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I oppose the sale of uranium to China.

This is the government with the worst human rights abuse record of our times, working towards genocide in Tibet, using live prisoners of conscience for 'mining' organs for transplant, and so on.

This government has sold weapons technology to various other countries, including those Australian soldiers have opposed.

There is a long history of Communist China not honouring agreements with other countries. This is quite acceptable from within a Chinese ethic:

- agreement with another person is sacrosanct -- unless the other person is a barbarian. Anyone not of Chinese culture is a barbarian.

Therefore, Australian uranium is very highly likely to end up in nuclear weapons, to be used or sold in whatever way suits the Chinese government.

The Chinese record of care for the environment, and for the safety and wellbeing of workers, is also the worst in the world. I am horrified by the thought of Chinese possibly mining, handling and transporting radioactive materials within Australia. If they don't care for their own land and people, are they likely to be any better with ours?

Sincerely,

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