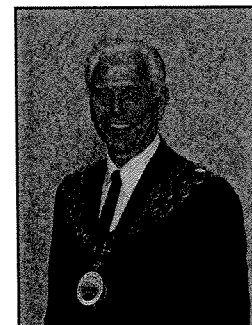


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Attention: Mr Ian Thackery

The Committee Manager
Joint Selective Committee on the Transport and Storage of Nuclear Waste
Parliament House
Macquarie St
SYDNEY 2000

Dear Mr Thackery

Thank you for your invitation to make the following submission relating to the transport and potential storage of nuclear waste within NSW.

While Council does not have specialist knowledge and expertise relating to nuclear waste issues, it is well aware of how these matters will concern our local community and the importance of broader issues such as the protection of our environment.

In this context, I would like to raise three key points:

1. Health and safety of our local community and environment is paramount, and any transportation and storage of nuclear waste through our City must be risk free. If nuclear waste is to be transported through Fairfield City, Council must be involved in the development of appropriate risk management / incident response planning. This would include the necessary assessment of impact including:
 - Health impacts;
 - Environment impacts;
 - Floodplain issues;
 - Catchment management issues; and
 - Economic and social impacts.

2. If road transportation is required, it is important to ensure that safety is a key criteria in determining the appropriate route. It would appear that the most direct grade separated road route is the best transportation option, with the avoidance of constant heavy traffic and densely populated areas that are typical in our City. Council would therefore prefer the route Option 1 that

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enables extended use of motorways in the urban areas rather than congested highways such as the Hume Highway.

3. Community information, targeted to the diversity of our community, must form part of a broader information and consultation strategy by the Commonwealth Government. Fairfield City is particularly cultural diverse and any community participation strategy must, therefore, make adequate provision to include people from non-English speaking backgrounds and those with low English literacy skills.

Your continued advice on this important issue is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Lalich', written in a cursive style.

CLR NICK LALICH
MAYOR OF FAIRFIELD CITY

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