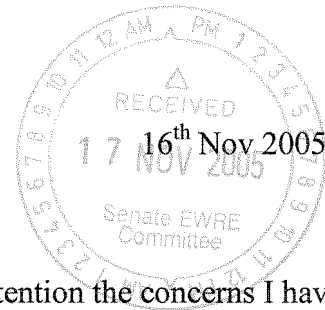


Attention Senator Judith Troeth



Dear Senator Troeth

As Chair of this Senate committee I wish to bring to your attention the concerns I have and wish to have them taken into consideration and passed on to those making the final decision as to where the most suitable site might be for a **nuclear waste dump**.

I believe that the Committee Secretary is John Carter (Ph. 02 62773520) and so I imagine that, you John will actually receive this email and I respectfully ask that each member of the committee receives a copy.

You might find that both Senators, Troeth and Crossin know of me and have met me personally on several occasions as I spent 6 years as a volunteer board of management member of *Australian Women in Agriculture Ltd*.

Currently I am President of the local Roper River Landcare Group Inc who are an active diverse membership group who are passionate about the on-going health and well-being of the Roper River catchment (some 80 000sqkms+) and it's environs as well as the people living and working in the catchment whilst they derive their living from and around it. Our Vision in our Roper River Catchment Natural Resource Management Plan "seeks to have a catchment that has vibrant communities and productive sustainable management of country."

I also am a Councillor on the Mataranka Community Government Council locally where we strive to "*proudly provide an improved quality of life for Mataranka & district residents.*"

Family is foremost in all that I do in and for my rural communities and associated primary industries. All of my four, now adult children, live and work in the NT. Two of them are a crucial fulltime part of the family pastoral operation and company that we run on two properties in the Roper River catchment area. As a family Holistic Management Goal we aim to have and be **Healthy** in every aspect of the word - **Hearts; Environment; Animals; Lifestyle; Trust; Homes; Yields.**

So as we live and work with our environment every other day, I respectfully ask that you can ensure me that all due care and respect to us as locals will be taken into consideration when such massive decisions are made / taken as to where the best possible site is for such a location for this nuclear waste dump. To avoid unwarranted speculation, I think that we locals deserve the right to be well informed and visited so that we are not in the dark and ill-informed by hearsay about what is actually being proposed. All this hype about the Katherine site being one of three, is really hard to take seriously but what are our options? The site is in a very brittle area of the headwaters of the massive Roper River Catchment and with any hiccup has the potential to affect a vast pristine river catchment and the associated flora, fauna, businesses and lives of a small but very passionate and special section of your Australian population. The water catchment component seems to me, to make it very difficult to easily contain any mishap - quickly and effectively???

That our concerns are taken seriously, will be of great assurance. The time that we, in rural Australia spend in a voluntary capacity to enable us to maintain healthy, vibrant communities and environs, is rarely appreciated or taken into consideration

