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The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry and Resources

To the Honourable Members House of Representatives,

One of my nieces worked in NT collecting samples for testing at uranium facilities in Darwin and then collated reports. She is in her early 40's now and has just been diagnosed with inoperable secondary cancer.

For years I've heard from family in South Australia that animals and birds were dead around water at Roxby Downs although there was only **one** short segment of ABC reporting about this years after this was known by locals. The Aboriginals call this Roxby Downs region, including British testing sites at Emu Downs and Maralinga as *'the sick country'*.

Having been so intimately involved in uranium mining, this niece also told me that in the process of mining uranium it is only possible to have it 95% clean at best. This means there is a compounding continuum of 5% contamination at best to people and the environment .

My conclusion is to oppose anymore uranium mining - costs to people and environment are much too high. in the mining, processing and purposes for what it is used. Leave it in the ground.

There are alternative energies to explore urgently. Examples are combination of solar and nano-technology:

<http://www.WantToKnow.info/050818solarenergynanotechnology>

"Both inventors and investors are betting that flexible sheets of tiny solar cells used to harness the sun's strength will ultimately provide a cheaper, more efficient source of energy than the current smorgasbord of alternative and fossil fuels. Solar energy could furnish much of the nation's electricity if available residential and commercial rooftops were fully utilized. According to the Energy Foundation, using available rooftop space could provide 710,000 megawatts across the United States, whose current electrical capacity is 950,000 megawatts. 'Our view is that government can cause big problems.'"

San Francisco Chronicle, 7/11/05

**Energy from the Vacuum: <http://www.cheniere.org>
Details of Tom Bearden's book on this subject are available at:
<http://www.cheniere.org/books/efv/toc.htm>**

I suspect countries that have installed nuclear energy using uranium are now wishing they had not done so. And we do not want the next problem of dealing with nuclear waste more than needed for Australian nuclear medicine and certainly not a dumping ground in Australia for nuclear waste from other countries. No! No! NO!

Yours sincerely,

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