

Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Dear Committee members

I write to support the Bill to repeal the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act("CRWMA") because;

- 1 the CRWMA allows a waste dump to be imposed without consultation or consent from Traditional Owners, affected communities or the NT Government.
- 2 The CRWMA overrides Territory laws which explicitly prohibit the transport and storage of radioactive materials in the NT
- 3 the CRWMA removes all procedural fairness and appeal rights.
- 4 the CRWMA excludes the operation of the Native Title Act
- 5 the CRWMA sidelines the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act during dump site investigation.
- 6 The NT sites currently under assessment have not been chosen on the basis of science and the CRWMA allows this.
- 7 the serious task of management of radioactive waste needs to be dealt with without blanket legislation overriding community consultation and proper scientific and environmental assessment processes.

Thank you for considering this submission.

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