



## MEDIA ALERT

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# Uniting Church Says No to Uranium Mining!

The Uniting Church has voiced strong concerns about the new Liberal Government's decision to lift the ban on Uranium mining within WA.

The Moderator of the Uniting Church, Rev Ken Williams, said the lifting of the ban was a bad move for sustainability in WA.

“As a Church that has advocated for the sustainable use of the earth's resources for the sake of future generations, we are concerned that this move places our children's future at risk.

“We believe the government should be focussing on reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and working to increase our use of non-nuclear renewable energy sources,” said Rev Williams.

“As a church that has embraced scientific discovery, the Uniting Church remains unconvinced about the use of nuclear power as a solution to global warming.

“As a matter of urgency, we call on the government to work to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, rather than encouraging the use of more of the earth's resources to produce unsustainable levels of power.

“While we understand the desire to increase employment and derive economic gain from uranium mining, this must be offset against the long-term economic, social and environmental costs which will need to be paid by our children and grand-children for generations.

**The Moderator is available for comment. Contact Alison Atkinson-Phillips on 0404 409 978.**