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To: Committee, Public Works (REPS) <pw@aph.gov.au>  
Subject: Submarine Rotational Force

Tom Whom it May Concern,

A nuclear waste dump of any type within a few kms of an extensive residential area (in this case Rockingham City) is unacceptable.

There has not been proper consultation with the Rockingham community, which would without doubt disapprove of such a facility being located at Garden Island.

Submarines have reactors containing high level nuclear active materials and there is no guarantee the nuclear waste dump will not eventually store higher level waste.

Issues that have not been answered to the satisfaction of the community include:

- The half lives of the N wastes
- proposed dumping of dredge spoil in Cockburn Sound
- lack of genuine information and consultation with community
- loss of sovereignty for Australia over combat decisions
- How 700 US military personnel will be accommodated and serviced in the local community

This large high impact project has not been discussed transparently in detail in State or Local government.

Preferable alternatives such as a remote storage site in the hinterland of a regional port have not been discussed.

A transparent parliamentary inquiry and proper public consultation should be held before any of the project proceeds.

National security purpose is no excuse for ignoring the local community concerns.

Sincerely,

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