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Julie Dennett
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Dear Julie Dennett

In regard to the Senate Inquiry on the nuclear waste dump Bill I set out my views.

1. Whatever site is proposed for a nuclear waste dump it is imperative that the Senate Committee travel to the site and talk to the land owners. As Muckaty is the place under consideration the Senate Committee should travel to Tennant Creek and hear evidence of the Traditional Owners.
2. Storage of the waste should be as close as possible to the mining operations and infrastructure, which would allow for easy access by nuclear experts. It would also reduce the distance of cartage.
3. The Bill should have safeguards for protection of the environment and Aboriginal heritage.
4. Of major concern is that the Bill gives the Minister complete power to say whether Muckaty site should go ahead with no right of appeal by the local people.
5. I see the proposed Bill as undemocratic and feel dismayed that the Labor Government is introducing it.

Yours sincerely