

# Mining ban to stay despite objections

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MINING BAN: The South Australian government will uphold a mining ban at Arkaroola. Picture: Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary *Source: Supplied*

**THE South Australian government will push on with plans to ban mining forever in the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary despite native title objections.**

SA premier Mike Rann said while he respected the views of the traditional owners, he was proud of proposed legislation to ban mining in the environmentally-sensitive region of the Flinders Ranges.

"While I respect the traditional owners, there has been a long process before we came to our decision," he told AAP on Monday.

It has been reported the native title owners of the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary have voted in favour of mining in the area, provided sacred sites are protected.

Mr Rann said he would also seek world heritage protection for the site.

"My view is that there's no soft options when it comes to protecting something that is unique