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**To:** EET, Committee (SEN)  
**Subject:** Proposed nuclear dump in NT

I strongly object to the Australian government forcibly imposing a nuclear dump on the NT. All states have voted against this proposal. Placing it in the NT is an 'out of sight out of mind' tactic. Should such a repository be constructed it should be beside the reactor so that expert personnel are available to monitor it and to intervene in an emergency.

Additionally nuclear facilities are now clearly terrorist targets in Australia and placing it in a remote site lessens the ability to adequately guard it against an attack. The threat last week to Lucas Heights shows how real this is.

Transport of waste to a facility in the NT means that it will either be taken by roads with the chance of an accident and contamination of small towns or farm land along the way, or alternatively it will be taken part way by rail, indicating what a cynical move the Howard govt. made by backing the recently completed rail line to near Darwin.

I appeal to you to stop this dump in the NT - remember that the waste lasts for 250,000 years. We can only look back over such a time span at the changes on Earth in this time. We have no way of knowing what changes to the Earth's crust will occur in the next 250,000 years and to potentially contaminate it for such a short term gain is indecent.

Christine Moore.