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The Honourable Julie Bishop MP
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Date: 21 February 2007

Re: Commonwealth radioactive waste dump proposal for Muckaty

Dear Minister,

We are writing as traditional owners of Muckaty.

We are concerned that Muckaty is being talked about as a place to put the Commonwealth radioactive waste dump.

We do not think there has been proper consultation with all of the Muckaty traditional owners about this idea.

Muckaty traditional owners have said they do not want a nuclear waste dump at on Muckaty land.

We know there have been meetings between the Federal Government and Northern Land Council but we do not think that all of the proper Muckaty people have been invited to those meetings, or made aware of decisions from those meetings.

As traditional owners of Muckaty, we do not want the Federal Government to continue talking with the Northern Land Council and traditional owners about having a Commonwealth radioactive waste dump at Muckaty.

We ask you to understand and acknowledge that should the Northern Land Council nominate our land for the storage of nuclear waste, it is without our consent.

Please reply in writing to all Muckaty traditional owners who have signed this letter c/o PO Box 108, Tennant Creek, NT, 0861.

Signed:

Milwayi People

Derek Kelly
BRIAN WILLIAMS

Ngapa People

Dwayne Forster
DICK FOSTER

Ngarrka People

William Gra Ham

Wirnliku People

MAYE-STER

Yapaypa People

Belinda
Munphy
Cranes Stok

SALLY SAMPSON
LUCY WILSON

Beverly Williams
JANET THOMPSON
DICK FOSTER
SALLY SAMPSON

BOBBY THOMPSON

John Daly, Chairman, Northern Land Council

David Ross, Director, Central Land Council

No Radioactive Waste for Muckaty

TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT:

This petition of traditional owners of Muckaty located in the Northern Territory of Australia, draws to the attention of the House that we:

1. Do not wish our land to be used to store radioactive waste;
2. Do not consent to the Northern Land Council nominating Muckaty for the storage of radioactive waste.

Your petitioners therefore pray that the House call on the relevant Ministers to take no actions that would result in a Commonwealth radioactive waste facility being built on Muckaty.

Signed:

Milwavy People

Jemma Sambo - 12 Muckaty
 Doris Kelly 1 Wuppa Tennant Creek NT 0860 *Doris Kelly*
 Brian Williams 35 Weaber Rd Tennant Creek NT 0860 *Brian Williams*
 SWAINY SAMBO - KARLUKURPA COMMUNITY
 BOBBY THE MPICU - 23 MUCKATY, TENNANT CR.

Ngapa People

DICK FOSTER, H4, TIMBARKU CAMP, TENNANT CR - *DICK FOSTER*
 DWAYNE FOSTER, H4, TIMBARKU CAMP, TENNANT CR - *DWAYNE FOSTER*

Ngarrka People

WILLIAM GRAHAM, H3 MUGGA CAMP, TENNANT CREEK - *William Graham*

Wirntiku People

MAY FOSTER 1 Tingkari Tennant Creek 0860 *MAY FOSTER*

Yapavapa People

Belinda Manfong 33 Weaber Rd
 Tennant Creek NT 0860 *Belinda Manfong*
 Dianne Stokes Karluwurpa Community