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**Re: Radioactive waste dump proposal for Muckaty**

To Minister Martin Ferguson,

I refer to your letter dated July 22, 2008 concerning the nomination of Muckaty for a federal radioactive waste dump.

I do not believe that the Northern Land Council provided opportunity in the consultations for all traditional owners affected by this nomination to express their views.

I was unable to attend the meeting at Renner Springs because of the cyanide spill on the Stuart Highway. I know other traditional owners who were not picked up by the NLC to attend this meeting, even though they had been told they would be taken there.

There have been other meetings about the waste dump that only some traditional owners have been supported to attend.

I also disagree that all representatives at the meetings you refer to agreed to the waste dump.

I have spoken to Ngapa traditional owners who do not want the waste dump.

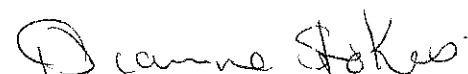
I also know many other traditional owners from the other family groups who do not want the waste dump.

A decision for an area in the Muckaty Land Trust must be made by all traditional owner groups. That is why all of the family groups are in the Land Trust together.

I think that the nomination of Muckaty should be made invalid because not all traditional owners from the Land Trust agree to the waste dump.

I request that you provide detailed reasons for the decision to accept the nomination of Muckaty.

Regards,

  
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