

Dear Gentlemen:

It is a long way from Greenland to Western Australia, but concerns from the Narsaq community in Greenland about a controversial mining project were raised at today's annual meeting. Greenland Minerals (GGG) is behind the Kvanefjeld rare earths and uranium mine.

Opposition to the planned mine dominated Greenland's recent national elections. On 6 April Greenlanders elected the Inuit Ataqatigiit (Community for the People) party, which campaigned on an explicit platform opposing Kvanefjeld.

The new coalition government has committed to stop the mine going ahead.

When a mine proposal triggers an election and the results show a clear rejection of the project, it is time for the company to accept the community's will and end its mining plans.

GGG should recognise that it has failed to secure social license for the Kvanefjeld project.

We need a different approach to mining, one based on free, prior and informed consent.

Mining materials that are used in renewable energy does necessarily make a company ethical or responsible.

There are dangerous radioactive elements within these deposits, including uranium, that pose long term environmental and health risks.

These risks should not be imposed on an unwilling community.

The Narsaq and wider Greenland community and the new Government have rejected this project. GGG should recognise and respect this clear and democratic decision".

Yours sincerely,
Robert E. Rutkowski