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Julie Dennett
Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Dennett,

I write to state my opposition to the proposed nuclear waste site at Muckaty Station.

Although consent for the proposed waste management facility was given by certain Ngapa Traditional Owners, many Ngapa Traditional Owners oppose the project due to the long term health hazards such a facility affords the Ngapa.

Long term safe storage of radioactive waste is uncertain. It has never been successfully undertaken. Possible leaks of radioactive material into the environment pose a great risk to the health of the Ngapa.

Only an irresponsible government would allow such a risky project to go ahead.

Only a coercive government would use laws to eliminate the participation of the Traditional Owners in choosing a site for such a hazardous and environmentally detrimental project.

The process undertaken by the government to push this project ahead undermines Australian Democracy and makes a farce of the government's apology to the Stolen Generation and the Aboriginal Peoples of Australia.

Sincerely,

Kate Holmes