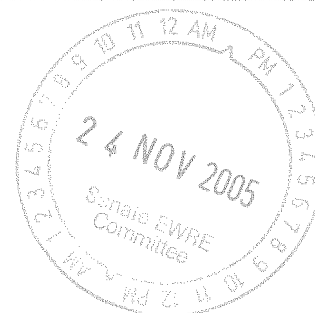


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**The Chair - Senator Judith Troeth**  
**Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee**  
**Inquiry into Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005**

Dear Senator Troeth

**RE: COMMONWEALTH RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT BILL 2005**

We are writing to you as Chairman of the senate Committee inquiry into the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 to express our total opposition to this Bill on the following grounds:

1. The Federal Government is once again **failing to consult** with the communities on most affected by this decision, just as it failed to consult on IR reforms, the sale of Telstra, and numerous other bills;
2. The Commonwealth has **failed to gain the trust or confidence of the community** that it can safely manage the transport and storage of such dangerous waste;
3. The tolerability and acceptability of such a dangerous facility can only be fostered by **consulting with the community**, and **involving the community** in the siting, assessment, monitoring and management of this facility;
4. Forcing Legislation down the throats of a community **totally destroys the Commonwealths credibility**, and totally **destroys community confidence** that the Commonwealth will be any more open and honest about the risks in its management, monitoring and reporting once this facility is operational;
5. **Science, not politics**, must be the major factor underpinning the safest possible location and operation of such a facility - the Commonwealth has not demonstrated this to be the safest;

The Commonwealth has **totally failed** to make any compelling case for the urgency of this legislation, has **totally failed** to consult, has **totally failed to gain community trust or confidence**, and has **totally failed to apply proper scientific principles** in preparing this legislation.

The legislation is totally undemocratic, totally flawed, and we therefore urge the Senate Committee to reject this Bill.

Yours faithfully

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