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To Whom It May Concern:

**SUBMISSION FOR SENATE INQUIRY INTO COMMONWEALTH
RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT**

I wish to make a submission in relation to the above inquiry.

Firstly I wish to advocate that the Committee must travel to Muckaty. The Senate Committee must pay due respects to the Traditional Owners of the land by travelling to them to take evidence from them directly.

There has been no case for a remote dump being made from industry. The radioactive waste dump debate has never looked at other options other than those in remote locations on Aboriginal land. The nuclear industry has never made the case that a remotely located dump is the best spot for a radioactive waste dump.

As this bill chooses a site it overrides all relevant state and territory legislation as well as commonwealth environmental and Aboriginal heritage protection legislation.

I believe that the bill places too much power in the minister's hands. It will be the minister who will access whether or not the Muckaty site should go ahead. There is no information given as to how the Ministers assessment will be carried out and local people have no right of appeal.

Nuclear waste should be moved as little as possible, close to the point of production and stored above ground close to centres of nuclear expertise and infrastructure.

As a young person, my generation does not want to be left with the legacy of nuclear waste dumps on Aboriginal land in remote, environmentally sensitive lands. We must and can do better than this bill.

For the reasons listed above, I am opposed to this bill.

Yours Faithfully,

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14 years of age.