Say No to Mining

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Everyone wants Australia to be a happy, safe and beautiful place but how can we hope for this when we still have men and women out there in mines not only putting their life at risk but killing our lovely environment while doing it? In addition, they are just giving those big, greedy mining companies more money and power than they deserve. It is clear that mining in Australia is more trouble than its worth!

How would you feel trapped underground in a dark hole where you can barely lift your arm to scratch your head? You would have no clue if it was night or day. You would have no idea how long you will stuck down there. No one would like it! Now do you feel sorry for those poor 33 miners that got trapped in a mine in Chile for 69 days? The most devastating thing was that only 29 people made it out. Is this not enough to prove that mining is dangerous? It is not worth people’s lives!

Not only is mining dangerous for people but also to our environment. Evidently in Guyana in 1995, cyanide, a highly toxic compound used to separate gold from sediment and rock got into over 4 billion litres of water. When this water was released into water ways it caused die offs of aquatic and terrestrial plants and animal life. It poisoned soil used for agriculture and ended up polluting the main source of drinking water. We do not want this happening in Australia. We also don’t want to lose our Great Barrier Reef. Already mining is destroying it, by digging holes for oil we are changing the tides and harming the fragile reef. One of the 7 natural wonders of the world! Do you think killing a natural wonder is good for Australia? Now do you see what mining can do?!?

Finally, by allowing mining we are giving those big, greedy mining companies more money and power than they need. It is disgraceful that there is a law allowing mining companies to come to your property and if they think you have valuable minerals underground they can dig up your yard, take whatever they find and leave a hole
for you to clean up yourself! No one but a complete idiot would think that is fair! These rich companies take advantage of innocent people. To stop this we must stop mining!

Mining who needs it?! There are other ways to make money but no way to re-make nature! We need to save this planet and to stop mining is the first step. Stop another useless hole in the ground being dug! Stop mining!