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The Secretary
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SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE INQUIRY INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION OF URANIUM MINING

A history of leaks, groundwater contamination and other environmental beaches demonstrate that the present regulation, monitoring and reporting of Australia's uranium mines is not effective.

I ask the following points be considered in your deliberations.

- 1/ Increase the levels of monitoring and public reporting on ALL uranium mining operations.
- 2/ A strong commitment to protecting groundwater by prohibiting mine waste discharge.
- 3/ Ranger mine be closed and the site rehabilitated and included in Kakadu National Park allowing for a viable indigenous community.
- 4/ Northern Territory Words heritage values be protected by stopping the development of the Jabiluka lease site.

I look forward to the result of the inquiry and trust it will show the need for a full examination of the industry.



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