

SUBMISSION NO. 2

**Nuclear Non-proliferation and
Disarmament**



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**A SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO NUCLEAR
NON PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT**

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I will preface this submission with a few words from the EFN President, Bruno Comby.

“The best way to avoid nuclear proliferation is to encourage the clean and safe civilian use of nuclear power (atoms for peace).”

International treaties involving Australia which relate to nuclear non proliferation and disarmament are vital to the security of Australia and hopefully the world, as far as nuclear weaponry is concerned. However, such treaties should be carefully constructed so that the sale of uranium to be used in peaceful application such as electricity generation is not seen as proliferation. In fact treaties dealing with proliferation should be arranged to encourage the peaceful use of uranium. It is my belief that Australia should be using its valuable uranium resources for nuclear power generation as many other nations in the world already do, particularly France, where EFN is headquartered.

To counter proliferation, Australia should never sell uranium to any nation which already has nuclear weaponry or an inclination that way, and treaties could be made more comprehensive and effective if their clauses carried such a prohibition.

I believe that Australia should value add to its yellowcake by processing it to the enriched stage which is required for nuclear reaction for power generation, and also by contracting to take back the waste at the packaged stage for final storage.

There are two attachments to this submission, one is a response to me from Bruno Comby, which came because I circulated him with the Inquiry notice from jcost. It also has a good breakdown on EFN around the world. The other attachment is a paper on the matter of nuclear waste by Bruno Comby, which we all should give serious attention to, as the problem is grossly exaggerated by media and anti nuclear groups. No uranium should be sold by Australia to any other nation unless that nation has a demonstrated capacity to process its waste effectively, or contracts with Australia to process and store it after its initial breakdown phase.

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