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Attention: Committee Secretary
 Senate Standing Committee on Environment, communications
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As residents of the Northern Territory, we strongly support the Bill Senator Scott Ludlam has put forward which is to repeal the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act of 2005 and the amendment to that made in 2006.

The issue of Radioactive Waste will never be taken lightly, choices made now will affect our community for many, many generations to come. It is of vital importance that the communities that are most closely related to any possible waste site have the first and final decision of its whereabouts. It is not only undemocratic for the federal government to override Northern Territory law, but it is also socially and ethically wrong in such a case.

The ALP made a clear commitment to throw out the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act before they won the federal election. Why has this not yet happened?

Who will be accountable for the lies that have been told and the promises that have not been kept? The Northern Territory is a small electorate, but if this Act is not repealed as promised, the residents of the Northern Territory will not calmly accept these political games.

A comprehensive process with community involvement is necessary to determine the most suitable location. Particularly one where transportation of hazardous waste does not cross three states of Australia.

Thankyou
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