

Committee Secretary
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations
and Financial Services
Department of the Senate.
Parliament House
Canberra
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I want to make submission to
the inquiry into corporate responsibility
conducted by the Parliamentary joint
committee on corporations and financial services.

The industry that I want to concentrate
on, is the nuclear industry in Australia. I define
that as the mining of uranium, the dumping
nuclear waste of various levels in Australia.
The type of waste which is generated in
Australia, shipped overseas and reprocessed
and shipped back. The remote possibility
of importing other countries nuclear waste
The making of radco isotopes at Lucas heights

The limited amount of irradiation of food. Once the uranium gets milled and processed, it ends up overseas, does it get used for weapons like bombs or depleted uranium weapons. Australia has had a long history of having an anti-nuclear movement. Such as example include big palm Sunday rallies of the ~~jabuluka uranium deposit and~~ 1970's and 1980's, the stalling of the jabuluka uranium deposit and construction of a waste dump in South Australia.

Time and time again the people have said to look more broadly at the issues. The government ignores the issues, the corporations keep mining the uranium.

There is no fandenku approach to alternatives, such as solar, wind and methane trapped from landfill to create energy. If other countries can do it, we can. If Australia has problems creating energy from renewables excuse, then there is something wrong, very wrong. The use of radioisotopes can be changed, by using non-nuclear technologies. If Australia has a need to use radioisotopes then it can import them.

There are issues including what companies should report to the market also needs to be questioned. For example with the recent death of a worker at BHP Billiton Olympic dam Operation.

The worker who was working with explosives, was killed when the explosives went off prematurely. The company may/may not have told the market. Incidents such as those must be brought to the attention of the market, because ~~these~~ previous incidents of spillages the amount of insurance needed was getting to the point, it was ~~becoming~~ becoming uninsurable.

Yours sincerely

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