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To: EET, Committee (SEN)
Subject: Submissionn against NT Radioactive Waste Dump

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to add my dismay at the plan to impose a radioactive waste dump on the NT especially where it is planned to be in the close proximity of the traditional land owners whose voice is less likely to be heard by the present government.

There is overwhelming opposition in NT and around Australia to this proposed site.

The lack of consultation is inconsistant with international obligation. It appears that there is no scientific assessment for this site. If such nuclear waste is considered to be so safe as far as health and safety issues are concerned, I believe that it should be stored where it is used until such time as a method of finding a zero waste solution has been discovered.

Claims about medical needs are false [refer Prof Barry Allen]. Waste, especially nuclear waste, is the biggest problem the modern world faces, and responsibility must be forced onto the producer to make avoidance the top priority.

You may think this suggestion extreme: if those who think the nuclear industry continuation is ok, let them keep the nuclear waste in their homes and back yards until they find a real solution to the waste problem. It is time to rethink the nuclear game, and keep the raw material in the ground.

Dumping of everyday household waste is a toxic failure, so how can it be believed that dumping nuclear waste is ok?

It is not.

Out of site means out of mind.

This nuclear waste dump must be refused, nuclear waste should continue to be stored as it is, as safely as possible, on the sites where it is used until a zero waste solution is urgently found.

Yours sincerely,

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