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BAUXITE RESOURCES : STILL A PARIAH COMPANY IN DARLING RANGE COMMUNITIES

As Bauxite Resources Limited prepares for its 2014 AGM, Residents for Responsible Mining notes that:

- 12 months after Bauxite Resources withdrew its “uneconomic” Bindoon mining proposal from a 3 year Public Environmental Review under the EP Act in the face of entrenched opposition and major local legal obstacles, the company’s 2014 balance sheet still **lists the un-mineable Aurora (north Bindoon) bauxite deposit as an asset without impairment**. Clearly the JV has not ruled out another run in Bindoon.
- **local wedge politics and conflict** is still Bauxite Resources’ favoured M.O. It seems the company has learned nothing from the Bindoon debacle. For 3 years it has steadily painted a rosy picture to shareholders, markets and analysts of its grand plans to mine the Fortuna and Felicitas deposits whilst providing no information whatsoever to the Darling Range residents in the path of its proposed mines. Meanwhile far from inactive at the local level, behind the scenes Bauxite has been quietly garnering support from selected local officials, individuals and businesses.
- as Bauxite Resources talks up the development of its Darling Range deposits at its AGM, **spare a thought for the hundreds of residents** in rural and semi-rural Toodyay, Morangup, Wundowie and Gidgegannup who in the past few months have discovered the scale of the plans to turn vast areas of farmland and bushland on their doorstep, in the Swan-Avon river catchment, into bauxite mines. These ambushed residents are quickly organizing themselves (for example: www.ahmag.com.au), preparing to resist the well-funded Bauxite Resources onslaught of PR spin and endless “Process” designed to enable miners to justify an activity that will destroy the value of their major economic asset – their homes and the surrounding environment

After stuffing around in Bindoon for 4 years only to walk away with no result, Bauxite’s shareholders must wonder if the company is stumbling into the same ill-conceived conflict with more Darling Range communities where they want to retro-fit large scale, low margin bauxite mining. In Bauxite Resources’ parallel universe the long established core assets of rural residents and farmers and the environment on which they depend are placed shamelessly in limbo, potentially for decades – literally ‘collateral damage’. This conflict imposed by indiscriminate, speculative “big mining” is destructive and unsustainable for these semi-rural communities and counter-productive for our State – a reality check is long overdue.



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Background Facts:

- Bauxite Alumina JV (Bauxite Resources Limited and its Chinese partners) were proponents of a 2 million tonne per annum bauxite mining proposal for 5 years from prime agricultural land north of Bindoon in the Shire of Chittering, WA, less than one hour from Perth. The project was strongly opposed by neighbouring farmers and an overwhelming majority of the community. After a 3 year Public Environmental Review process BAJV withdrew the proposal from the EPA in October 2013 as “uneconomic”.
- “Industry – Mining” is not a permitted land use in the Shire of Chittering. Previous bauxite mining proposals (1970s, 1980s) at the same location were abandoned as being environmentally, technically, economically and socially unfeasible.
- Chittering is now facing attempts by Chinese Government owned Alpha Bauxite Pty Ltd to explore and mine bauxite throughout the Shire of Chittering on private land. Local opposition to bauxite mining in the Shire remains entrenched.
- Since 2010/2011 Bauxite Resources and its JV partners have explored for bauxite extensively throughout the Shires of Toodyay, Northam and Mundaring in the Avon region with a view to establishing a bauxite export business and conducting a feasibility study to establish an alumina refinery. Local residents in the Avon region have just been told of these plans

The background to attempts to mine bauxite in Bindoon, Location Maps and previous R4RM Media Releases can be viewed at www.r4rm.com

For information about residents’ concerns over bauxite mining in Toodyay, Wundowie and Gidgegannup please refer to www.ahmag.com.au and contact info@ahmag.com.au

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