

To Whom It may Concern,

I am writing to you in regards to the Senate Enquiry into the National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010. I would like this letter to be consider a submission to this enquiry.

I am a long term resident of the Territory, and I am concerned about the process that has been taken to try to have this radioactive waste dump located in the Territory.

I would like to ask for the enquiry to come to Tennant Creek so that local people's voices can be heard, and registered.

It appears very little has changed since the days of testing weapons in the desert. Myself and other Territorians feel that our opinions about our local environment and our future health are not taken in to account, instead we are seen as dispensable voters with a largely powerless government.

I feel that this decision has been made purely for political reasons, and the Northern Territory governments lack of statehood, means our wishes can be overridden by the Federal government. This has made us an ideal dumping ground for the rest of the country's nuclear waste.

I am aware that earlier attempts were made to force this dump on to South Australia, however, the powers of their statehood made it too difficult for the Federal government to do this.

Regards,

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