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GILES NEEDS TO COME CLEAN ON NUCLEAR DUMP STANCE

Local Member for Barkly, Gerry McCarthy, today called on the Chief Minister, Adam Giles, to stand alongside Territory Labor and other Territorians who do not want a nuclear waste dump in the Territory.

"Territorians are adamant that they do not want a Nuclear Waste Dump at Muckaty Station," Mr McCarthy said.

Mr McCarthy said Adam Giles needs to come clean to Territorians about where he stands on the issue.

"It has been alleged that Adam Giles is an ardent supporter of a having nuclear waste facility in the Territory," Mr McCarthy said.

"By his silence it appears the Chief Minister does support the proposed nuclear waste dump at Muckaty.

"Territory Labor and many Territorians are concerned about the risk of potentially dangerous nuclear waste that will be transported on our roads, rail and through our ports to reach the proposed facility.

"The Chief Minister needs to assure Territorians that he will not stand by and let the Federal Government turn the Territory into a nuclear waste dump."

The Member for Barkly said representatives of traditional owners against a nuclear waste dump at Muckaty were in the High Court in Melbourne currently trying to end the 7 year struggle to establish the first purpose built nuclear waste dump facility in the Territory. The High Court hearings will collect evidence in Tennant Creek and Darwin later this month.

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