

## **Submission to the Inquiry into the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008**

I submit that the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005 and the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Act 2006 must be repealed and amended by this Bill because

- they override Northern Territory Government Legislation regarding transport and storage of nuclear waste in their territory
- they prevent the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 from having effect
- they exclude the Native Title Act 1993 from operation
- they suspend the Judicial Review Act
- they override the Aboriginal Land Rights, Northern Territory Act
- they allow continued secrecy and bullying in the discussion, science and siting of radioactive wastes rather than legislating for open discussion, community consultation, good science and transparency in the important issue of what it might be possible to do with our national nuclear wastes in to the long term future

This issue is too vital to the future generations of this country to allow these flawed pieces of Legislation to remain in place, they could lead to such tragedies as the placing of a radioactive waste dump on an earthquake prone site such as that at Muckaty Station near Tennant Creek.

Thank you

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