

Submission for Nuclear Disarmament and Uranium Exports Inquiry

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The Australian Federal Government as an ethical, transparent, democratic leader needs to advocate nuclear disarmament.

Australia should cease all contributions to the nuclear cycle though stopping uranium mining and stopping uranium export.

Australia should not export Uranium to China due to China's lack of transparency and poor non-proliferation record.

Australia should export sustainable technology, based on renewable innovation that is harmless to the people of Australia and recipient countries, including solar, wind and energy efficient technologies. Promotion of renewable technology and energy efficient societies is the way forward to ensure a future for Australia and all global communities

Australia should not enter into additional bilateral agreements allowing for conversion and enrichment of Australian uranium in countries including China and India, where safeguard arrangements are not in place.

Australia should withdraw uranium sales from all Nuclear Weapon States that have breached their non-proliferation obligations or continue to fail to comply with their nuclear disarmament obligations under the Non-Proliferations Treaty and that fail to ratify and abide by the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, including verifiable closure of nuclear weapons testing facilities.

Applications of IAEA safeguards should be extended to fully apply to mined uranium ores, to refined uranium oxides to uranium hexafluoride and to uranium conversion facilities prior to the stages of enrichment or fuel fabrication.

Australia needs to emerge as a non-nuclear nation, with economic benefit being realised not through uranium promotion, but through renewable innovation and decrease on energy reliance.

All Export of uranium should cease, including to Taiwan and Australia should fully enforce and maintain restrictions against nuclear trade including uranium sales to India and Pakistan.

The Australian Government should not proceed with ratification of *The Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Russian Federation on Cooperation In the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes*, until Russia's reform process to clearly separate its civilian and military nuclear facilities is completed and independently verified. Consideration needs to be given to Russia abandoning this treaty and other nuclear treaties and the political ramifications.

The Australian Government should withdraw consent in existing bilateral treaties and not provide any future agreements or consent for reprocessing of Australian Obligated Nuclear Materials or for any use of such materials in mixed oxide or other plutonium based fuels.

Australia should require verifiable cessation of missile material production and support for a Fissile Materials Cut-Off Treaty that prohibits reprocessing and separation of weapons usable fissile materials from all countries with which Australia currently has bilateral nuclear cooperation agreements.

Failure to cease all activities associated with the nuclear fuel cycle is evidence of failure to realise the intractable nature of uranium, toxic waste creation and the damage inflicted upon all ecosystems and humanity.