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Don't muck up the McArthur - In Brief

The Northern Territory (NT) and Australian Governments recently approved the expansion of the McArthur River mine. The expansion involves the mining of the existing river bed via a massive open-pit mine and the construction of a new 5.5km channel.

The proposal will potentially have serious, long term and irreversible impacts on the McArthur River – a major tropical river in the NT's Gulf region - including the effects of sedimentation and heavy metal pollution on the river and on the rich downstream marine environments of the Gulf of Carpentaria. There is evidence the new mine would also harm the survival prospects of the McArthur River's population of the IUCN Red Book 'critically endangered' Freshwater sawfish.



The River is extremely important to the four Indigenous language groups that share and live along the River, the Gurdanji, Mara, Garrawa and Yanyuwa. In recent months the groups have become increasingly united and vocal in their