To: <u>Legal and Constitutional, Committee (SEN)</u>;

Subject: Unacceptable process - Proposed radioactive waste dump near Muckaty Station

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Hello.

As a 28 year old Australian, professional engineer and increasingly aware member of the different communities that I live within, I protest.

I have no problem with a waste management facility on the condition of the communities right to effect a decision of 'no'.

Communities affected by the waste system (those it passes through, under the facility local cadastral footprint and those with potential to be effected by the system) are fully consulted and have determination over both the nature of the system and the choice as to whether the system should exist within or adjacent to their communities at all.

A recent short film I heard about via persons who attended the Woodford Folk Festival highlighted the removal of the human right (and right of all non-black, non-NT resident Australians) to have determination over their community.

It concerns me further that the precedent of reduction of citizens human rights should continue to be effected under the current government.

If this proceeds without the communities right to choose, I pledge to do all in my power amoungst my community of engineers and managers; peers, supervisors and subordinates to make them aware of this situation and request that they too protest in whatever way they are able. That is over 1,000 people with names, emails, families and their own networks, each earning mostly around \$100,000 per annum in Australia and overseas and owning a business or possessing a trade or professional qualification.

I repeat, the manner is not acceptable.

Sincerely, Oscar Metcalfe