

To Members of the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communication and the Arts,

Re. Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and consequential amendment) Bill

People for Nuclear Disarmament in Western Australia wish to support this Private Member's Bill, lodged with the Senate on 25/9/08.

We find it unacceptable that the work of the Howard government in foisting a nuclear waste dump on a Northern Territory community has not been undone, as the Labor Party promised when in Opposition.

At the ALP's conference in 2007, prior to the election, it was agreed that the Howard legislation (CRWMA Act of 2005, and the amendment to it, passed in 2006) must be repealed, and that an open, consultative process would be established to determine the location of a national nuclear waste depository. This has not been done, and the people of Muckarty Station (the site chosen by the Howard Government) are left high and dry, with the threat of the waste dump still hanging over them. This is unfair, and unacceptable.

Seeing that Senator Ludlam has gone to the trouble of doing the work which Minister Ferguson should have done by now, we hope that the Government will support this repealing legislation, because fair-minded people in the community certainly support it.

Yours sincerely,

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