

Submission

to

Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
Legislation Committee

Inquiry into the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005

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Subject: Re:Submission to The Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendment) Bill 2005

To whom it May Concern

I was told I would be able to send in a submission if I did it this weekend

Submission to

The Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendment)

From Ms Lyndall McCormack

First of all I want to say I totally object to this bill.

I and my colleagues do not want a national nuclear waste facility

This is waste that goes across generations it breaks the intergenerational equity principal and the elimination of the use of nuclear materials in the supply chain should be planned for now. we have a cyclotron in Australia in victoria Mr Bracks can verify this so I believe there is no need for this facility to be used for nuclear medicine.

I note here that the NSW state Labor Party have acknowledged that there has been nuclear accidents in hospitals and people are compensated for this which is a very terrible concern for people we want accuracy with treatment not mistakes. My group believes that it is not ethical to send our waste to other people to look after. We wish the transport of nuclear materials banned from being exported to other states. We do not wish a licence to be granted for the operation of the Opal reactor in NSW.

Anything Nuclear is not considered sustainable and there are many scientists who would argue that case and you know it. I believe it should be kept where it is and people should be allowed to view it as tourists as an appoint why we shouldn't not produce nuclear material. So they may see the folly of human beings ways and consider other new approaches to science that would give us a more sustainable pathway.

As you know from recent Daily Telegraph reports we have been a terrorist target and the Premier Of NSW has finally gone out of their way to get this city radiation treatment pills in case of an accident. who needs to live with this without stress. It will always be with
[us.
http://www.dailytelegraph.news.com.au/story/0,20281,17238166-5001021,00.html](http://www.dailytelegraph.news.com.au/story/0,20281,17238166-5001021,00.html)

As you know many councils are nuclear free zones and now so has the mayor of Washington a Nuclear free zone. So how you will transport it their I don't know , Is that why you want to allow to fly it in. All some one has to do is to get one of those missile launches like the terrorist use in Iraq to shoot down aeroplanes or have you forgotten we have jut lost one of our courageous airmen their you cant think that giving us a charter that will guarantee compensation for something like that sprayed every where will make up for the psychological fear that people would always have to live with.
<http://159.54.227.3/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050824/NEWS01/508240333/1006>

There have been problems already with yucca mountain
<http://www.pahrumpvalleytimes.com/2005/04/06/news/ymp.html>

Quoting from this article it is "It is unethical to expose future generations to levels of radiation much higher than current generations <http://www.awma.org/pubs/envirowire/article.asp?id=984>

Please read these article form USCUS.ORG that I have posted below

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Nuclear Waste Disposal

(Web Page; Wed Oct 19 16:09:26 EDT 2005)

Nuclear Terrorism & Nuclear Reactors Nuclear Waste Disposal Dr. Ed Lyman Geological Repository There are several potential ways in which nuclear waste could be handled in the long term, none of which are ideal. Those considered include...

Description: Fact sheet on handling of nuclear waste and storage.

2. Reprocessing of Spent Fuel from Nuclear Reactors

(Web Page; Wed Oct 05 09:49:29 EDT 2005)

factsheet Reprocessing of Spent Fuel from Nuclear Reactors An Expensive and Dangerous Road to Nowhere BACKGROUND: U.S. civilian nuclear power plants use only low-enriched uranium (LEU) as fuel. LEU cannot be used directly to make nuclear...

Description: Factsheet on the Reprocessing of Spent Fuel from Nuclear Reactors

3. (offman) How Nuclear Power Works

(Web Page; Tue Aug 16 22:56:46 EDT 2005)

backgrounder How Nuclear Power Works Principles of Nuclear Power in clean energy Nuclear safety off-site Energy Information Administration Atoms are constructed like miniature solar systems. At the center of the...

4. Reprocessing and Nuclear Terrorism

(Web Page; Thu Oct 20 16:41:30 EDT 2005)

Nuclear Terrorism & Nuclear Reactors Reprocessing and Nuclear Terrorism Dr. Ed Lyman BACKGROUND: U.S. civilian nuclear power plants use only low-enriched uranium (LEU) as fuel. LEU cannot be used directly to make nuclear weapons. As the...

Description: Fact sheet on reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel.

5. Public Benefits of Renewable Energy Use

(Web Page; Mon Apr 25 00:00:00 EDT 2005)

backgrounder Public Benefits of Renewable Energy Use From Powerful Solutions: Seven Ways to Switch America to Renewable Electricity , UCS, 1999 Renewable energy can supply a significant proportion of the United States' energy needs,...

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Also I wish Australians did petition you similar to this web site <http://www.nirs.org/petition/index.php?r=sb>

As far as I am concerned the Germans got it right if they phased out nuclear power
http://today.reuters.co.uk/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=scienceNews&storyID=2005-10-27T132414Z_01_RID747899_RTRIDST_0_SCIENCE-GERMANS-NUKE-DC.XML

I would want to prohibit any national nuclear facilities in connection with storage and disposal of nuclear waste .I believe you have a nuclear delusion
<http://society.guardian.co.uk/environment/story/0,14124,1428025,00.html>

I defiantly would not want a private firm to take the waste , in the past no company has proved trustworthy their are many mistakes made in the world with nuclear material, my group PANR have been collecting information. I don't want partnerships formed to build a nuclear waste dump.

<http://www.planetark.com/dailynewsstory.cfm/newsid/32465/story.htm>

I and others definitely don't want you to allow waste to come here from all over the world as Bob Hawke has most recently conjectured. http://observer.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,6903,1451346,00.html

The traditional owners seem to maintain an anti dump stance
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200510/s1492498.htm>

We know their some definitions of waste that DOE recognises in the US do you have a full understanding of what transuranic waste means, we'll we don't want it.

What do you mean by providing that no person is entitled to procedural fairness in relation to the Minister's making of a declaration. does this mean their is no class action if the Minister makes a mistake si that why most things are given out to private concerns.

Did you choose a site that could be affected by cyclonic activity with extreme weather conditions in the future.

Unless you decide to look for alternative uses of nuclear material and eliminate their use you won't be decommissioning the site and you were supposed to reduce the waste instead it may be growing? so therefore what do you mean by the Commonwealth extinguishing responsibility.

Yours sincerely

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if I have made some mistakes and it sounds a bit like gobbdy gook please tell me so I can explain
and check my web sites

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