

Subject: New National Radioactive Waste Management Bill
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I have recently made an effort to inform myself regarding uranium mining, and proposed nuclear waste disposal in South Australia and Australia more generally.

The current Federal labour government's replacement of the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill with the National Radioactive Waste Management Bill (NRWMB) – is of particular concern to me as an Australian citizen, and someone who has been involved in the Australian Nuclear Free Alliance, met some of the Muckaty people, and those that work closely with them.

The replacement legislation appears as unfair and unjust as the legislation it replaces, therefore not justifying the tax payer funded process, nor its manipulative intent. Not only do many Ngapa Traditional Owners oppose the dump, they have made this clear to Martin Ferguson and therefore the government. Further the process for site selection does not seem to have either science, economics, or common sense behind it. It also overrides NT legislation intended to protect the NT environment and its traditional owners. As such it sets a dangerous precedent.

I believe the radioactive waste from Lucas Heights and other similar facilities, should be stored there. Not out of sight and mind. This dump opens up the potential for receipt of other nuclear waste, over-riding of legitimate legislation, state rights and the rights of our disadvantaged Aboriginal people. Because **some** Muckaty traditional owners were able to be coerced by money into signing some agreement with the government in a secret process, does not make it right, just, fair or legal.

I am involved in many environment and social justice groups and know many others who also oppose this new legislation on similar grounds. I believe this legislation should be repealed and radioactive waste should for the time being be stored at the facilities that generate it, to encourage them to use and generate less. We need to discuss this issue (ie radioactive waste disposal) and others surrounding uranium mining, nuclear power etc. at a forum/ thinktank on these issues, involving experts and key stakeholders and concerned members of the public- like the Australia Summit? Bob Hawke held on free trade, to better handle these important issues more openly and appropriately.

Please put my concerns and recommendations on the public record, and cc to Kevin Rudd and Martin Ferguson.

Thankyou.

Warm regards,

Tiffany.

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