

Pindimar Bundabah Community Association.

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Dear Committee Secretary,

**Submission: Repeal of the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005 (CRWMA).**

The Pindimar Bundabah Community Association is a community association with approximately 200 members within the villages of North, South Pindimar and Bundabah within the Great Lakes Council area of NSW. Although we do not live in the Northern Territory, a number of our members have visited the area, and others are planning to visit in the near future. The Northern Territory is a very special and unique place with many cultural and natural wonders that could be at damaged from ill-considered radioactive waste dumps. The Australian Government and people are responsible for ensuring the safe keeping of these natural and cultural wonders for the many generations to come; a radioactive waste dump would certainly ruin future opportunities.

We are opposed to dumping Radioactive waste in the Northern Territory because this would negatively affect Traditional Owners, other local communities as well as environmental assets. The dumping of radioactive waste in the Northern Territory would have a negative affect on the international image of Australia as a 'green' country and 'nuclear free' country.

We are also strongly opposed to the CRWMA (2005) because it prevents the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 from having effect and excludes the Native Title Act 1993 from operating.

We urge the Labor Party to keep their election promise and repeal the CRWMA (2005)

We are very interested in being included in any future consultation Radioactive waste facilities and trust that the Australian Government will follow a transparent and equitable decision making process on such an important issue.

If you have question, comments or seek to discuss our submission with us further, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, the President or Secretary of our organization.

Yours sincerely,

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