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**MARMION WANTS A RADIOACTIVE STATE**

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Greens Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region Robin Chapple MLC said he is concerned by the Mines and Petroleum Minister Bill Marmion’s call for West Australian miners to “take the lead” in the global uranium industry.

Mr Chapple said the Minister’s claims that nuclear energy was a “rational” and “fundamental” response to climate change were disturbing.

“It is unbelievably short-sighted - The Minister for mines and Petroleum wants Western Australia to become a radioactive state,” he said.

“Western Australia is strongly positioned to take full advantage of both solar and wind energy alternatives yet successive governments continue to side with mining companies without any consideration of the long-term consequences.

“Our government should be investing their time and money in renewable energy alternatives that won’t burden future generations with dangerous levels of radioactive waste.”

Mr Chapple said sharp falls in uranium prices contradict the Minister’s [statement](http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/StatementDetails.aspx?listName=StatementsBarnett&StatId=8474) and add further weight to the Greens calls to halt uranium mining in this state.

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