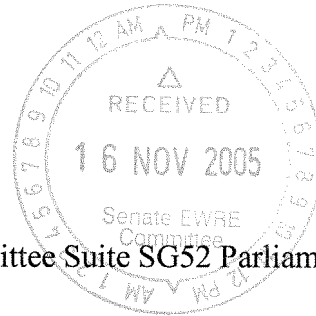


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Mr John Carter
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To whom it may concern,

Hi, I am a 14-year-old girl who is concerned about the recent government decision to consider Katherine as a nuclear waste dump site. I can understand why you don't mind if the nuclear dump is near Katherine, because it won't affect you personally if this reactor leaks contaminants or blows up. However as a Katherine resident, it will affect me, my family, friends and neighbours...Did your government think of future lives you could be wrecking and/or deforming?

Look at the example of the Russian Chernobyl disaster and the damage caused, when the reactor blew up. The possibility of a nuclear dump leaking if there is floods (which we have every wet season), black outs (which happen pretty often, you can fix our electricity but what about when it floods the electricity will stop then) and heat (we have some of the harshest heats in Australia) must not be ignored. It isn't fair that you can make decisions that affect our lives, and we are not consulted.

I also question the ability for the Senate Employment and Workplace Relations Committee to have the qualifications to make decisions regarding the threat to the environment. Please reconsider these ideas. It might encourage more jobs in the area of mining, but not for long...this is a limited resource and if a disaster occurs there will be no more jobs. If you had taken the opportunity to visit Katherine and discuss this matter with its residence you would have seen Katherine and surrounding areas are beautiful, fresh, and could appreciate Katherine Gorge, the red barren lands, big brown anthills and many more beautiful scenes.

Regards,

Rachael Barritt