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Dear Secretary,

I am requesting that this submission is placed before the Senate Committee into the Environmental Regulation of Uranium Mining. You'll note that it is late, but we have been away and only received notification a few days ago.

At the Beverley and Honeyman mines, I feel that the effect of uranium mining on groundwater must be minimised to protect the aquifer. There must be no leaking of mine waste into groundwater. All leaks must be immediately reported and there must be increased monitoring of the site. I feel that this Inquiry must recommend a new public assessment of the management of all mine wastes.

At Kakadu the Federal and NT Governments must incorporate Jakiluka and Koongarra mineral leases into the Kakadu National Park. The area must be rehabilitated in order to comply

with World Heritage standards and values. At Ranger there must be strict monitoring, reporting and regulatory regimes put in place so that environmental problems will be minimised.

All of these requests are sensible, common sense approaches to problems which appear to be increasing.

For example, over 110 environmental breaches have been documented at Ranger. At Beverley and Honeymoon there has been acid leaching into groundwater, thus polluting this groundwater. Surface leaks and spills have seriously impacted on the environment there too, four this year so far.

At Kakadu, Ranger, an employee alleged that major environmental breaches occurred, one level measured the uranium at over 70 times higher than the reporting standard.

I ask that you question the adequacy, effectiveness and performance of existing monitoring and reporting regimes, and that you review Commonwealth responsibilities, seemingly sadly lacking in environmental performance and transparency.

Yours sincerely
Mrs A. Dillon.