

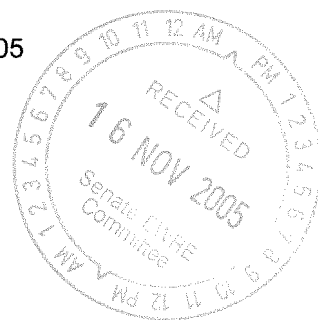
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Inquiry into  
Radioactive Waste



The Chair- Senator Judith Troeth,  
Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education  
Committee.

Inquiry into Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005.

Dear Senator Troeth,

I write to you in urgency with regards to the proposed legislation for the dumping of Radioactive Waste in the NT. As an Australian Citizen, and Natural Therapist I am strongly opposed to this legislation, or any that would permit a dump, which to my understanding directly contravenes the wishes of the NT community. Under this proposal dumps would be open to storing international high level waste. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) states that any government must employ 'social licence' when considering dumps, and by not doing so, the Federal Government's plans are inconsistent with international obligations. The claim that this dump would increase opportunities in research and access into quality radiological medical equipment is contradicted by the former Head of Medical Research, Prof. Barry Allen, Senior Medical Professional at the Lucas Heights Nuclear Facility. All NT Political Parties are opposed to the proposed dumps. Nuclear Waste has been proven to be extremely hazardous to contain, hence the attraction to the NT, and its stable geographical nature. The problems persist though, during transport (by sea, rail and road), where not only are there high risks to the public from accidents, but contained radioactive waste can leach into ground water. This would affect the Great Artesian Basin, which is already suspected to be affected by contamination from accidents and tailings from Roxby and Olympic Dam uranium mines. Mining, transporting, and dumping of radioactive waste also increases the risk of an attack, now that our Foreign Policies are making serious enemies.

Wherever your beliefs lay with the 'Peak Oil' issue, transport will become increasingly more expensive, and there are no guarantees that a company storing waste won't cut corners to keep up profits.

Crude oil will expend one day, uranium can remain hazardous for up to 7 million years.

Please don't allow the short sightedness of a few to spoil our beautiful country forever. These decisions are irreversible, regardless of what government may come in the future.

Keep Australia safe.

Keep Australia Beautiful.

Yours in Faith,  
Wayne Reid