

to the 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:

Submission into the inquiry "for adequate and fair Compensation into all participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006.

by Anne Goddard and John Hill of the Climate Change Action Group

I request very serious open and public deliberations regarding how much compensation must be allowed to all who have been affected and will be affected.

What price the corruption over so many years.  
What price, so many years of silence while others suffered.

We must demand retribution from the root of the corruption.

Our Monarchy in the United Kingdom are shareholders in Rio Tinto.

In the United Kingdom, on the other side of the world from us, here in Australia, and we, the people under her "protection" remain her guinea pigs!

**CORRUPTION + RACISM = GENOCIDE.**

The People of this country and others, must see fair justice for ALL by our elected "representatives".

Justice for many people (most of whom have died already).

John Hill Wrote:

"We had vets come into the store and petrol station at Uluru (which my wife Jo and I used to run in the early to mid-80s for the Mutitjulu Community) with bad stories - we encouraged them to give evidence at the 1985 Royal Commission and, I believe, some did.

This is not to mention the awful nightmarish stories we heard regularly from Aboriginal people - but these were all gathered (I believe) by the anthropologist Susan Woenne-Green and presented then as well.

Some "remediation" work at the actual sites and some land, the "Maralinga Tjarutja" lands were returned to the Maralinga people under legislation passed by both houses of the South Australian Parliament in December 1984 and proclaimed in January 1985. I never heard of any significant compensation either for the servicemen and women(?) and the Aborigines who were exposed."

Nuclear explosions destroy forever (in human terms) the land they were detonated upon/within and over.

It should be remembered that no affordable clean-up process will be good enough to remove all the radioactive contamination of watertables, nor will it rehabilitate the site sufficiently for it to be used by humans for a very long time.

Furthermore, it is not clear how effective such a clean-up can be especially as an effective method to store the radioactive waste still has not been agreed on.

The nuclear industry has often been accused of underestimating the costs of nuclear power plants - some reports suggesting that the actual cost is about three times industry estimates.

Even the initial costs of building new nuclear plants are often way over budget - for one example among many - the Darlington nuclear plant in Ontario, Canada was completed in 1993, at \$32 billion over budget.

If the nuclear industry has any right to be on Australian soils, then the nuclear industry must factor in the costs involved to all of the survivors of the nuclear waste it has created and generated to date.

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