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**To:** EET, Committee (SEN)  
**Subject:** Submission - Re, Nuclear dump planned for Northern Territory



Dear Committee Members,

I would like to make the following submission on the Inquiry into Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005.

The minimal time that your committee has to consider the implications and consequences of the proposed radioactive waste dump is indicative of the concern that the government has about the social and environmental consequences of radioactive waste.

It is clear from the fact that the government is so determined to put the radioactive waste dump well away from major population centres that it is not as safe as they are suggesting. The Northern Territory government, environmental organisations, local communities, and traditional Aboriginal landowners have had little or no consultation in the siting of the radioactive waste dump.

I am not a nuclear expert and you may not be either. If you do not already support the push for a new nuclear reactor at any cost, you should get unbiased expert advice. I have read enough to make me realise that we should reconsider who is benefiting from the nuclear agenda in Australia.

To clarify some specific issues;

It is not necessary to have a radioactive waste dump in the Northern Territory to maintain access to high quality nuclear medicine - See comments by Professor Barry Allen - Former head of medical research at the Lucas Heights nuclear facility.

You should check the validity of the 'scientific assessment' or lack thereof, of the radioactive waste dumpsite in the Northern Territory. It appears to be very one sided (i.e. pro nuclear).

The proposed legislation is not democratic and is another step on the slippery slope of economic expediency, another hidden agenda misappropriating the basic democratic rights of people in our community.

Sincerely yours  
Martin Frank