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

Dear Mr Thackery

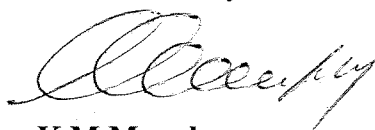
**Re: Submission on Transport of Nuclear Waste to Joint Select Committee**

Thank you for your letter dated 4 July 2003 calling for submissions on the Federal Government's proposal to transport nuclear waste through western NSW to a nuclear waste depository in South Australia. This matter was discussed at Council's 15 July 2003 Ordinary Meeting where Council resolved to provide a submission with the following points of concerns being submitted:

- First and foremost the health and safety of the local community being placed at risk in the event of an accident or spillage;
- Secondly, that the proposed transport route traverses one of the major primary producing areas of Australia both for local and export consumption. This area promotes itself as Riverina Fresh. The possibility of a nuclear waste accident or spillage would be catastrophic for the local and national economy;
- Thirdly, the negative impact that this type of activity may have on Tourism and Economic Development;
- Fourthly, the suitability that this type of transport being conducted upon the junctions of Highways that are the major connection to South Australia and inland connections to Victoria and Queensland both for heavy vehicle transport and tourism;
- Fifthly, the proposal has lacked community consultation and communication.

Council appreciates the opportunity to submit its concerns to the Joint Select Committee and are tabled for your consideration.

Yours faithfully



**K M Murphy**  
**General Manager**

