

SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE INQUIRY INTO THE  
COMMONWEALTH RADIOACTIVE WASTE  
MANAGEMENT REPEAL BILL 2008

I am writing to express my opinion that the *Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act (CRWMA) 2005/06* should be repealed immediately.

Prior to their election, the Rudd Government promised that it would repeal this barbaric piece of legislation; for them to even consider backing down from that promise now would be a betrayal of the highest order.

My personal concern is primarily for the traditional owners of Muckaty Station. I know those people. I worked with them for many years as they fought to re-claim that land and develop their little outstations on its rocky hills and spinifex plains. They are absolutely horrified at the prospect of having a nuclear waste dump upon this, their sacred country.

To have these, the vilest waste products of our technological society foisted upon them now would be a sad and sorry chapter in a story that has been going on for two hundred years.

It would shame us in the eyes of progressive thinkers the world over.

It would also, I might add, make a mockery of Kevin Rudd's espousal of his personal spiritual values and his claim of being influenced by the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. What would Bonhoeffer himself have said of Mr. Rudd's Government's failure to repeal this act?

Yours sincerely  
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