



Minister backs Arafura switch

SOUTH Australia's Mineral Resources Minister, Tom Koutsantonis, has backed Premier Jay Weatherill's concession last week that the state's Labor government oversold the benefits of a proposed minerals processing plant for Whyalla. Arafura Resources has now scrapped a plan to build the plant and will do processing close to its Northern Territory mine site instead. Mr Koutsantonis yesterday told a uranium conference in Adelaide that the government had relied on Arafura's public statements. "I support what the Premier said about Arafura, but you've got to remember that if you read the releases that Arafura put out they mirror exactly what the government was saying," he said.