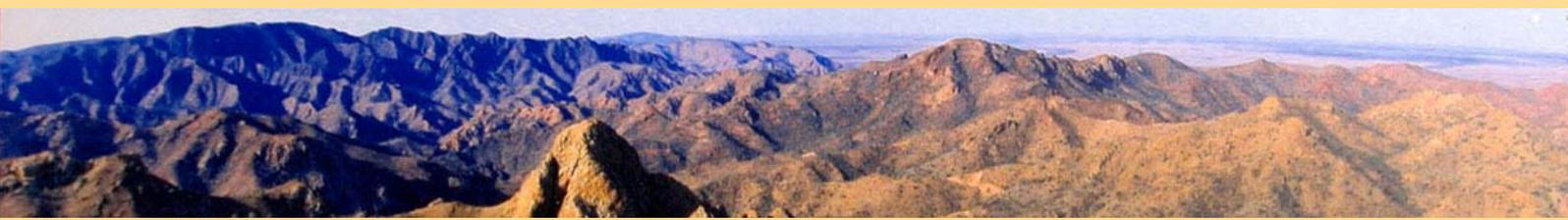


ARKARoola WILDERNESS SANCTUARY



From the ARK Update 1/02/10

YOU CAN'T PLAY ROUGH IN A CHINA SHOP

Flinders Ranges residents, academics, Friends Groups, the South Australian Museum, members of the Adnyamathanha community, conservation organisations, ecologists, politicians, geologists, tourism operators, school students, natural resource managers, local government, and former public servants are among the voices urging the South Australian Government to reconsider its proposed new management framework for the Northern Flinders Ranges. So too is Marathon Resources, but for very different reasons.

In recent media interviews, the Chairman of Marathon Resources, Mr Peter Williams, has issued warnings that *Seeking a Balance* will have major implications for South Australia's "credibility as a jurisdiction that respects investment in lawful enterprises..." As we predicted in **Update 06/01/2010**, Marathon Resources has begun to play the sovereign risk card. Hopefully South Australians, and their Government, will reject this cynical attempt to introduce fear into the politics of mining in this state. In the wake of an era of fear-infused border protection and national security debates, surely we can work through this current issue without recourse to the murky politics of fear?

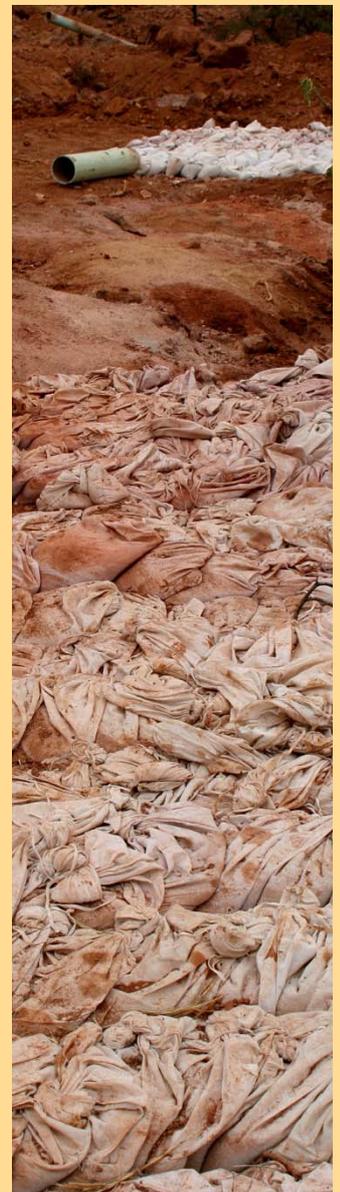
As the Chairman of Marathon Resources appears to have a very short memory, let us remind him of what prompted *Seeking a Balance*. The new policy development is a direct outcome of Marathon Resources unlawful behaviour on EL 3258 which resulted in:

- Indefinite suspension of drilling activities on its Mt Gee exploration lease, EL 3258
- Approval of low impact exploration activities only, on EL 4355 (Mt Gee), held by Bonanza Gold PL, a wholly owned subsidiary of Marathon Resources Limited
- Destruction of a rare fluorite reef at the Mount Gee Geological Monument site
- A revision of the Mining Act with amendments currently before State Parliament

Should the State Government introduce a moratorium or new legislation, that will either suspend or see a permanent end to mineral exploration and mining within the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary, Marathon Resources will have only itself to blame. It would be unconscionable for the company to seek redress from South Australian taxpayers. Shareholders who choose to invest in a company with a poor track record, particularly when some of its activities continue to be restricted under regulation, do so **at their own risk**. **If you break it, you pay for it. And don't be surprised if you're not welcomed back!**

The deadline for *Seeking a Balance* submissions has passed. However, we must continue our campaign in the lead up to the State election on March 20. We urge you to use every opportunity, through social media, talk-back radio and letters to your local member, to argue for an end to mineral exploration and mining on Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.

For more information go to www.savearkaroola.com.au or www.arkaroola.com.au/breakingnews.php



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