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Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee Inquiry into Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 I am written in opposition to the recent decision by our current government to place a toxic nuclear waste dump in the NT.

Another lie, yet again from the government. it promised never to do this! how can this happen.

below are some pressing points that have come to hand, these I find particularly disturbing and I am outraged by the governments blantant abuse of its unconcionable control of the two houses.

there has been no consultation with the NT government or community, traditional Aboriginal landowners or those on the proposed transport

the federal legislation would allow the proposed NT waste dump to be turned into an international radioactive waste dump housing highly radioactive materials from all around the world - effectively forever.

the federal government earlier gave an "absolute categorical assurance" to the NT that there would be no nuclear dump imposed. This legislation is in complete conflict with this earlier promise.

all political parties in the NT are opposed to the imposition of the dump.

the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) maintains that such

facilities require community consent and a reasonable degree of 'social license'. This legislation is inconsistent with this international

obligation.

the legislation is heavy handed and anti-democratic. It removes the ability of local, territory and state governments to adequately reflect the concerns and aspirations of the communities they represent. good public policy is developed through negotiation and inclusion - not imposed by governments determined to get their way no matter what.

I would hope that this matter is considered carefully, is it bad enough that you are mining the amazing kakadu national Park, but to then turn the remote top end into a dump site too.

shame. Lyndall McSween

