- The Jabiluka mine will result in twenty million tonnes of radioactive waste on Mirrar road, within Kakadu National Park.
- A blockade at the Jabiluka mine site last year played an important role in galvanising the campaign. It showed that thousands of people felt strongly enough about the issue to put their bodies on the line to stop North.
- North keeps trampling on human rights and the environment at Jabiluka; it's up to us to hold them accountable by bringing the blockade to their corporate headquarters here in Melbourne.



virtual blockade:

Don't let North have an easy time avoiding the blockade electronically. If you can't make it down to 476 St Kilda Road, help to clog up North's communication lines. **phone:** 9207 5111 **fax:** 9867 4357 **email:** NorthEnquiries@north.com.au **website:** www.north.com.au



Blockade organised by Jabiluka Action Group. JAG meets Tuesdays, 6pm at BMT in the Function Room. Enter from Swanston St near the Commonwealth Bank. All welcome. For more info, more copies of this poster, or to offer help/offer of workshops and t-shirt welcome! call JAG on 9417 6660

The crowd each morning will determine the success of the blockade—please make the effort to come early
5am — 9am every day: PEACEFUL ASS BLY

	MONDAY 29 March	TUESDAY 30 March	WEDNESDAY 31 March	THURSDAY 1 April
9am — noon	Building of community project "the blockade" (not seen on the RDA), peaceful assembly. Please bring something to	Union theme including: •Melbourne Workers Theatre •Trade Union Choir	Women's theme Women's breakfast (7am) Third Eye Woman's Choir Jane McCracken •Women network for Mirror Women Koori women speak on re-termination and the	Multicultural theme 11:30: Verity Burgmann (Melb Uni Politics Dept) speaking on NSW Builders' Labourers Federation and the 'Green
lunchtime	Koori theme including: •Welcome ceremony (see traditional)	2pm: 6000 Sweeney—an overview of Australia's nuclear industry	2pm: 1000 6000 on Victorian Koori and non-Koori history	Bands and comedy including: Died Heart Wendy Rule Snorkel Lathorian Zogzeven Kyle Papa-Style (DJ) Wunderwagen Duff Musiki Manjara
2pm — 5pm	Talk on Yorta Yorta history and struggle (to be confirmed) •Paul Wright (Koori dancing and culture) •Wendy Reed aboard	including: North Ltd's forest destruction Nuclear waste dump The Obways: Workers & the environment Indonesia's nuclear	including: •Reconciliation Nancy •Gillian •Joseph O'Reilly •Screening of Stonewall (about the origins of gay liberation)	
5pm onwards	Videos of indigenous struggles including: Maddala, Don Gleeson Ningali A-ma-aka The Foundations Wurundjeri ghost stories	Enrta action videos: fall life, Jabiluka lockade dance Mines Energy, Costar transport	"Anti-terror" nights (direct action) outrage from around the world; plus highlights from Access News Channel 31)	Don't miss the LAST SUPPER for the blockade before Good Friday.

Overnight every night: **FIRES and FILMS.**
Crashout space available, or bring a tent.

10am and 4pm every day: teams will leave the blockade to post, leaflet and chalk up around the city and suburbs to advertise the blockade and other upcoming actions—join in!

PLEASE don't get drawn into any individual abuse or aggression while on the blockade: such action only causes unnecessary trouble for yourself and for the campaign. Jabiluka Action Group members will be asking blockaders to do two things and two things only: to link arms, and to chant. If enough people do this, we can shut North down.

Help stop the Jabiluka mine — Get involved with the Jabiluka Action Group (JAG)

JAG meetings are held every Tuesday night at 6pm, at the RMIT City Campus in the Institute Function Room. Enter from Swanston St, down steps near the Commonwealth Bank. RMIT is right near Melbourne Central station.

However, the **next JAG meeting will be at the blockade of North — 476 St Kilda Rd on Tuesday 30 March @ around 6pm. All welcome!**

Action planning meetings (which organise the mundane details of actions like Palm Sunday and the blockade) are held on Monday nights at 6.30, upstairs at Baker's Cafe at 384 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. Your help needed!

JAG I.T. JAGIT discusses electronic campaigning strategies and maintains the computer / web infrastructure of JAG.

Email David on dsheely@vic.bigpond.net.au or Craig on melyn@netspace.net.au if you can help.

In addition to the main JAG meetings, there are also some campus, suburban and regional groups:

Monash Uni JAG meets 1pm Mondays, Ground Floor, Menzies Bldg, H10. Next mtg 19 April.

Melb Uni JAG currently meeting 5pm Mondays, Student Union offices, First Floor Union House.

Brunswick JAG meets every Sunday 5pm at Aladdins Restaurant, 284 Sydney Rd Brunswick.

Outer Eastern JAG meets regularly in Croydon — call JAG office to find out details. There are a number of Jabiluka groups in Victorian country areas — contact the JAG office to find out if your area has one, or if you'd like to start one up.

Please note: the Jabiluka Action Group office is staffed entirely by volunteers, and can operate somewhat erratically. Two golden rules: always leave a message, and keep on trying if you don't hear from anyone.

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Office upstairs at Friends of the Earth, 312 Smith St Collingwood, usually staffed 10 am — 6 pm weekdays

Some future events and diary dates:

28 March — 1 April:

Blockade of North Ltd, 476 St Kilda Rd (Program inside) Peaceful Assembly every morning to shut North down.

Tues 30 March 6pm:
JAG meeting at blockade

Wed 31 March:
Student rally against Voluntary Student Unionism, State Library 1.30pm

15 April:
Federal Government must present report to World Heritage Bureau with reasons why Kakadu would not be endangered by the Jabiluka uranium mine.

13 April:
National Union of Students Day of Action against Westpac Bank (major investor in North and banker to the Jabiluka project.)

29 April:
High school and uni students National Day of Action / Walkout for Jabiluka. High school students meet 1pm at GPO Bourke St, Uni students meet 2pm State Library.

15 May:
Panel of international experts to report to UNESCO on Australian Government submission to World Heritage Bureau.

19 May:
Anniversary of arrest of Yvonne Margarula (Murrar senior traditional owner) for "trespassing" on her own land.

early June:
World Heritage Bureau meets. Construction completed on Stage One of Jabiluka mine.

5 June:
World Environment Day

12 July:
Jabiluka listed for discussion at meeting of World Heritage Committee meeting.

Yes! Get in touch with me about helping with the Jabiluka campaign!

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Union or campus: _____

My cheque for _____ is enclosed

I would be able to drive stuff around from time to time

Any other way that you can help

yes / no

yes / no

Please return this slip to JAG office