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*Minister for Roads  
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Leader of the House*

The Hon Peter Primrose MLC  
Chairman  
Joint Select Committee on the Transportation  
and Storage of Nuclear Waste  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Dear Mr Primrose

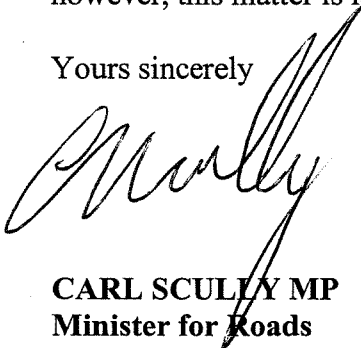
I refer to your recent correspondence concerning the recently established Joint Select Committee set up to inquire into proposals by the Commonwealth Government to transport and potentially store nuclear waste in NSW.

Under the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) (Road Rules) Regulation 1999, there are prohibited areas where vehicles loaded with dangerous goods must not travel. Areas include various tunnels in and around Sydney (excerpt from the Regulation attached). Dangerous goods transporters must also have signs exhibited. This is a requirement under various dangerous goods legislation administered by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

I understand that the EPA is preparing a substantial submission on the issue, which involves other agencies such as Workcover Authority, Emergency Services and NSW Police.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the inquiry, which I fully support, however, this matter is largely outside the scope of my portfolio area.

Yours sincerely

  
**CARL SCULLY MP**  
**Minister for Roads**

**Excerpt from the “Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management)  
(Road Rules) Regulation 1999”**

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**Schedule 2 Prohibited areas for dangerous goods  
transporters**

(Clause 59)

The tunnel on the Cahill Expressway beneath the Royal Botanic Gardens.

The tunnel connecting the Cahill Expressway with Bradfield Highway.

Bradfield Highway between the hours of 7am and 9.30am Monday to Saturday both days inclusive and between the hours of 4pm and 6.30pm Monday to Friday both days inclusive.

The tunnel on General Holmes Drive beneath the extension of the north-south runway of Kingsford Smith Airport.

The tunnel on Main Road Number 173 between Victoria Street and the extension of Kellett Avenue, Kings Cross.

The Sydney Harbour Tunnel.

The tunnel on the M2 Motorway beneath Norfolk Road at North Epping.

The Eastern Distributor from the Art Gallery Road bridge, Woolloomooloo to Link Road, Zetland including the Anzac Parade and Moore Park Road branches.

The tunnels on the M5 Motorway between Bexley Road, Bexley North, and General Holmes Drive, Kyeemagh.