

SAMPLE LETTER

Why we must stop Olympic Dam uranium mine expansion.

Dear Sir/Madam

I'm writing to voice my concern about the proposed expansion of Olympic Dam uranium mine in South Australia, owned by BHP Billiton. I feel it poses a grave threat to the environment, wasting and polluting water, infringing the rights of indigenous people of the region and will inevitably contribute to weapons proliferation.

BHP enjoys the most ridiculous privileges through the Roxby Downs Indenture Act which exempts them from significant legislation including the Aboriginal Heritage Act, the Water Resources Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Their proposed three fold expansion will create massive amounts of waste, which is already being mismanaged and has already contaminated the environment undetected for years. These tailings are carcinogenic and toxic.

How can any business be deemed to be ethical and within the law under these conditions? In a democratic society, why is BHP Billiton allowed to operate outside the laws that govern us all?

I demand that our Environment Minister, Tony Burke stop this mine expansion.

Sincerely

Name

Date

Address