

Petition to the Honourable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

This petition of 28 February 2011 draws the attention of the House to the safety of the endangered species of the Major's Creek State Reserve, as well as private nature reserves adjoining it, due to the proposed development of a gold, silver, copper, zinc and lead mine and ore processing development at Dargues Reef, near Major's Creek in NSW

We, the undersigned, call on the House to call on the Government to:

- . Dismiss the present application for a gold, silver, copper, zinc and lead mine and ore processing development at Dargues reef, near Major's Creek in NSW.

- . To only permit mining above this steep, vulnerable and valuable area on the following conditions:

- . That a full study be done of the rare, threatened, endangered and critically endangered species in the 6 square kilometres downstream of the proposed

- . That no such development proceeds without a 70-bore test of the effect on the water table and ecology downstream.

- . That any tailings dam or ore processing site using chemicals such as Xanthates should not be on the head waters above the vulnerable Major's Creek Araluen, Deua and Moruya waterways, but located on the northern side of the ridge .5-1.5 km beyond the proposed site, an area of gentle slope or level ground amid rough grazing country, being the area where the developers are proposing to extract the larger part of their ore .