



MEDIA ALERT

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Forests vs Rio Tinto at the Mining Warden's Court

The WA Forest Alliance, along with 8 other environment groups, will be attending the Perth Mining Warden's Court this Friday 22nd July to object to Rio Tinto's application for 10 mineral exploration licenses across 107, 000 hectares of the South West forests.

Media is invited to attend the event from 9.30am when speakers will address assembled supporters.

**Perth Mining Warden's Court
Central Law Courts
501 Hay Street, Perth**

9:30am

The State of Environment report released this week highlights that:

- 6.1 million hectares of primary forests have been cleared since 1990 with profound impacts on the environment.
- More than a quarter of million hectares of primary forests were cleared in the 5 years from 2014-2019.
- 'Clearing has been implicated in the listing of 60% of Australia's threatened species under the EPBC Act (SOE, 46). No further loss of primary forest and critical habitat for threatened species should be allowed.

Friday's hearing will be the first in the historic case of nine West Australian environment groups opposing Rio Tinto's plans to mine the Northern Jarrah Forests (WA Forest Alliance, The Wilderness Society, Conservation Council of WA, Peel Harvey Catchment Council, Jarrahdale Forest Protectors, Nannas for Native Forests, Dwellingup Discovery Forest Defenders, Leeuwin Group and Nature Reserves Preservation Group).

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