

Committee Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
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Re: Exchange of Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information Agreement
(ENNPIA)

Dear Committee,

This seems to be a really hurried decision, particularly considering the very limited notice regarding submissions.

Basically, as I understand the issue, the submarines must not need constant refueling and this requires highly enriched uranium (HEU) in a pressurized water reactor (PWR).

Apart from the constant Tritium environmental release of HEU fueled PWRs in our ports, this agreement would also seem to violate long term Australian policies and our other treaties on nuclear non-proliferation by requiring the use of HEU or mixed oxide (MOX) nuclear fuel.

In addition, this agreement will interfere in our special relations with New Zealand that has a clear anti-nuclear policy.

Thankyou for considering my submission.

Kind regards John Paterson