

Honourable Secretary, Honourable Senators,

I appeal to you to support the Bill proposed by Senator Scott Ludlam, the Radioactive Waste Management Act Bill (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) 2008.

Please allow me to make the following points in this regard:

- None of the sites currently under assessment for the dump were shortlisted in the national study to find a national radioactive dump site (completed in 1997). The sites in the NT were clearly chosen for political reasons, without regard to science.
- Labor must not continue to roll out the Howard government plan to impose a dump on Australia and on the NT. Before the election, Labor party politicians called this legislation 'shameful' and 'arrogant'. It is national Labor Party platform to repeal the CRWMA. Eleven months since the election there has been no indication that this will occur.
- Senators Kim Carr and Trish Crossin gave clear statements before the election on September 27, 2008 that the ALP would repeal the CRWMA if elected. The former Howard Government was infamous for its 'non-core promises' – let's not see the Labor Government follow this unfortunate lead. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd committed to keeping all election promises, and this one must also be followed through.

Sincerely,
Andrew Longmire