

To: [Legal and Constitutional, Committee \(SEN\)](#);
Subject: Submission to Senate Inquiry on Proposed Muckaty Station nuclear waste facility
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am a Tennant Creek Resident and I work in Tennant Creek and in the Barkly Tableland with the Uniting Church in Australia. I have been here for 4 years and have had significant concerns about the proposal to build a nuclear waste facility north of Tennant Creek at Muckaty Station. My concern has not abated and particularly my fear has significantly increased about the lack of consultation on this matter.

I have concerns about the transporting of waste to the facility. Only 2 years ago there was a spill of cyanide from a semi-trailer in the area. That showed me how easily accidents happen. No matter whether the transport be by road, or by rail, accidents happen.. Given the distances involved, one would logically think that the risk increases. Therefore I have concern for the Aboriginal peoples traditional lands being at risk of a spill and also for the pastoral industry whose livelihood rests in the cleanliness and safety of the land. I am concerned about the growing dissent between Traditional Land Owners that is caused by this proposal.

Because of my concerns, I ask that -
A Senate Committee travel to Tennant Creek and Muckaty Station to meet with locals and Traditional Owners to hear concerns.
And that there is a re-examination of the Muckaty proposed site.

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Minister,