



# MAPW Victorian Branch AGM and Dinner

## Making the environmental impacts of uranium mining black and white — Greenie sees red over yellowcake blue

You are cordially invited to attend the 2010 AGM and Annual Dinner of MAPW's Victorian Branch. Guest speaker is Monash University environmental engineering lecturer **Dr Gavin Mudd**.

After reading a two paragraph story in the newspaper in February 1996 over the potential Jabiluka uranium, Dr Gavin Mudd remembers threatening his parents that he would get involved and help environment groups to stop expanded uranium mining in Kakadu National Park on indigenous land. That April he started helping the Australian Conservation Foundation and Friends of the Earth. Since this time, Gavin has been heavily involved in examining the underlying scientific evidence and issues involved in uranium mining.



In 1997 he studied the last Olympic Dam expansion. In 1998 he took a leading role the campaign against the planned acid leach uranium mine at Beverley in South Australia. In 1999, he began to focus on the Top End, compiling the scientific evidence on ongoing impacts from the former Rum Jungle uranium mine and the operating Ranger uranium mine; as well as the poor environmental status of the former Mary Kathleen and South Alligator mines. Gavin's research informed the World Heritage Committee which declared Kakadu "In Danger" from the Jabiluka project.

After finishing his PhD in 2000 Gavin researched mine waste,. He then worked with the Mirarr in Jabiru, helping to document the ongoing problems at the stalled Jabiluka project, as well as documenting the major environmental problems at the Ranger mine - culminating in a weighty submission the 2002 Senate Inquiry hearings. After joining Monash University's Environmental Engineering program in 2003, Gavin has maintained a strong involvement in uranium issues in Australia. He regularly publishes in peer reviewed journals and presents at international and Australian mining conferences.

Uniquely combining a strong technical background with a well balanced sense of community and responsibility, Gavin is well placed to illuminate the ongoing impacts of uranium mining in black and white."

**Venue:** La Notte, 140 Lygon Street Carlton, \$30 plus drinks (student members \$15)

**Time:** 6.30 for 7.00pm, **Tuesday 14 December**

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