

To the Senate Committee

This is to let you know my feelings as a member of the Tennant Creek Community and a long standing labour supporter regarding the decision to build a nuclear waste facility at Muckaty Station in the Barkly region near Tennant Creek.

The following are points I think have not been considered in the decision making and I urge you to consider them. Firstly as a consideration to the members of this community. I would also urge you to consider the decision as this is historically a labour electorate with the majority of the voters in the electorate against the waste facility.

Only a small group of community members have spoken for the facility and I believe that the majority of these members are not fully informed of the facts or have an understanding of the issue as they are not English first language nor are they fully literate in their cross cultural communication skills.

This area is historically seismically unstable

This area is country used by people for the gathering of food and for ceremony business in the practice of their cultural mores.

It is not an area vacant of flora and fauna that could be damaged by any accidental incidents that could or may occur.

It is an area that has heavy rainfall with waterways that flood and often large areas are under water which to me does not seem to be a suitable proposition for such a waste facility.

If a proper consultation had been done it would have resulted in an overwhelming “We don’t want this here” as is the response by the majority of community members.

The scientific study that was conducted has already indicated that other areas would be more for such a facility **SO WHY IS THIS AREA BEING CONSIDERED.**

I would like to see the people of this community treated with the respect we deserve and have proper consultation so that we are fully informed and included in the decision instead of being treated like we don’t exist and that this issue does not affect our lives.

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