

**To:** [Legal and Constitutional, Committee \(SEN\);](#)  
**Subject:** senate committee  
**Date:** Friday, 5 March 2010 9:00:10 AM

---

To whom it may concern,  
I am writing to oppose the nuclear dump occurring at Muckaty Station for both environmental and ethical reasons.

We live in Melbourne so far away from the proposed site however it does affect us. Last weekend I was sitting in a cafe in Brunswick with my 9 year old daughter and we were reading the Age newspaper there was an article about the proposed nuclear dumping site and my daughter enquired about it. I explained the situation about nuclear energy etc she was so upset that the government would consider doing such a thing like this. To place this 'rubbish' in the middle of nowhere and think that if we pretend its not there it will go away. Its her generation who are going to have to deal with all the negative problems that will come out of this situation. Why do we do this generation after generation? We have recently installed solar panels at home and she enquired about why it was that they were going to use nuclear energy in the first place when the sun was such a fantastic way of getting energy.

Her curriculum at school currently is about the arrival of the first fleet in 1778. She understands that the Indigenous Australians were asked to sign a piece of paper that then gave the ownership to the English. After reading the article we both realised not a lot has changed in 250 years as that's just what the Indigenous people of Muckaty Station were asked to do! Its frustrating sometimes things take so long to change, its even harder to explain to a child why that it.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Kind regards  
SOPHIE LA CANNA