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Commissioners, please consider-

As stated in the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, endorsed by Australia, our First Peoples should be entitled to full free, prior and informed consent over storage of hazardous material on their lands. It is no longer acceptable for government to ride roughshod over the wishes of the Traditional Owners of their land. Australia stands shamed by the world for failing to respect the consent of Traditional Owners as exposed by the crime of the Juukan Gorge destruction and the many previous times consent has been denied.

Until a stable, deep underground site can be found a temporary solution cannot be justified, especially considering the risk of transporting such dangerous waste across long distances would constitute a great risk to many citizens and the environment. This cannot be justified. The proposed site at Napanee, on the Eyre Peninsula where there is a proposed storage building exposes a large area of farming land in SA to contamination which history has shown takes hundreds if not thousands or tens of thousands of years to repair.

Nuclear Fuel Waste must remain secure at Lucas heights till a scientifically safe permanent solution can be found. Should the waste dump be approved it is probable it will become permanent in South Australia and it's legacy will be that SA loses its clean environmental credentials to the detriment of all people and future industry and farming across the state.

This proposed site goes against International Best Practice and to ARPANSA Committee Advice and there is no justification for it to go ahead. I urge the committee to take the above into consideration.

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