

APPENDIX 2
LETTER FROM SENATOR TRISH CROSSIN
TO MR KIM HILL DATED 20 MAY 2011



STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

20 May 2011

Mr Kim Hill
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Dear Mr Hill

Inquiry into National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010

I am writing to you regarding evidence you provided to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee during its 2010 inquiry into the National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010. The evidence related to consultation by the Northern Land Council (NLC) with relevant traditional land owners on Muckaty Station before nomination of that land as a potential site for the proposed radioactive waste facility.

The NLC provided evidence (in both its submission and during the public hearing on 30 March 2010) which indicated that only one family group owned the land. However, the committee notes that documents sourced from the National Archives of Australia appear to confirm that all Ngapa land on Muckaty Station was held in common by three Ngapa family groups, and that no Ngapa land on Muckaty Station was owned exclusively by any of the three family groups.

The committee considered this matter on 12 May 2011 and resolved to write to the NLC to seek clarification of the evidence it provided to the committee during the 2010 inquiry. The committee would be grateful for a response from the NLC by 8 June 2011.

Please contact the secretariat if you have any questions about this matter.

Yours sincerely

Senator Trish Crossin
Chair

