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To: [Legal and Constitutional, Committee \(SEN\);](#)
Subject: Nuclear waste dump submission
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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Central Australia living 200km north of Alice Springs I am quite outraged that this remote nuclear waste dump will be built.

I believe it is important that the Senate Committee take into account the many indigenous people who live in this area and it is essential that the Senate Committee pay due respects to the Traditional Owners on the front line, by travelling to Tennant Creek to take evidence from them directly.

I don't believe that an adequate case for a remote dump has ever been made and that the radioactive waste management debate in Australia has never looked at options other than remote waste dumps on Aboriginal land. The industry has never made the case that a remote shed is the best place for this material.

In choosing a site, the proposed bill overrides all relevant state and territory legislation as well as overriding commonwealth environmental and Aboriginal heritage protections. It also overrides private property rights of affected individuals with regards the dump site or its access route. Once a site is chosen, it will be assessed under commonwealth environmental legislation which has almost no mechanisms for preventing the project from going ahead.

The Bill places enormous power in the hands of the Minister to assess whether or not the Muckaty site should go ahead. No information is given to how this assessment will be carried out, and the bill makes it clear that local people have no right of appeal. The local people will be affected the most by this and deserve a say in what is going to happen to their traditional lands.

Thanks