



# Medical Association for Prevention of War

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## **Doctors slam uranium miner over junk science on radiation safety**

The Medical Association for Prevention of War has released a statement signed by 45 medical doctors calling on uranium mining company Toro Energy to stop promoting the view that low-level radiation is beneficial to human health.

Toro Energy plans to mine uranium at Wiluna in WA and has interests in uranium exploration ventures in the NT and SA. The company has sponsored at least three speaking tours by controversial Canadian scientist Doug Boreham, most recently to the Paydirt uranium conference in [Adelaide where he promoted radiation as “anti carcinogenic”](#).

Dr Peter Karamoskos, a nuclear radiologist and a public representative on the radiation health committee of the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency, said: "Toro has facilitated several visits to Australia by the Canadian scientist Dr Doug Boreham to present the fringe scientific view that radiation is beneficial to human health.

“To promote such marginal views without any counter-balance is self-serving and irresponsible and it may be time for governments to step in to provide that balance. Recent research has heightened rather than reduced concern about the adverse health impacts of low-level radiation.”

Dr Harry Cohen, former President of CCWA and the Medical Association for Prevention of War and former Director of Gynaecology at the King Edward Memorial Hospital said: "Toro Energy has sponsored "employee radiation training" by Dr Boreham. This is a dangerous and unacceptable situation.”

“The promotion that radiation is safe threatens to undermine the safety culture that underpins workplace safety in a potentially hazardous environment thus could threaten the health and welfare of mine workers.” Dr Cohen concluded.

**Read the statement at [www.mapw.org.au/resources](http://www.mapw.org.au/resources) - or (full link):**

[www.mapw.org.au/download/doctors-slam-uranium-miner-over-junk-science-radiation-safety-statement-issued-mapw-1-may-2](http://www.mapw.org.au/download/doctors-slam-uranium-miner-over-junk-science-radiation-safety-statement-issued-mapw-1-may-2)

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Link to Dr Doug Boreham

<http://www.paydirtsuraniumconference.com/prof-doug-boreham/>