LABOR CONDEMNS SENATE BULLIES

The ALP’s Territory conference in Darwin will today pass a motion condemning Federal Government plans to establish a nuclear waste dump in the NT.

“Territorians do not endorse Canberra’s stand-over tactics,” Ms Martin said.

“And our conference will reflect community anger at the Federal Government’s bully-boy attitude to the Territory and their poor excuse for a Senate Inquiry.

“We are disgusted at their refusal to bring the Committee to the Territory and hear from Territorians first-hand. The Committee’s solitary day of hearings in Canberra will be on Monday November 22.

“This is a blatant attempt to gag any criticism of a national waste dump in the Northern Territory.

“Public submissions are due in by the end of next week. We have less than seven days to prepare submissions on something that has the potential to impact on the Territory for thousands of years.

“The siting of a nuclear waste dump anywhere in Australia has to be based on science rather than shabby, short-term politics.

“This is an inquiry in name alone. It is an inquiry that has been set up to fail and again demonstrates the utter contempt for the rights of Territorians.

“The inquiry must come to the Territory for a first-hand assessment.

“Nothing has changed since day one of this fight - Nigel Scullion remains the only person who can stop this dump.

“Nigel show some backbone and stand up for the Territory,” Ms Martin said.

The Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee will review the Bill. Details will be posted on the Committee website this Monday. The Inquiry’s final report will be completed on Tuesday, November 29.

Committee members are Senators Troeth (Chair), Trood, Johnston, Crossin, McEwan, Allison and Milne.

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