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I think commonsense has to prevail. The claims of safety within the nuclear industry compared with proven track record of carelessness and human error make it incredible that increasing uranium export to any country can be considered a responsible course by our Australian Government. The fact that a sale to a country which has no real political harmony with Australia, makes the suggestion seem opportunistic at best and very risky for a decent future.

I have been raised on the risks of warfare, especially when weapons of mass destruction are used as a threat. Give me proof that plutonium can not be used in a hostile way, can be stored safely forever and that the production of energy from nuclear power is 100% safe in all it's phases and I will be pleased to change my views.

The world is facing so many challenges, I pray that our Government will embrace the protocol of the medical profession 'First do no harm'.

Put resources into creating safe jobs. Adapt to the necessary changes and invest in clever safe solutions. Educate for health and wellbeing and adaptation for truly sustainable living.

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