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## **FORMER URANIUM SMELTER SITE, HUNTER'S HILL**

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SUBMISSION RE INQUIRY INTO FORMER URANIUM SMELTER SITE IN  
HUNTER'S HILL

I lived at 11 Nelson Parade Hunters Hill from 1974 to 1980 with my father, sister and mother. During that time my father built a four-level home on the property leading down to the foreshore. We spent many hours on the foreshore fishing, playing and gardening. There were no fences and no warning signs as to radioactive contamination on our property. At the base of our property, a huge mound of bags approximately three metres high kept me amused for hours on end. I enjoyed clambering over them and counting them individually. These bags were damaged with soil spilling out of them. There were no labels identifying their content. They were a huge source of amazement to me as I explored the foreshore continuously.

1977 was the earliest memory I have of the Dept of Health monitoring our site for contamination. I remember being told by my mother not to play on the bags anymore, but I continued nonetheless. This has always lingered in the back of my mind as being incredibly stupid as I later learnt that these bags contained the most hazardous waste.

As an adult, I have developed a strong interest in environmental health issues as a result of my childhood. In particular, I have watched my sister being diagnosed with thyroid cancer and then Hashimoto's thyroiditis. I constantly wonder whether this was due to our exposure as children to radiation, and if so, will I be next.

It saddens me to know that after thirty years, there are still no warning signs on the property and that the Government has let it fall back into private hands knowing its potential health risks.

Yours Sincerely,



Julienne Nurse.



11 Nelson Parade 1977