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I request that you find against the proposal to sell uranium to China. The two major concerns about the nuclear fuel cycle are the disposal of waste and the proliferation of weapons. Proponents of nuclear power claim that science is overcoming the disposal problem and Australia can avoid being part of proliferation by a selective export policy.

Claims of safe disposal of nuclear waste go back to the 1970s when 'synrock' was trumpeted as the panacea. Of course every advance in this field has proved to be ephemeral. Science should provide the answers before we exacerbate the problem that will do untold damage to the environment for milenia.

The selective export policy does not mean much if it is amended to cater for every economic opportunity. Our opposition to Iran's nuclear ambitions, while justified, is hypocritical if we go ahead with uranium sales to China.

Yours sincerely

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