

To the Legal and Constitutional Committee re the Waste Dump. 14-3-10
Sprey NT

Dear Trish,

I would like to register my disapproval of the process taken to determine where to put a nuclear waste dump in Australia. I agree with Paul Henderson that there should be a National debate over where it should be and it should be based on science. I don't think a handful of traditional owners at Muckaty or the Northern Land Council should be responsible for this serious decision. I feel that citizens in the NT have no rights when it comes to these decisions. Martin Ferguson is not respecting our democratic rights and the Fed. Govt. is taking advantage of the NT not being a State and unable to say no as they did in South Australia.

Martin Ferguson should be made aware of the earthquake that Tennant Creek had in 1990 or 91, it was 6.7 on the Richter scale and it scared a lot of people. So the geological stability around Tennant Creek is not guaranteed. Lucas Heights is in Sydney and there is a lot of geologically sound land just over the Great Dividing Range, why bring it all the way up here and risk spills, floods accidents on the roads. Each State should have their own Waste Facility for Low Grade Hospital waste and Lucas Heights should have their own in NSW.

I would like to see a public education campaign by the Fed. Govt on the issue so people know what is involved and what legislation surrounds this waste dump. Yours sincerely Margaret Mchugh