

To: Legal and Constitutional, Committee (SEN);
cc:
Subject: Radioactive Waste Management
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Senators,

I respectfully submit:

The Committee must travel to Muckaty It is essential that the Senate Committee pay due respects to the Traditional Owners on the front line, by travelling to Tennant Creek to take evidence from them directly.

This bill is highly coercive In choosing a site, the proposed bill overrides all relevant state and territory legislation as well as overriding commonwealth environmental and Aboriginal heritage protections. It also overrides private property rights of affected individuals with regards the dump site or its access route. Once a site is chosen, it will be assessed under commonwealth environmental legislation which has almost no mechanisms for preventing the project from going ahead.

All discretion in the hands of the Minister The Bill places enormous power in the hands of the Minister to assess whether or not the Muckaty site should go ahead. No information is given to how this assessment will be carried out, and the bill makes it clear that local people have no 'right of appeal'.

The methodology should be made freely available.

The local people should have 'right of appeal'.

We must stand with the people of this country! If we do not, it makes a mockery of 'democracy'.

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