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Re: Repeal of the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act

Since the announcement that Fishers Ridge was identified back in 2005 as one of the sites where the Radioactive dump was considered I have written to Ministers of whom most have had their assistance respond to my letters with no other information other than thanking me for my letter and they would get back to me on this matter.

As it was a clear pre-election commitment from Science Minister Kim Carr that the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act would be repealed if Labor were elected, meaning that a Federal Labor Government would not proceed with any of the sites identified by the Howard Government within the Northern Territory.

Just because the Howard Government wanted to impose its waste dump on the Northern Territory I like many others were of the belief that Labor was committed to repealing this Act and that as no contracts had been entered into they were committed to remove the current sites identified by the Howard Government. Still to date no contracts have been entered into and the Australian Labor Party still has not come to a decision regarding this matter.

There has been no consultation with either myself or others affected by this announcement. It appears that others and we are not being listened to and the reason behind most people in this area and others would have elected the now Labor Government into power would of been due to the announcement that the our now current elected Government was going to repel this Act.

My wife attended many campaigns on behalf of our plight and has since passed away without knowing of the outcome or if all her efforts were in vain. As we appear to be a small fish in the big ocean our dismay goes unheard. This is my home and my way of life and as to date I am still unsure of how this decision will affect my future.

With regards  
Barry Utley