

To: [Legal and Constitutional, Committee \(SEN\);](#)
Subject: Submission to the senate inquiry
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To members of the senate inquiry committee,

I feel compelled to contact you regarding the recent repeal of the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act and its subsequent repeal legislation.

In particular, I am concerned by reports that this will give unprecedented power to the Minister as to where radioactive waste should be relocated, and that it will intentionally override democratic mechanisms of appeal against the decision made.

I understand that the Muckaty Station site, outside Tenant Creek in the NT, is a likely candidate for waste disposal. If this is the case, I wholeheartedly would implore your committee to travel to this community to take submissions from them directly. In my opinion, the people that live there, and in particular, the traditional owners of this land, should be given priority in providing feedback to yourselves as they are the citizens of our nation whom this decision will impact most directly.

I would also ask that your committee actively and seriously consider other alternatives to the disposal of radioactive waste other than its dumping in rural areas of Australia.

Thankyou for your time in reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph S Brock.