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## NATIONAL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT BILL 2010

I haven't read the Bill but I would've thought that if a site in South Australia (if I've correctly understood the scientific reporting in the media) is more suitable than any of those proposed in the Northern Territory, the reserve powers ought to be applied.

The repatriation of uranium from France and Scotland falls within "trade and commerce with other countries" under the power in s.51(i); if the material could be enriched for warhead it falls under the power in s.51(vi) of "military defence of the Commonwealth", and; it is a matter under the power in s.51(xxix) of "external affairs".

Cheers,  
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