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## Communiqué de presse de fin de marche (en anglais)

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### COMMON HEALTH before COMMONWEALTH

Anti uranium-mining walkers on home stretch to reach the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

Fifty walkers from fifteen different countries are set to reach Perth this week. The walkers left Wiluna nine weeks and 1,200 km's ago. Through rain, wind, and dust, through hot days and cold nights the walkers have remained strong in their call for an end to uranium mining in Australia.

The group has been walking in solidarity with the Traditional Custodians of the Wiluna and Yeelirrie areas where there are proposed uranium mines ; many of whom are opposed to the mines but have no legal recourse.

Marcus Atkinson, Footprints for Peace coordinator says "Footprints for peace have organised international walks against uranium mining for 7 years, on each walk we hear the same stories about the broken promises from the nuclear industry. This industry across the world divides communities and leaves people uncertain and afraid about the future.

Bilbo Taylor, spokesperson for Walk Away from Uranium Mining said "Although we are walking into CHOGM, this is not about the Queen or any other heads of government, this is about common people from around the world who have walked together with the indigenous peoples of this land in respect for their sovereign rights, and with a simple message 'Irati Wanti - uranium, leave it in the ground "

**Jocelyn Peyret, from the Resau Sortir du Nucleaire- an anti nuclear federation of 915 organisation and 54,109 individual members, has been with the walk since the beginning. He has witnessed the way the nuclear industry works both in France and Australia.**

Jocelyn Peyret stated, "We support the indigenous people in their fight because it's the same in France. They arrive with a lot of money and promises of jobs, but when they're done, they just leave problems. It's the same fight. The nuclear industry take's your land and your future"

Ammon Russell, an Indigenous person from the Dine / Navajo reservation in Arizona said "For an Indigenous person of North America it simply means no more exploitation and colonization. Australians can begin by simply respecting what the original caretakers of this land maintained in culture, language and belief systems."

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Walk Away From Uranium Mining- Perth route Tuesday 25th- Friday 28th

**Tuesday 25th October**

Departing : 12.30 Ascension Hall, Spring Park Rd, Midland National Route 1 Great Eastern Hwy West Swan Rd 2pm Harper St Lord St Arriving : 4pm at Peace Tree Community 35 Woolgar Way, Lockridge

**Wednesday 26th October**

Departing : 12.30 Peace Tree Community 35 Woolgar Way, Lockridge Morley Drive East Wicks St Walter Rd East Broun Ave Beaufort St Lawley Cres Arriving : 4pm Arrive Quaker Meeting House, 35 Clifton Cres, Mt Lawley

**Thursday 27th October**

Departing : 1.30pm Quaker Meeting House, 35 Clifton Cres, Mt Lawley Beaufort St Wiliam St Central Institute of Technology Newcastle St Lord St Arriving : 4pm City Farm, 1 City Farm Place East Perth

**Friday 28th October**

Departing : 9am City Farm, 1 City Farm Place East Perth Lord St William St Arriving : 9.30am Forest Place