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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Committee Manager
Joint select Committee on Transport and Nuclear Waste
Parliament House
Macquarie St
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Dear Sir

NSW PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY - TRANSPORTATION OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE

Dubbo City Council at its meeting held on Monday 23 June 2003 gave consideration to a proposal that indicates that the Dubbo Local Government Area is located along one of the two potential transport routes to the proposed South Australian radioactive waste dump site.

It is understood that transportation of the waste will be by road. Both of the proposed routes pass through significant population centres as well as significant agricultural areas.

It is further understood that in excess of 130 truckloads of waste would pass through the Dubbo area in the first year, with further transports over the next 40 years.


Road Transportation is considered to present the risk of radioactive exposure to people, agricultural land and to the environment. Accidents associated with the waste would place significant demands on regional emergency services particularly in regards to planning resources and response time.

To date there has been no consultation undertaken with the Local Emergency Management Committee nor the District Emergency Management Committee regarding the preparedness of the emergency service should an accident occur.

It appears that overall there has been a lack of community consultation with this proposal and I trust that the matters raised in this letter will receive appropriate consideration.

I eagerly await your reply.

Yours faithfully


Greg Matthews
Mayor



