

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence And Trade Inquiry into the  
Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests  
(Treatment) Bill 2006

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my concern about the inadequacy of provisions to compensate veterans in the Australian Participants in British Nuclear Weapons Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006.

I believe that this Bill should be extended to provide more adequate compensation and support to Australian Tests Participants (Nuclear Veterans) of the British Nuclear weapons Tests in Australia.

This would require full coverage under the Veterans Entitlement Act being extended to all of those military personnel who are bona fide British Nuclear Weapons Tests participants and whose names appear in the Government #8217's nominal roll, and to those civilians who were fully employed by the Federal Government and were present during the actual tests or may have been involved in the cleanup period after the actual tests.

I believe these people need to be properly compensated for their involvement in nuclear tests that left many of them unable to work or make a living later in life due to health issues relating to their involvement.

As an Australian citizen I implore you to extend this Bill to provide compensation and support to these citizens, whether military personnel or civilians, involved in the British Nuclear Weapons Tests.

Yours sincerely

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