

# Seeking a Balance

## A Sample Submission Suggestion

**Subject:** Submission against *Seeking a Balance*

I am totally opposed to mining in any form on the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary and ask the following questions:

### **Landscape Values:**

As tourism and conservation are the principal land uses in the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary, why were no values attributed to tourism assets and services, given that they are likely to be seriously impacted should mining be approved in the future.?

What other criteria were used to determine Landscape Quality?

### **Conservation:**

Why is the endangered endemic, *Acacia araneosa*, which is found nowhere else in the world, and covers only ten square kilometres, not afforded full protection in the new management framework?

Why do proposed Management Zones provide no connectivity between areas of known Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby habitat? In particular, why has only the north-eastern side and floor of East Painter Gorge, an important area for the once endangered Yellow-footed Rock-wallabies, been given some level of protection, whilst the south-western side of the gorge has been designated as an Access Zone 3?

Why has the government chosen not to support landscape scale conservation on a property that has been managed for conservation for four decades, has no replicates anywhere else in the state, and is owned and managed by people deeply committed to private sector biodiversity stewardship?

### **Development Act:**

Why did the government not strengthen existing Environmental Class A zoning to provide a higher level of protection for Arkaroola's core environmental and landscape assets?

Why has the government actually diminished protection of some spectacular areas, including Sillers Lookout, by re-zoning them as Access 3 areas available for standard exploration and mining activities?

### **Water Use for Mining:**

Given their importance why were Arkaroola's permanent surface waters not identified, mapped and afforded the highest level of protection?

Where will the 5 million litres of water Marathon Resources require daily come from? What impacts will this cause locally?

### **Summary:**

I do not believe the protection afforded by the proposals contained in the *Seeking a Balance* document go far enough in protecting the world-renowned Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.

I am totally opposed to any mining activities at all on Arkaroola.