

To: [Legal and Constitutional, Committee \(SEN\);](#)
Subject: Submission re. Nuclear Dump
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Julie Dennett
Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee

Dear Ms Dennett,

With regard to the proposal to repeal the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act, I submit that the committee consider alternatives that do not cause Muckaty Station to become a nuclear waste dump.

The issue of nuclear waste storage in underground facilities has not been proven safe, as leakage from dams in Kakadu attest. It is unfortunate that Australia is mining uranium, but such an issue should not be compounded at the expense of yet more Indigenous suffering. The safest and least disruption option for nuclear storage is that it be located as close as possible to the mine site, where it can be monitored by experts.

Any decision must include the committee inspecting potential dump sites, and consulting with traditional owners.

Regards,

Sarah Haynes