

RE: Proposed National Nuclear Waste Dump in the NT

I would like to express my strong opposition to the Proposed National Nuclear Waste Dump in the Northern Territory for the following reasons::

The Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005, which provides legislation for the national nuclear dump site in the Northern Territory, should be repealed because it undermines environmental, public safety and Aboriginal heritage protections. It prevents the application of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 during investigation of the sites, and it excludes the Native Title Act 1993 from operating at all.

None of the sites in the Northern Territory were chosen on the basis of scientific evidence of their suitability, but instead appear to have been chosen for political expediency.

The legislation is unclear about the length of time high-level nuclear waste storage would be stored (long shelf life for such waste) in the Northern Territory. No deep-level geological site for high-level nuclear waste exists.

Many thanks
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