

Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Response to Tentative Findings**

I am resolutely opposed to any expansion of the nuclear fuel cycle in South Australia or for that matter Australia for the following reasons: -

- Nuclear waste is highly toxic and remains so for many thousands of years.
- Safe storage is hugely problematic. See the New Scientist 29 January 2016 for the German salt mine problems.
- Nuclear accidents and cover ups go hand in hand. See Fukushima, Chernobyl, Three Mile Island and New Mexico.
- We have no right to inflict toxic nuclear waste upon future generations.
- Nuclear waste disposal has not yet been developed anywhere.
- Our clean and green credentials will be discredited as indeed they should be.

I would also like to register my profound disappointment in the establishment of this Royal Commission as one of the most cynical and undemocratic undertakings by a South Australian government. There was no electoral mandate for reopening the nuclear waste issue – so comprehensively rejected only a decade ago. As soon as the Royal Commission was announced, its outcome was predictable – a nuclear waste dump. Furthermore, if the government is really interested in community consultation, it should hold a State referendum on the issue. In fact, that's a challenge!

Yours faithfully,

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