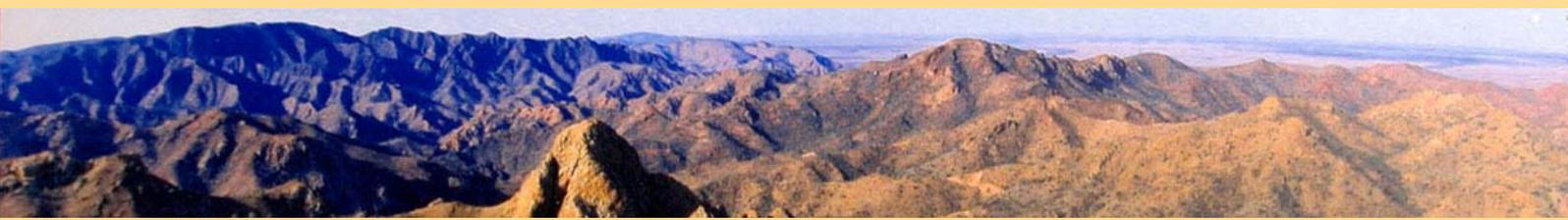


ARKAROOLA WILDERNESS SANCTUARY



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PRESERVATION BY PROXY

The South Australian government's proposed new zoning framework for the Northern Flinders Ranges does not have universal support within the public sector. Public servants have signalled to Arkaroola that there is great dissatisfaction with *Seeking a Balance* within some government agencies. However, public sector employees are constrained by the Public Sector Management Act 1995, from speaking publicly against government policy. To do so could invite disciplinary action and jeopardize personal careers. As the South Australian government employs many of the state's most respected and informed biodiversity, cultural heritage and geoheritage managers, this leaves Arkaroola at a distinct disadvantage in being unable to co-opt expert opinion to support its concerns about the proposed new zoning framework for the Northern Flinders Ranges. By contrast, Marathon Resources shareholders and the mining industry at large, are in no way constrained from making submissions in support of exploration and mining within the sanctuary.

As a public sector employee, **YOU** may be disappointed, alarmed, embarrassed, ashamed or "all of the above", about *Seeking a Balance*. You may have specific concerns about:

- The Landscape Quality Assessment methodology, analysis and conclusions
- The map products used - absence of detail, difficulty of access, lack of consistency
- Lack of provision for connectivity and inevitable habitat fragmentation
- Lack of transparency in how the zoning classifications were determined
- Lack of consistency with other government policies such as *Nature Links*, *No Species Loss*
- Lack of adequate protection for endangered, threatened, endemic and relict species
- The absence of cultural heritage as a quantified value for the Northern Flinders Ranges
- Lack of adequate protection for, and enhanced vulnerability of, Geological Monuments
- A proposed diminishing of protection of a biodiversity asset managed for conservation in the Flinders Lofty Block Bioregion (Block 5), more than 90% of which continues to be grazed and is described as ecologically highly modified.

But don't despair!

You have partners, parents, families and friends who aren't constrained by the Public Sector Management Act. Your knowledge, expertise and values are needed to help inform a policy revision process that has serious implications for biodiversity management and the protection of cultural heritage and geoheritage in the Northern Flinders Ranges and Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary. **It is important that your voice is heard.**

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