

Dear Ms Julie Bennett,

This is a letter to express my concern regarding the National Radioactive Waste Management Bill. Firstly, it is so important that the Senate Committee pay respects to the Traditional Owners by visiting them in Tennant Creek. This would facilitate a fair and open discussion of the consequences of this important decision, and allow both parties concerned to voice their opinions. This decision to nominate the Muckaty Site has been rightly criticised by many of these traditional owners. The bill seems also highly coercive and one-sided, without regard for land rights, environmental concerns, or property interests. Any bill that would give the local people no right of appeal can surely not be seriously considered. Lastly, the Federal Bureau of Research scientists did not even short-list the Muckaty area as a 'suitable' site. I ask you to turn down this bill, and do what is best for Australia and her people. Yours sincerely, with thanks,
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