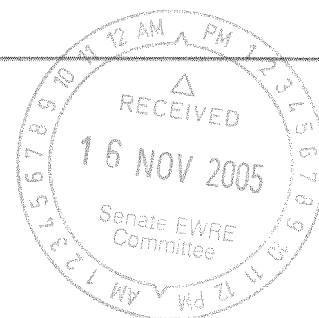


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From: Ian Matthews [charnleymatthews@iprimus.com.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 15 November 2005 9:59 PM
To: EET, Committee (SEN)
Subject: Radioactive waste dump in NT



Dear Senators,

I wish to record my concerns about the Government's proposal to develop a Radioactive waste dump in the Northern Territory.

I ask the Senate Committee to recognise the serious concerns throughout Australia over Radioactive waste, and to initiate and open, public inquiry into all aspects of the nuclear industry in Australia.

I find it alarming that, at a time of heightened concern about local and international terrorism, and increasing concern about the "axis of evil", that the Government is seeking to expand the nuclear industry, and to transport waste huge distances to remote parts of the Northern Territory.

Now would seem to be the time to sit back and contemplate the wisdom of supplying the world with a weapon capable of being used for mass destruction.

Now would also seem the time to doubt the sense in transporting radioactive waste from all over the country along long and lonely roads to a remote area of Australia. The opportunity for sabotage, let alone accidents, along the way poses too high a risk.

I am concerned that this decision is being made without public consultation, in conflict with the local Government, ignoring the wishes of Traditional Owners and the local community, and despite clear committments that a radioactive dump was not on the agenda.

There is no need for haste on this decision. Nuclear waste has millions of years to wait before it becomes safe, so there is plenty of time for the Senate to consider the wisest management of this toxic material.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Ian Matthews