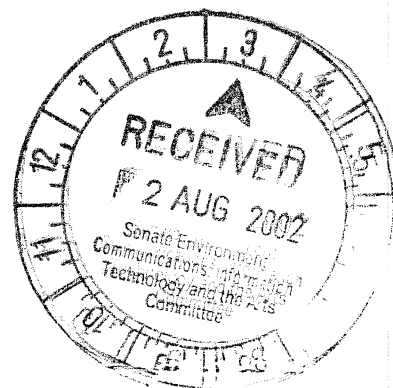


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Please accept this submission to the Inquiry into the Environmental regulation of Uranium Mining.

I ask that comprehensive and transparent monitoring, regulation and reporting form the basis of the recommendations of this inquiry including:

That Federal and South Australian governments be required to protect ground water at the Beverley and honeymoon mines

That the Inquiry recommend increased monitoring of operations and public reporting of all radioactive leaks

That the Inquiry recommends a new public environmental assessment of the management of waste mines

That Federal and Northern Territory governments facilitate the rehabilitation, lease relinquishment and incorporation of Jabiluka and Koongarra mineral leases in Kakadu National Park

That the Inquiry creates and articulates a credible plan that will prevent further development of mineral leases of the Jabiluka site and rehabilitate the existing site in order that the region's World Heritage status is protected.

That Rio Tinto and relevant government agencies support a phasing out, exit and rehabilitation process for Ranger, including the supporting the establishment of a viable Aboriginal community separate to mining.

That Federal and Northern Territory governments act to reduce the environmental impacts of operations at Ranger, and for monitoring, reporting and regulatory processes to be strengthened and to include more event based monitoring, increased monitoring scope and enhanced reporting, particularly at a public level

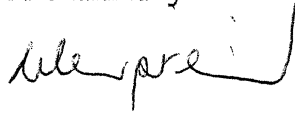
That the terms of Reference include:

Inquiry into the current monitoring and reporting systems at Ranger, Jabiluka, Honeymoon and Beverley sites, with particular emphasis on performance, effectiveness and transparency

A review of the adequacy, effectiveness and transparency of the Commonwealth processes involved in monitoring and reporting mechanisms

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Helen Stein', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Helen Stein