

To: [Legal and Constitutional, Committee \(SEN\);](#)
Subject: Do not set up a nuclear waste site in Australia
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Dear Ministers,

I'm completely against the establishment of any nuclear waste site in Australia.

Nuclear is not the answer to our energy demands. We have the technology and resources to use 100% renewable energy.

Even if we choose to develop renewable energies, I believe strongly that we must consult the indigenous land owners, and that involves going to them, rather than expecting them to come to you.

In choosing a site, the proposed bill overrides all relevant state and territory legislation as well as overriding commonwealth environmental and Aboriginal heritage protections. It also overrides private property rights of affected individuals with regards the dump site or its access route. Once a site is chosen, it will be assessed under commonwealth environmental legislation which has almost no mechanisms for preventing the project from going ahead.

I acknowledge there are some nuclear wastes that have already been generated in Australia. However, nuclear waste should be moved as little as possible, and should be stored above ground close to the point of production, close to centres of nuclear expertise and infrastructure.

Please do not lead our country down the path to even more toxic sources of energy. Choose the alternate path to renewable energies.

Kind regards,
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