

Eivind Reiten, CEO Norsk Hydro
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Cc. Wenche Agerup, Project Director

Dear Eivind Reiten,

As an environmentally concerned individual I am opposed to large scale industrial development in the Kimberley region of northern Western Australia.

I am particularly concerned by the plans of companies such as yours for the strip mining of the north Kimberley (Mitchell Plateau and surrounding areas) for bauxite, and the pipelines, roads, conveyors, towns, airports, dredging, ports, and alumina refineries, that would be associated with this mining.

The rugged and breathtakingly beautiful north Kimberley region is one of the world's last great wild places. It is home to many animals that are now extinct elsewhere in Australia, many others that are endangered (such as humpback whales and northern quoll), and diverse ecological communities, including rainforests, mangroves, and coral reefs. The living rivers of the Mitchell Plateau region (the Mitchell and Lawley Rivers) are of high conservation value and include the world famous Mitchell Falls.

The Kimberley is also home to the living heritage of the world's oldest continuing culture and the region contains ancient rock art and innumerable culturally significant sites.

The direct destruction of vast areas of habitat and landscapes, pollution of rivers and streams, and visual impacts that would be caused by bauxite mining, are not compatible with preserving this globally important and iconic landscape.

I understand that Norsk Hydro in partnership with UMC mining is considering the Kimberley bauxite deposits alongside a number of other opportunities to support the company's global aluminium/alumina production.

Your company Norsk Hydro claims to have a strong reputation as a responsible mining company, yet given the scale of destruction required for bauxite mining, even the most responsible mining operation has no place in the Kimberley.

I urge Norsk Hydro to leave the Kimberley region and pursue bauxite interests in less environmentally and culturally sensitive environments.

I look forward to your personal acknowledgement of my correspondence.

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Yours Sincerely,

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