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To whom it may concern;

With all due respect, last time I looked Australia was a
Democratic nation.

I have been following up developments in uranium mining, proposed nuclear power stations and nuclear waste management.

It is clear that in these areas only the interests of few have been satisfied, rather than the majority. It is shameful and troubling that democracy in Australia is turning to be nothing more than a pretty word. I strongly oppose any law or legislation that deprives 'traditional owners of the land' their rightful rights. Have the minister engaged directly the land owners to address their concerns?

What about safety issues? May sound right to cart radioactive waste across the nation to dispose in someone else's backyard. If safety is not an issue and transport not a consideration I would suggest we bury it under parliament house in Canberra. Or, what makes legislators think that by placing the "*dust under the carpet*" we will have a clean country?

Issues of this magnitude should not be placed in the hands of one individual alone.

All processes must be clear and transparent, easily available to all for consideration.

All issues on uranium and nuclear are the direct concern of ALL citizens and not only of the few because the results will affect us all. Thus, we should all be equally consulted and our opinions should be equally seriously considered.

I strongly object to have a nuclear dump in Australia. Anywhere. I strongly object to have the rights of individuals and communities arrogantly dismissed; they should all be considered with the seriousness they deserve.

And more importantly, I urge the Senate Committee to continuously remember we are a DEMOCRATIC nation and legislation making should follow with true honesty Democratic procedures.

Failure to act with high standards of ethics and honesty, by action or inaction, amounts to a gross betrayal of the trust of the Australian constituents.

Kind regards,

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