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Subject: Submission regarding THE COMMONWEALTH RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT BILL

2005

The Chair - Senator Judith Troeth Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee Inquiry into Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005

Dear Senator,

I would like to make a very brief submission to your inquiry, based on information forwarded to my by Friends of the Earth.

Since you no doubt have a very detailed submission from them, I would simply like to say that if it is true that the federal government, despite assurance to the contrary, has legislated for a waste dump in the NT, especially without consulting the NT government or community.

I would therefore ask that the bill be rejected outright.

At the very least the dump should be sited according to scientific information rather than political expediency. If, however, as it appears, no State or Territory wants the dump I would call on the government to abandon plans for such a facility, and, as a logical consequence, wind down the existing uranium mines in Australia.

Yours Sincerely,

Rev. Jason John