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Subject:

location of radioactive waste facility

I wish to express my dismay at the possibility a radioactive waste facility may be located near Katherine. This is a town trying to improve its image and desirability as a tourist destination and a town to live in. It is one of only four towns on the Stuart Highway in the NT. All these towns struggle somewhat to be counted by Darwin administration.

To have Katherine associated with a waste facility will seriously damage the town. Realistically or not nuclear waste is an emotional issue and has negative connotations. No amount of information will change this perception. Katherine will become a joke. It will become synonymous with somewhere to avoid or drive through quickly. The facility will become known as the Katherine nuclear waste facility or dump. How will we attract nurses, teachers etc to move here?

The facility needs to be located somewhere where it will not become linked with a town and destroy its future. Please consider my points of view. Yours sincerely, john green