

Australians say:

OceanaGold - **CLEAN UP YOUR ACT!**

We, the undersigned organisations representing concerned Australians, deplore the actions of OceanaGold and the consequent suffering and hardship inflicted on the peoples of the Philippines and El Salvador.

Residents of Didipio in the Philippines have been forcefully displaced from their land and now suffer the effects of continuing air and water pollution caused by the mining operation. OceanaGold has failed to deliver promised benefits to the community and continues to avoid paying taxes.

OceanaGold is also suing the government of El Salvador for their decision to protect the environment and people of El Salvador by stopping unsafe mining operations. This legal action is a disgraceful interference with a sovereign government's right to act on behalf of its people, and yet another example of a greedy corporation seeking financial benefit at the expense of less fortunate communities.

We call on OceanaGold to clean up their act: compensate the displaced landholders of Didipio, clean up the environment, and ensure the community and environment is protected in future. We call on OceanaGold to respect the sovereignty of the government of El Salvador and withdraw their legal action.

Australian National Campaign on Mining in the Philippines (ANCoMP)

Victorian Trades Hall Council

Maritime Union of Australia

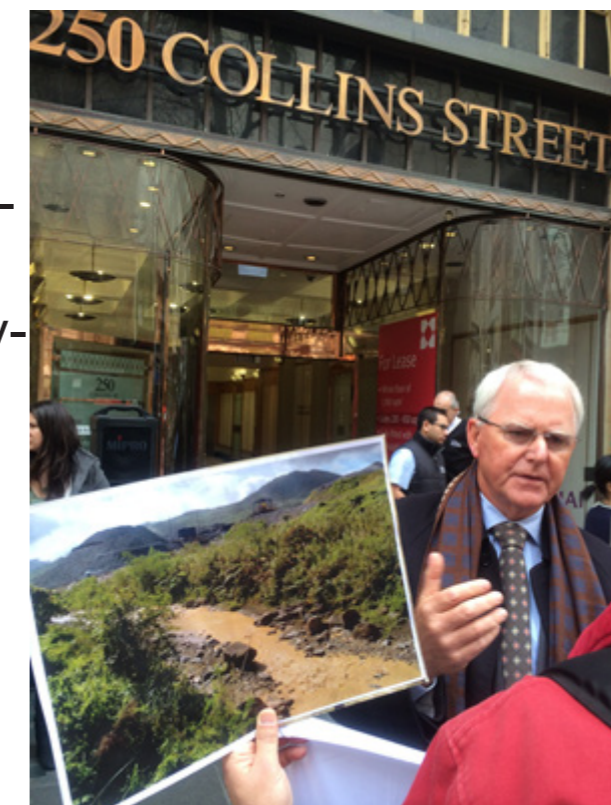
Communication Workers Union

Migrante Australia

Action for Peace and Development in the Philippines (APDP)

Philippines Australia Solidarity Association (PASA)

Philippines Australia Union Link



Confronting Jim Askew, OceanaGold Chairman, with the truth about pollution at the picket protest outside his office, Friday, August 29, 2014. The Maritime Union of Australia, Victorian Branch, organises this protest at lunchtime on the last Friday of every month.

