

Barry is one of very few people to visit the vast Simpson Desert—where there are few roads, no buildings and almost no industrial disturbances.

The desert landscape is alive with beautiful, fragile gifts from nature.

Barry wants to share what makes this place so special, and why it needs protection from the mining companies that intend to explore and exploit it.

Here's Barry's 'tour' of the extraordinary wilderness at Australia's heart.

Photos taken and provided by Friends of the Simpson Desert.




The Simpson Desert is so fragile.
If we interfere with it, we'll
tip the balance the wrong way.
We shouldn't be drilling and
digging for fossil fuels here.

Please donate and help keep
fossil fuel companies out of the
heart of Australia. — Barry



You might spot one of these—a thorny devil lizard—in the sands of Simpson.
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"We drove 1,350 kilometres over
three nights to get there.

It was magical to see all the
water and birdlife. The desert
was the greenest I've seen it."

— Barry Barber, on his recent 'working bee'
trip into the Simpson Desert.



BARRY'S TOUR

The desert proper starts east of Purni Bore and extends to near Birdsville in Queensland. People tend to think it's all just sand, but it's not. It's quite lush really, even though it's a true desert that receives very little rainfall.

I became involved in conservation of this area a few years ago as part of the Friends of the Simpson Desert. We come out here and do some work to reduce the impact that human interaction has caused.



We do a range of revegetation projects, including planting coolabah trees. We also install mats to stop erosion and record the plants and animals. We only do work that's permitted by Traditional Owners and government.

I was out here recently after a big rain event. It was magical to see the water lying around, and the place teeming with birds you normally don't see.

This is a place of great solitude. It's one of the last places where nature really hasn't been disturbed.



After a hard day's work, there's nothing nicer than swimming in Dalhousie Springs. The water is always 38 degrees.

