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The Committee Manager  
Joint Select Committee on the Transportation and Storage of Nuclear  
Waste  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney 2000

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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to you on behalf of the Green Valley Branch of the ALP to raise our concerns over the transportation and storage of Nuclear Waste.

We note at this time there is a desired route for the transportation of nuclear waste and Liverpool (where we are based) is a priority one route. We oppose the moving of Nuclear Waste through our LGA.

We oppose it on health grounds. If there is an accident the long term health damage is immeasurable especially given the sheer size of our population (and it is growing). Also it is our understanding that there appears to be no liability been established if there is an accident – who pays for the damage and who pays for the clean up? We are not satisfied that no accident would be likely; accidents do happen or sometimes are waiting to happen.

Nuclear waste is serious and potentially dangerous; we understand that even insurance companies like the NRMA would not be able to insure a trip of this type of cargo, lacking the sufficient funds to cover a much needed policy.

The storage of waste is also problematic, dumping it in the middle of Australia is also not seen as responsible. The waste of Australia if you like being dumped in one State.

We believe in this day and age the use of facility like Lucas Heights is out moded and inappropriate. Technology has moved on and so should the need for a Nuclear Reactor. We further oppose the expansion of Lucas Heights.

Yours truly,

Ms Wendy Waller  
Secretary