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To. Senate ECITA References Committee.

I would ask the Senate to think deeply about Australia's present and future participation in the Uranium Mining industry.

At present we have a Uranium Mine bordering a National Park i.e. Kakadu, in a significant wetlands area with a monsoonal climate. It sounds ridiculous and it is. There are frequent leaks into the surrounding environment, and these leaks contain wastes that will remain in the environment to pollute and thus endanger future generations. No future development should take place in this area, and present activities should be phased out, there is nothing in these developments for the Australian people. Only land degradation and ongoing health problems to the environment and the human population.

The Beverley Uranium mine is nothing but an obscenity. Owned by an American Company which would not be licensed to operate in this way in its own country. This form of In situ leaching is not practised in any other western country. Why should we allow ourselves in Australia to be treated as a Third World Country? The proposed Honeymoon mine is to be developed by a Canadian company and

use the same techniques.

These mines (ISL) should be harshly regulated.

With water becoming such a huge issue in our dry Australian environment. Nothing should be allowed that could potentially destroy a water resource. This method of mining probably will destroy a water resource.

These mines should be regulated, possibly by paying a huge bond, and they should be made to understand that the environment must be returned to its former state. This includes groundwater. If really serious environmental protection was built into the permits with up front security bonds, strict regulation etc. We would not even see these people. They would go off to pollute another THIRD WORLD COUNTRY.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE BY STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

- ① Leases must be cancelled near Kakadu and full rehabilitation undertaken.
- ② No release of mine waste should take place into waterways, both externally as at Ranger or into Groundwater as at Beverley or Honey moon.
- ③ All leaks must be reported immediately and PUBLICLY. We all have a right to know. No more cover ups.
- ④ We should incorporate the strictest environmental standards possible to protect the future well being of our country and its population.

The Uranium Industry is the ultimate DIRTY industry.
And the most DANGEROUS industry.

It should not be taken lightly.

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