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Dear Senate Inquiry,

I wish to submit my concern over the cutting and pasting of the CRWM Act to National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010 and the purported radioactive waste dump proposed for Muckaty Station in the Northern Territory. This secretive coercive deal with the NLC (Northern Land Council) is a violation of land rights and the rights of Indigenous peoples. According to Land Rights and Native Title ALL Traditional Owners must be heard over issues on land their especially in relation to integral traditional values to the significance of their land. The proposed Muckaty Station waste dump bypasses the rights of a majority of Traditional Owners including Sammy Sambo and Dianne Stokes, Muckaty Traditional Owners whom use this site for ceremony in alignment with cultural rights and integrity.

Australia is a signatory to the Declaration of Rights of indigenous Peoples where it is clearly stated that; Article 29.2 “States shall take effective measures to ensure that no storage or disposal of hazardous materials shall take place in the lands or territories of Indigenous peoples without their free, prior and informed consent”.

The enquiry must go to Tennant Creek for the Traditional Owners and locals to have their views heard. This decision has come through political expediency rather than scientific security as the reports do not suggest a site in the Northern Territory. I propose the nomination of a site in Canberra near Parliament House because the same draconian Federal laws can be applied to the ACT. This site is a strategically safe place for this kind of dangerous waste facility with unprecedented security. I think it responsible for parliamentarians to be reminded of the nuclear legacy forged by the parliament and the nuclear industry while it arrives at work every day. I am concerned about the transportation of these hazardous materials from ANSTO therefore the capacity for continued storage at Lucas Heights is a preferred option as stated by former CEO of ANSTO Ron Cameron “Lucas Heights has the capacity to store these low-medium level wastes for up to forty years”. There is no rush to build a facility like this, the decisions of which will encroach on the lives of all our children’s children and beyond the purported 300 year short term and expected life of the facility to the longer term problems of nuclear waste and its potential link to catastrophic weapons. The Federal Government and Martin Ferguson simply do not have the right to make decisions of this magnitude detrimentally affecting the lives of Indigenous peoples and all Australians whom are not yet born.

Please “DON’T DUMP ON THE TERRITORY”.

Sincerely,

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