

"Working together better" - a community network



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The Hon. Peter Primrose MLC
Parliament of New South Wales
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FOR JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE NSW PARLIAMENT

RE: Issues arising from the Commonwealth Government proposal to transport and store nuclear waste within NSW.

Submission: From "Working together better" community network, formed as the outcome of Area 4 Working Together Better Workshop convened by Blue Mountains City Council to address issues and needs identified in Ward 4 Community Plan, Blue Mountains. The network comprises representatives from NSW Government departments and community groups.

Members at a recent meeting of the network agreed to express our concerns, in this submission, over the Commonwealth Government proposals to transport nuclear waste material within NSW, particularly as the Great Western Highway, through towns and National Parks of the Blue Mountains, is one possible route from Lucas Heights to a proposed nuclear dump.

The thought of nuclear waste being transported by road through the Blue Mountains raises very real concerns for the safety of everyone in the surrounding area in the event of a traffic accident. Traffic accidents in the Mountains regularly involve large trucks and other vehicles. Many residential, commercial properties and schools line the Great Western Highway. And in the event of an accident involving nuclear waste Fire Brigades and other services are not equipped to deal with any outcome.

We are also extremely concerned and anxious to know if, when and where the Commonwealth Government intends to locate a proposed nuclear waste dump.

I have enclosed a copy of a letter on these matters sent to the Federal Member for Macquarie, and his reply to that letter. We do not feel that the reply answered our concerns, but expressed only the Federal Government's complete disregard for the legitimate concerns of Australian citizens.

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We therefore will not waste time seeking honesty from that Government on that matter, and hope that the NSW Government Parliamentary Inquiry may raise awareness of the problem despite the secrecy surrounding its planning.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Crafoord".

Pam Crafoord

On behalf of "Working together better" community network

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