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Sent: Tuesday, 22 November 2005 9:49 AM
To: EET, Committee (SEN)
Cc: Greens-Activist; Greens-Global
Subject: Nuclear Waste Dump

Dear Senator,

I hope you will hear my concerns (and feel the responsibility of the safety of your grandchildren and great grandchildren) when you think very deeply about the decisions you will make on the storage of nuclear waste for many, many, future generations.

I ask you to very carefully consider three important issues:

Firstly, there is no "safe" exposure level with nuclear waste or nuclear contamination!

Secondly, in thinking about the **short term** dangers of storage of any level of nuclear waste, I ask you to consider :

- The possibility of accidents with nuclear waste in transit,
 - including terrorist attacks.
 - Which insurance company will cover individuals or governments or companies involved in the event of such an accident. I do not know of an insurance company which will cover for nuclear irradiation risks, do you?
 - How will accident victims and survivors be financially supported?
 - Would any contaminated properties be uncontaminated?
 - How would that happen?
 - Accidents are a normal part of any industry, why is it that the Nuclear industry does not acknowledge this?
- Simply because, the nuclear industry can't "fix" accidents in the same way as accidents can be "fixed" in other industries. It is too costly, and can never be effective as the waste generated by accidents, once again, needs to be "stored".

Secondly, I hope that you will seriously consider the **long term** consequences of the approval of a storage site for nuclear waste, in particular :

- This will open the floodgates for global nuclear proliferation.
- There is no safe place or method for storage of the waste generated by this "industry"
- Nuclear proliferation is not only insanity, it is pointless and irresponsibly wasteful of global financial resources. Resources which could be going into much more "worthwhile" causes.
- There will never be a "winner" of a nuclear war.
- Nuclear energy is not sustainable or profitable, and therefore no solution to Climate Change.

Finally, I ask you to understand and take into consideration that as an elected representative of the people of Australia -your current power extends over the safety and care of many future generations. If you make the wrong decision, and agree to a nuclear waste dump ignoring the above risks, you will have failed not only the people who trusted you enough to put you in a position of power over their current and future safety, you will have also risked the lives of the yet unborn.

It is your responsibility as an elected representative to make the right decision for your people now.

With the deepest hope

Warm regards
 Anne Goddard

bccs: friends, associates and media