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Thank you for this important review of Australia's nuclear potential. The necessary response to climate change and the decarbonisation of our economy in the next 30 years is hugely challenging. Nuclear energy is an abundant, carbon free source of energy that clearly needs to be a part of the decarbonisation solution. We have no issues as a nation with nuclear submarines, the same logic should apply to domestic nuclear power. I strongly urge you to approve the proposed amendments to the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998* by removing the prohibition on the construction or operation of certain nuclear installations; and *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* by removing the prohibition on the Minister for Environment and Water declaring, approving or considering actions relating to the construction or operation of certain nuclear installations.

Many thanks for the consideration

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