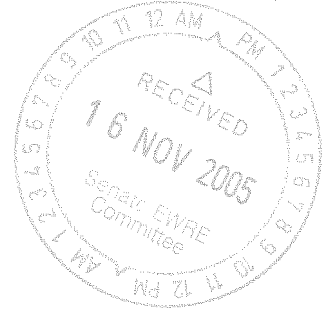


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To:
The Chair - Senator Judith Troeth
Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
Committee

Re: Submission for the Inquiry into Commonwealth Radioactive
Waste Management Bill 2005

I am very concerned about the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005. I am concerned about the way the federal government is trying to override community and Northern Territory input, as well as environmental and health and safety legislation. The federal government has failed to make any compelling case for the urgency of this legislation. Furthermore, this legislation is heavy handed and anti-democratic as there has been no consultation with the NT government or community, traditional Aboriginal landowners or those on the proposed transport routes. This inquiry is far too short to deal with the complexity of the issues involved.

I am also concerned about the actual radioactive waste dump proposed. The federal legislation will allow the NT to be used as an international radioactive - effectively forever. Australia does not need a nuclear waste dump, and one should not be imposed on the Northern Territory.

Sincerely,
Catherine Blakey