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The siting of a national nuclear waste dump would most sensibly be:

- Close to the site of a large uranium mine in an area of low rainfall, for example, Olympic Dam. This already has the transport, handling, security and safety systems in place for radioactive materials. All that would be required would be upgrading of some of these .
- Above ground, or partially so, to minimise danger of leaching into water systems and to give easier monitoring.
- Not too remote. Skilled personnel will be needed to run the site forever, so a civilised township will be needed close by.
- Chosen with full discussion of all affected parties, not ministerial fiat. We should value our democratic systems and laws, developed with consensus over a considerable time. If this cannot be done, it is an indication that our society is not mature enough to consider the wider spread use of nuclear fuel.
- Possibly changed to a few dispersed sites to account for the huge distances the material would need to travel.