



Appendix A

Timeline

Date	Item	Comment
	40TH PARLIAMENT	
13.10.05	Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 introduced into the House Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendment) Bill 2005 introduced into the House The bills were passed on 2.11.05 with 12 and 4 amendments respectively.	The purpose of bill was to 'strengthen the Commonwealth's legal ability to develop and operate the proposed Commonwealth radioactive waste management facility in the Northern Territory' (p. 2, Bills Digest) The purpose of the bill was to 'exclude the operation of the Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977 in relation to Ministerial decisions made under section 7 of the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill' (p. 2, Bills Digest)
7.11.05	Bill introduced into the Senate after passing the House	
9.11.05	Senate referral of both bills to Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee	• 233 submissions • 1 public hearing in Canberra on 22.11.05

	for examination and report by 28.11.05	
29.11.05	Senate report tabled	Government report recommended that the bills be passed. Opposition report recommended that the bills be rejected.
14.12.05	Bill received royal assent— Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005 Bill received royal assent— Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendment) Act 2005	
	41ST PARLIAMENT	
2.11.06	Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 introduced into the House	The bill provided ‘a discretionary legislative mechanism for the return of land that has been used as a radioactive waste storage facility to the Land Trust to which it first belonged. The Bill also • removes the process of nominating a site for consideration for use as a Commonwealth radioactive waste storage facility from the application of the Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977 (the ADJR Act), and • removes the mandatory nature of requirements governing the process of making a nomination’ (p. 2, Bills Digest)
8.11.06	Senate referral of bill to the Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for examination and report by 30.11.06	• 63 submissions • 1 public hearing in Canberra on 27.11.06
30.11.06	Senate report tabled	Government report recommended that the bill be passed. Opposition, Australian Democrats and Greens dissenting report recommended that the bill not proceed.
30.11.06	Bill introduced into the Senate after	

	passing the House	
11.12.06	Bill received royal assent— Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Act 2006	
	42ND PARLIAMENT	
25.09.08	Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008 introduced into the Senate Bill did not proceed	PRIVATE SENATORS BILL (Senator Ludlam, Australian Greens, WA) The purpose of the bill was to repeal the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005.
25.09.08	Senate referral of Bill to the Senate Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for report by 18.12.08	• 103 submissions • 3 public hearings ◦ Alice Springs—17.11.08 and 18.11.08 ◦ Canberra—28.11.08
18.12.08	Senate report tabled	Government report made 4 recommendations. Opposition report made 2 recommendations.
24.02.10	National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010 introduced into the House	The bill is 'intended to repeal and replace the existing Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005. The bill will restore some review rights and procedural fairness rights to the process of selecting a site for the proposed Commonwealth radioactive waste management facility, and enables the establishment of a regional consultative committee. Unlike the current act, the bill also allows for a site to be selected outside the Northern Territory' (p. 3, Bills Digest)
18.03.10	Bill passed House with no amendments	
25.02.10	Senate referral of Bill to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for report by 30.04.10	• 238 submissions received (+ 57 form letters) • 2 public hearings ◦ Canberra—30.03.10 ◦ Darwin—12.04.10
30.4.10	Senate interim report tabled	
7.05.10	Senate report tabled	Government report made 6 recommendations.

		Opposition report made 1 recommendation. Australian Greens report made 4 recommendations.
11.05.10	Bill introduced into the Senate after passing the House. Second reading moved	
28.09.10	BILL LAPSED AT END OF PARLIAMENT	
	43RD PARLIAMENT	
21.10.10	National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010 introduced in the House. Second reading moved	The purpose of the bill is to 'establish a facility for managing at a single site, radioactive waste currently stored at a host of locations across the country ... The bill repeals the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005' (p. 2, Explanatory Memorandum)
21.10.10	Bill referred to the House Standing Committee on Climate Change, Environment and the Arts for report by the end of the Autumn sittings in 2011	