

To: [Legal and Constitutional, Committee \(SEN\);](#)
Subject: Muckaty Station national radioactive waste dump.. submission
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Dear Senate Committee.

I would like to express my concern about the National Radioactive Waste Management Bill.

Radioactive waste remains harmful to the environment and whoever lives anywhere near it, for thousands of years.

I'm concerned for the health and well being of the local community at Muckaty Station as well as the right for the Traditional Owners to decide whether or not they want this waste dump on their land.

I suggest that the Senate Committee travel to Muckaty Station before making a decision on this, and meet with the Traditional Owners, hearing and experiencing first hand the thoughts and feelings of the people this waste dump would effect the most. This is a must, and the respectful thing to do.

Nuclear waste is extremely hazardous to humans and the environment, it should not travel long distances putting at risk any number of communities it travels through. I feel if it is created in the first place, it should be stored close to the place of it's origin. This would mean it can be kept above ground and close to those centres of nuclear expertise and infrastructure.

In choosing a site, Section 12 of this bill overrides the commonwealth environmental and Aboriginal heritage protections.. Aren't these laws and protections in place for a reason?

Finally I'd like to remind you that my feelings represent a large and ever growing part of our national community, there are many who feel as strongly about nuclear and radioactive waste issues as I do. Know that the People expect their Senators and Ministers to make decisions built on high moral standards and respect, Please ensure that the Traditional Owners of Muckaty Station and the environment are %100 respected, that means if this waste dump is going to be detrimental to them, their health and their culture....then don't allow it to be built there.

Thank you

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