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**From:** Dean Whittaker [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Fri, 30 Jul 2021 at 08:28  
**Subject:** Submission re Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Intermediate Level Solid Waste Storage Facility Lucas Heights, NSW  
**To:** <[topwrc@aph.gov.au](mailto:topwrc@aph.gov.au)>

Dear receiver of submissions and members of committee,

I write to express my views about storing Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste.

In my opinion:

The current arrangements at Lucas Heights for storage of federal Intermediate Level Radioactive waste continue to work well, and there is capacity at Lucas Heights to continue such safe storage for decades to come. In the meantime, a permanent best practice underground site needs to be found and properly established.

\*I live in South Australia. I believe South Australians should be recognised as having a right to have a say, to stand with First people who have asserted that the Letters Patent establishing the Province of South Australia, which were signed on 19 February, 1836, included the clause promising that:

Provided always, that nothing in these our letters patent contained shall affect or be construed to affect the rights of any Aboriginal Natives of the said Province to the actual occupation or enjoyment in their own Persons or in the Persons of their Descendants of any Lands therein now actually occupied or enjoyed by such Natives.

I believe your committee must demonstrate any decision it makes, and recommends the government make, does not betray, or breach, the commitment of the Crown to this positive outcome for First people in South Australia and I strongly support First People's right to 'Free, Prior and Informed Consent' over storage of hazardous material on their lands, and to reject federal imposition of an unlawful nuclear waste dump in our State

I believe our state has a right to take action to protect South Australia's clean green reputation,

I believe the proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility Store for ANSTO Nuclear Fuel Waste represents a wrong and unjust imposition by the Federal Government on an unwilling State community, evidenced by clear Traditional Owner opposition, and by a divided farming community already adversely and unfairly impacted by this federal nuclear waste dump project.

I believe transport issues in getting such waste to Napandee represent a profound risk and threat to our state, and to cities and towns on the pathway to Napandee, whatever means of transport, and route is used.

I believe such above ground nuclear waste storage at Napandee poses unnecessary risks to the Eyre Peninsula farming region, and to South Australia more generally.

Nuclear fuel waste, and intermediate level nuclear waste require about 10,000 years of safe isolation from the wider environment according to the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency, (ARPANSA). The proposal to make Napandee in South Australia the site for such a dump has long, long term consequences - once dumped here they will never leave - destroying our state's clean green reputation and replacing it with a reputation as the permanent nuclear dumping ground for Australia.

Could you please confirm receipt of this submission and consider carefully what I have said.

Thank you.

Dean Whittaker

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