Mining and Indigenous communities in Fiji and the Northern Territory of Australia

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With regards to mining, what do Indigenous Communities in Fiji and the Northern Territory have in common?

The commonalities are:

- **A significant proportion of the land in Fiji and the NT is Indigenous-owned.**

- **A significant proportion of the minerals are mined from Indigenous lands.**

- **The land has spiritual significance.**
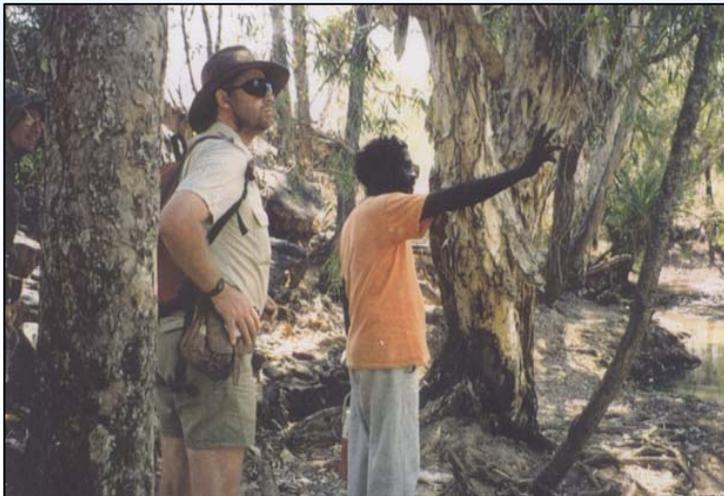
The commonalities are:

- **Often the mine is located near an existing community**

- **Concerns about mining**

- **Desired outcomes from mining**

When the mine is close to the community…

- **the more significant the change**

- **the more visible it is**

- **the community has more concerns (informed or uninformed)**

- **conflict is more likely**

Close neighbours ➔ Close scrutiny

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OR greater opportunities for...

- **a good working relationship**

- **mutual benefit and understanding**

- **community development**

- **smooth progress of mine development**

The social issues of exploration and mining in Fiji

- **(32%) Social-economic opportunities and issues**
- **(23%) Poor communication and lack of consultation**
- **(16%) Environmental concerns**
- **(8%) Lack of awareness about the various aspects of the exploration and mining industry**
- **(6%) Social concerns**
- **(6%) Attitude/conflicts with regard to exploration and mining**
- **(5%) Land issues**
- **(4%) Health and safety**

Direct community participation and involvement in the mine's development will help alleviate some of the community concerns.

Direct community participation in …

- **Environmental management**
  - ✓**Ongoing environmental monitoring**

- **Social impact management**
  - ✓**Social impact assessment and planning**
  - ✓**Ongoing monitoring**
  - ✓**Community awareness and information dissemination**

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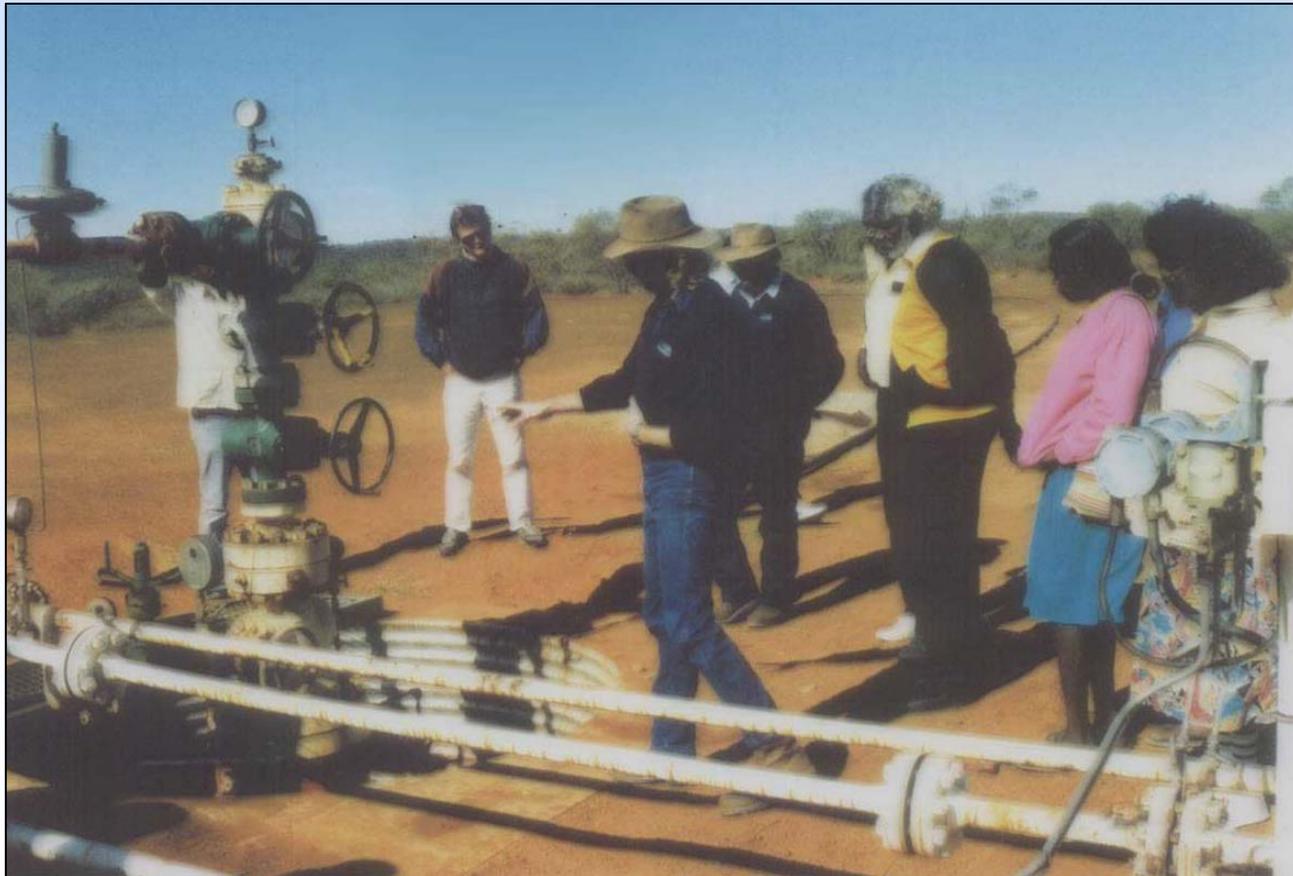# *Direct community participation in …*

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The mine has a finite life.

The community is there forever.