

Dear Senators,

In regards to legislation that proposes selecting Muckaty station as a nuclear waste site, I urge the Senate committee to go and meet with the traditional owners of this land. I doubt if any Senator would like a government body to pass a bill that chooses their own backyard as a dumping ground and makes it into law without even consulting with them as the land owner and giving them no right of appeal once the decision is made.

I do not believe that the power to decide whether one site or another should be used as a nuclear waste dumping site should be in the hands of the Minister alone. Local people should have the right of appeal. All decisions about where a nuclear waste facility is situated need to be open and negotiated. I believe that nuclear waste should be moved as little as possible and choosing a remote site would mean that the nuclear waste would have to be transported long distances to be stored.

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