

**To:** [Legal and Constitutional, Committee \(SEN\);](#)  
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I wish to submit comment to the Senate Inquiry as an individual, Judy Horsfall, concerning plans for a national nuclear waste dump at Muckaty in the NT.

I dislike Nuclear mining in Australia at this time, in general. I understand that it is a difficult decision as to where to dump the waste. The time line of nuclear mining means that we get money now and have liability of the dump well into the future.

Who does the money go to for the nuclear resources? Should it not be dumped with them.

This issue Affects Aboriginal Australia and it seems that it is quite easy to dump their own and this issue on them.

It is essential that the Senate Committee pay due respects to the Traditional Owners by travelling to Tennant Creek to take evidence from them directly. These people need to be consulted and their interests ranked above all other interests. I believe that there has been some consultation already and it has been clear the Aboriginal Australia is opposed to this proposed site becoming a nuclear dump.

Don't make a mistake, please.

Regarding the legislation:

I disagree with the following sections:

Section 12 eliminates Aboriginal interests (the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984) and environmental interests (the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999) from the process of choosing a site.

Section 13 eliminates the property rights of any individual in the path of the dump or its access corridors.

Find a better site or stop mining uranium. Stop and come up with some other options. Well thought out options, sensitive to the people of Australia and their shared future on this great and fragile land.

Kind regards

Judy Horsfall