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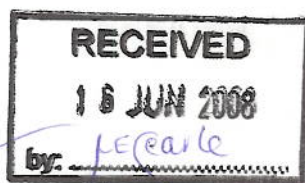
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(MS MARY CUSACK)

Submission on Agreement between the Government of
Australia and the Government of the Russian Federation
on Cooperation In the Use of Nuclear Energy for Peaceful Purposes
(I applied by email to your office for extension of time on 11/6/08)

1. This agreement should be scrapped as there are too many risks associated with so-called peaceful uses of nuclear energy, including stockpiling material and conversion of materials into nuclear weapons, including suitcase ones
2. Nuclear energy and nuclear have been and will remain intimately intertwined, eg India, Israel, U.S.A etc.
3. IAEA has a conflict of interest which makes nonsense of any differentiation between so-called "peaceful uses" of nuclear energy and nuclear weapons.
(IAEA promotes nuclear energy and is then responsible for inspecting nuclear weapons - a conflict of interest)
4. Russia is a politically unstable country about which, Australia etc know very little.
5. Once uranium leaves a country eg Australia, we have no control over what happens to it.
6. The burden of nuclear power cycle falls heavily on indigenous peoples of the world, eg Aboriginal Australians, native Americans etc. Uranium mining and proposals for waste disposal are located on their lands. Hardly a form of reconciliation which goes to it!
7. This agreement above is an easy way of paving the way for Australian uranium to be sold to Russia.
8. The above agreement is most undesirable and should be put in waste-paper basket

M. CUSACK

Thank you M. Cusack