

To whom it may concern

I am writing to express concerns about the proposed amendments to the legislation before the senate enquiry on the grounds that it overrides all relevant State and Territory legislation as well as Commonwealth environmental and Aboriginal heritage protection while giving exclusive power to the Minister to assess if the single choice of site, Muckaty goes ahead. Furthermore no information is to be given as to how the Minister will make this assessment and those people effected have no right of appeal. All these features do not hold consistent with my views of a democratic process especially as there seems to be no reason why only one site has been chosen- a site that is inhabited. At the very least I would urge members of the enquiry to visit the owners of the effected land and consult directly with them as to the possible long term effects of this project. While it is obviously not so politically palatable, and unfortunately I suspect a major factor in choosing a remote site occupied by the biggest marginalised ethnic group in Australia, it makes more sense and is safer to store waste closest to the point of production where stringent consistent observation and regulation of the site is maintained close to the nuclear expertise required to do this well.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely
Susanna Pearson